

Spring Term 2 - Newsletter



SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

Dear families,

We hope you and your loved ones are keeping well. What a delight it is to see the early signs of Spring blooms and experience lighter ends to the days! A definite pick-me-up for all, I feel.

At this time of the year, we look forward to implementing activities which enable our pupils to make the most of the outdoors and the beautiful, natural environment we are so lucky to have here at Laughton. Right now, our school grounds are ripe for development, and we are looking to re-invigorate some of the previously created outdoor spaces in the coming weeks and months. I am more than aware that a lot of work went into the creation of outdoor areas e.g. Class 2 outdoor space and allotment beds and that many parents were responsible for helping to resource and establish these. Unfortunately, due to a range of circumstances, the areas are looking a little tired and in need of a pick-me-up. I am sure you will agree that it is hugely beneficial for children to have opportunities to spend time in nature. Not only to develop a sense of respect and responsibility for the environment but for wellbeing benefit, too. With our commitment to developing outdoor spaces and a little help from a few willing volunteers, we have the potential to do great things! We would love to hear from anyone who would like to: give a little of their time in support of gardening/environmental projects; provide expertise and/or resources or help lead a gardening club. We can't wait to get going with our plans!

It is our aim, moving forward, to forge greater links with the wider community so that our pupils have an increasing understanding of the context within which they live and an understanding of the opportunities available to them in the future. We know that within our parent/grandparent cohort we will have a wealth of **work-life/career experience** which our pupils would most definitely benefit from and would like to kick-start this piece of work with adults who would be happy to speak about their jobs/career paths to groups of pupils. If you feel that you could support us with this, please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you!

OFSTED INSPECTION:

As you are aware, our school was inspected for a period of 2 days, by Ofsted, last week. The previous inspection was July 2018, prior to the academisation with the Diocese Sheffield Academy Trust (2019).

At this stage, we are not permitted to share any information about the inspection with parents and the public as the report is yet to be confirmed and quality assured. The process usually takes a few weeks to complete but we will be sure to share the outcomes as soon as we are able. Thank you for your well-wishes and your patience during a very busy and tight schedule.

ATTENDANCE

Spring Term 1 2024

Whole School Attendance for Spring Term 1 – 94.17%

Class 1 - FS1 – 92.06% FS2 92.71%

Class 2- 94.87%

Class 3 – 97.31% - above school target! Well done!

Class 4 – 91.73%

If you have any questions about your child's attendance or the policy, or if you would like further advice and support to ensure your child attends school, please get in touch. We have a very supportive Education Welfare Officer, who would be more than happy to make an appointment with parents who may need additional support.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is fast approaching! This year, due to other events in the school calendar, we are holding our World Book Day on Friday 8th March 2024 (the official World Book Day is Thursday 7th March). We are so excited to celebrate stories and books across school during the day and children are welcome to come to school dressed as a story character. As always, please do not feel that you need to spend a lot of money on outfits! During the day, children will be taking part in activities to celebrate the love of reading such as...

- Parents are welcome to attend '**Starbooks**', our reading café. This will take place at 2.45pm where parents and carers can enjoy a warm drink whilst sharing books with their child. Any cake donations for this event would be greatly appreciated!
- Give an old book a home! This has been a great success in the past where children have brought in an old book they have enjoyed but no longer want and would be happy for another child to have instead. They will receive a token to then spend, choosing another donated book.
- Competition time! Transform a wooden spoon into a famous story character! The winners will receive a fabulous book prize and all entries will earn 5 house points for their House teams.
- Our book fair is taking place in the school hall at the end of each day, until Wednesday 6th March.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Mothers' Day Service - 10.00a.m. - Sunday 10th March - all welcome.

School Easter Service - 9.15 a.m 26th March - all welcome.

<https://allsaintschurchlaughton.co.uk/>

SPRING TERM 2 – CLASS OVERVIEWS

Our pupils will be experiencing lots of rich and practical opportunities this term, to support learning and development across each of the curriculum areas. Further detail can be found on the school website <https://www.laughtonallsaints.org> by selecting 'children' and then the relevant class.

