



"Let your light shine." Matthew 5:16

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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers,

It doesn't quite seem real that I am writing our final newsletter of the year to you, and my final one as Headteacher here at Laughton. I've had an amazing time with you at Laughton and I will miss your children, the staff and you parents very much. Laughton All Saints' is truly a very special school. Mrs Armitage, your new Headteacher in September, will be visiting school over the coming weeks to begin getting to know school, our pupils and our families.

This year has once again flown by, and your children are continuing to work as hard as they can, soaking up as much learning as they possibly can and showing their best behaviour. We prepare to say 'goodbye and see you soon' to our wonderful Y6's, with lots of celebrations on the horizon for them. We know you will join us in sending them all the best wishes for their successful futures.

There's plenty of activities, opportunities and events happening over this half term so I hope this newsletter is informative and helpful. I hope to see you all before the end of July and don't hesitate to contact us if we can help you with anything at all.

Warmest wishes, as always,  
Miss Birks

#### Key Dates this term:

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| 5th June         | Children return to school   |
| 8th June         | Eucharist at 9:15am - families welcome                            |
| 9th June         | Parents' Newsletter out   |
| w/c 12th June    | Phonics Screening week - Y1 pupils                                |
| w/c 12-19th June | Multiplication Tables Check - Y4 pupils                           |
| 19th June        | Father's Day Breakfast at 8:15am (Dad's and children welcome)     |
| 28th June        | Open Afternoon for Parents 2:30pm - time with your child in class |
| 30th June        | New class information sent to parents                             |
| 4th July         | Whole School Sports Afternoon from 1pm                            |
| 5th July         | Class 2's trip to the Butterfly House                             |
| 6th July         | Y6 Leaver's Assembly at 2pm                                       |
| 7th July         | End of Year Reports out to parents                                |
| 12th July        | Class 3's trip to Ulley Country Park                              |
| 12th July        | End of Year Disco 3:00 - 4:30pm                                   |
| 13th / 14th July | Class Swap Days   |
| 17th July        | Whole School Water Fight treat                                    |
| 21st July        | Last day of term - Summer Holidays!<br>Break up at 2.30pm         |

#### Statutory Assessments

Children in Y2 and Y6 have now taken their end of Key Stage SATs assessments and we are proud of how well they approached them and the effort they gave. BIG well done to all!

Next week, our Y1's will have their Phonics Screening Check and Y4's will have their Multiplication Check to complete. Parents of Y1's, please keep practising their sounds and reading! Parents of Y4's, please keep encouraging them to go on TT Rockstars and practise their times tables up to 12x12!

Results will begin coming back to school during July and we will inform you of your child's outcomes in their end of year report.

#### Goodbye Mrs Veitch!

We are very sad to let you know that Mrs Veitch has decided to retire at the end of the summer term. She has dedicated 23 years of her life to Laughton, having a tremendous impact on so many children over this time and she will be missed very much. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to wish her well over the coming months, and we thank her for her commitment, hard work and loyalty to the school over the years. We wish you a long, happy and healthy retirement Mrs Veitch!

In September, we are pleased to confirm that Miss Donnelly will become our HLTA at school. She will be incredible in her new role and I know you'll join us in congratulating her!

#### School Terms and Holidays for Academic Year 2023-2024

##### INSET DAYS (school closed to pupils)

Monday 4th September  
Tuesday 5th September  
Monday 30th October  
Monday 8th January  
Thursday 28th March

##### Term Dates 2023-2024

###### Autumn 1

Monday 4th September - Friday 20th October 2023

PLEASE NOTE: INSET DAYS 4TH AND 5TH SEPTEMBER - CHILDREN RETURN ON 6TH SEPTEMBER

Half-term holiday - Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October 2023

###### Autumn 2

Monday 30th October - Friday 22nd December 2023

PLEASE NOTE: INSET DAY 30TH OCTOBER - CHILDREN RETURN ON 31ST OCTOBER

Christmas holidays - Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January 2024

###### Spring 1

Monday 8th January - Friday 9th February 2024

PLEASE NOTE: INSET DAY 8th JANUARY - CHILDREN RETURN ON 9th JANUARY

Half-term holidays - Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024

###### Spring 2

Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March 2024

Easter holidays - Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April 2024

PLEASE NOTE: INSET DAY 28th MARCH  
EASTER BANK HOLIDAY FRIDAY 29TH AND MONDAY 1ST APRIL

###### Summer 1

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May 2024

PLEASE NOTE - MAY BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 6th MAY  
Spring Bank holidays - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024

###### Summer 2

Monday 3rd June - Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Summer Holidays - Wednesday 24th July - Friday 30th August 2024

#### Father's Day Breakfast

As a little way of saying 'thank you' to all you Dads who do an amazing job all year around, we invite you and your child in to join us on Monday 19th June from 8:15am for a special Father's Day breakfast. There will be teas, coffees and breakfast items available. Nearer the time, we will ask you to register your interest so Miss Birks can provide enough items. Thank you!



#### Curriculum Open Afternoon for Parents

On 28th June at 2:30pm, we welcome parents in to school to be with and take part in a foundation subject lesson with their child. This is so you can see a snippet of the subjects we teach in an afternoon and what your child is currently learning. All welcome!

### Transition

As we move through this half term, there are some key dates for transition that you will need to be aware of:

**30th June** - New class information out. Parents will receive a letter informing them of their child's class teacher for September.

**26th June (FS2) and 27th June (FS1)** - New starter afternoons. New children and their parents in Class 1 are invited in to school to meet Miss Chapman and the Class 1 team, see the classroom and take part in a few activities.

**13th and 14th July** - Class Swap Days. Your child will spend these 2 days with their September teacher in their classroom, getting to know their new teacher and/or new class friends. There will be lots of getting to know each other activities and fun things planned.

Teachers will be having meetings together over the term to discuss each individual child, if children are moving teachers. This is to pass up any information about them academically, personally, emotionally or health-wise.

### Read, Read and Read the new books!

As a school, we are absolutely committed to every child being able to read as we know what life chances this gives them in the future. We have invested heavily in our Read, Write, Inc resources and have now invested in new, high-quality reading books for children in KS2, or those off our Phonics programme.

We have bought over 600 new books of a wide range of genres and interests. These are all levelled, and children will choose a reading book linked to their reading ability level (from level 8-20). They will also have a 'free choice' book - one they have chosen themselves, not linked to any particular level but purely for interest.

Children have already started bringing these books home and we hope you help us in looking after them at home - we want them to last! Please encourage them to read them as often as possible and return them to avoid a charge.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions at all.

### New Website!

We have spent the last few months re-designing, updating and improving our school website so it is more inviting and user friendly.

The web address is the same:  
[www.laughtonallsaints.org](http://www.laughtonallsaints.org)

We hope you find it appealing, helpful and informative!

### Sports Afternoon - 4th July

We invite all parents and family members to join us on 4th July at 1pm on the school field for our annual Sports Day event. There will be lots of sports activities for your children to join in with, both for enjoyment and competitively, and children will compete in their houses to win as many points as they can!

### 100 Year War Memorial Parade

On 17th June, Laughton All Saints' Church are holding a parade, commemorating the centenary of the War Memorial. Please come along and join in if you can; there'll be a brass band and a garden party afterwards!

### We are GOLD!

We are thrilled to gain the GOLD award for School Games 2022/23, given to recognise our commitment and engagement in sports and extra-curricular events. This is not easy as a small school, so recognition goes to the children for their commitment, parents for encouraging them and Mrs Fielding for her continued hard work.



### Whole School Water Fight

On 17th July, all children are invited to take part in a water fight, as a bit of fun and a treat to celebrate the end of the year. They can bring water sprayers or soakers to take part - as well as a change of clothes! More information will be sent nearer the time, and children can opt out if they don't want to take part.

### Community Café

Thank you to all parents who have supported our cafes over the year, either by attending, donating cakes or contributing to helping. A special thanks goes to Mrs Powell who has given so much time and effort to ensure these go ahead. Community cafés will recommence in the Autumn term.

### Eco Green Flag Award

We are now the proud owners of our first Eco Green Flag Award! Big well done to the Eco-Committee and Mrs Fielding for all their dedication and efforts to help protect our planet and improve our local area!



### Learning this term!

As a brief outline, these are some of the areas of learning that your children will be developing this half term:

**Class 1** - It's off to the seaside for Class 1! We will be singing seaside songs and sea rhymes throughout, but our book is 'The Sea Saw' by Tom Percival where we will be sequencing the story and then rewriting our own. In Geography, we will be learning about the seaside and comparing Laughton's features to a coast. In DT we will be sewing a patch for a picnic blanket and learning all about the lifecycle of a butterfly and a frog in Science. We will also grow a few sunflowers!

**Class 2** - In Class 2's English, we are reading the hilarious "Troll Swap" and writing our own story about character's swapping places. In Science, we will be learning about animals and living things which then we will see in real life with our trip to the Butterfly House! We will be finding out what is weather and climate in Geography, and building a park using freestanding structures in DT. In RE, we will be asking the question "Does going to a Mosque give Muslims a sense of belonging?" and in PE, we will be developing out athletics and striking & fielding.

**Class 3** - We are reading the book "Blue John" in English and will be writing explanation texts about cave formation. In Science, we will be grouping living things and going pond dipping and bug hunting at Ulley Country Park. We're going back in time in History to learn about Rosa Parks and the difference she made in a time of segregation. Our RE learning will continue about the Pentecost - we have received some letters back from Paul Marshall that we sent! In Art, we are creating sculptures inspired by Barbara Hepworth, whilst in DT we are making sandwich snacks and thinking about purpose and audience! Finally, we will be reading "Butterfly Lion" by Michael Morpurgo at the end of each day.

**Class 4** - The learning never stops in Class 4! In English, we are reading our final novel "Sky Chasers" by Emma Carroll and writing our own adventure narratives. In History, we are studying Campaigners for Change, looking at the Suffragette movement and people who tried to change the world. Following on from Whitby, we are completing a coastal study and looking at erosion and the effects. We are making bags for a purpose in DT using our sewing and textiles knowledge, using Computer Aided Design (CAD) to design our prototypes. In RE, we are exploring our answers to "What is it to live a good life?" with a focus on Islam and their beliefs of life after death. In PSHE, our 'Changing Me' unit all about growing up and how our bodies change.

### How can you help at home?

1. Encourage your child to read EVERY night.
2. Help them complete homework every week.
3. Help them to learn Spellings and new vocab.
4. Help them to learn times tables and practise using TT Rock Stars.
5. Encourage children to show excellent behaviour.
6. Make sure children arrive at school on time.
7. Ensure they wear their uniform.
8. Make sure your child comes to school every day that they are well.
9. Avoid taking any holidays during term time: children miss so much learning!
10. Encourage your child to play after school: Have down time together and have fun!
11. Talk to your child about what they are learning at school and celebrate their successes!
12. Coming to school organized!