Information will also be shared by class teachers, on class story pages, on Class Dojo.

DIARY DATES:

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8th March World Book Day (change of date from 7th March). *See separate post for further information.*

10th March	Mothers' Day Service – All Saints Church 9.00 a.m. – all welcome
11th March	Mothers' Day Breakfast (mum/female carer and children welcome)
W/C 11th March	British Science Week 'Time'
14th March	<i>Parent opportunity to share time in class (9.00 - 9.45a.m).</i>
10.30a.m.	Y5 Transition visit to Dinnington High School
15th March	Red Nose Day – dress in something funny!
w/c 18th March	Easter Activity Week (inc.KS1 Easter Bonnet Competition and KS2 Egg Decorating and Egg Rolling Competitions.
20th March	Easter Community Café' 2:30p.m – all families welcome
20th March	Parent meetings - 3.30 - 6.30p.m
21st March	Parent meetings - 3.30 - 6.30p.m
26th March	Easter Service at 9:15a.m – families welcome
27th March	Last day of term – school finishes at 2.30p.m
28th March	INSET DAY 5 – School closed to pupils

ROAD SAFETY AND PARKING

We have received several complaints from parents and school neighbours regarding inconsiderate, and often prohibited, parking by parents accessing the school in the mornings and afternoons, including parking over the zig-zag lines outside school and parking across private driveways. There have also been concerns shared about cars mounting the pavement behind pedestrians walking along the paths.

We speak to the children regularly about road safety and keeping safe when crossing the road. Please help us to ensure all children have a happy and safe journey into school each morning by considering one of the following:

Walking wherever possible - or parking a little way away from school.

Not only is this a healthy way to get some exercise, but it supports the local community with congestion. It is also much better for the environment.

Cycling or scooting

We have plenty of spaces to lock a bicycle or scooter inside our school grounds.

Car sharing

Does anybody else live near you? Could you take it in turns to drive in to collect your children to ease the congestion outside the school at key times during the day?

Parking responsibly

As is the case for the majority of primary schools in the country, we do not have a car park for parents. We fully appreciate that many of our pupils live a significant distance from school and to walk the full distance would not be appropriate – especially if parents are on their way to work.

If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child, please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads/cul-de-sacs. It is important that emergency service vehicles are able to gain access to homes and school, should they be required. Please be respectful of our neighbours and remember that parking on zig-zag lines at any time of the day is prohibited.

Your children's safety is our main priority and this includes their journeys to and from school. We really appreciate your support in this matter and fully understand that, on the whole, the majority of our families park safely and responsibly. We would like to thank you for this.

We will be working with our pupil Road Safety Officers to promote positive parking and carry out speed-checks with local PCSOs.

READING AWARDS AND THE AWARDS GO TO...

A huge **WELL DONE** to all pupils who have achieved **reading** awards so far, this year. When pupils read regularly at home, they are awarded with certificates which acknowledge the following number of reads...

30 Bronze. 60 Silver. 90 Gold. 120 Platinum. 200 Academy Award

Awards are presented to pupils as they are achieved, during daily Collective Worship gatherings. Reading diaries should be handed in weekly to allow staff to count your child's reads.

SUPER! The following pupils have achieved awards so far...

Bronze 30+ reads - Heidi, Sofia, Lewis, Chloe, Elijah, Reuben, Fionn, Ethan, George, Abe, Amy, Theo, Lucas, Jacob, Abel, Holly, Meredyn, Hugo, Harry M, Barnaby, Archie, Jack, Zara, Daisy, Lucia, Hannah, Matilda, Sebastian, Alice, Harry Sh, Rachel, Poppy, Thomas, Aoife, Archie F, Bella and Harvey.

Silver 60+ reads - - Sofia, Chloe, Reuben, Ethan, Abe and Amy, Theo, Archie, Lucia, Hannah, Jack, Hugo, Lucas, Abel, Meredyn and Jacob. Aoife and Archie F.

Gold 90+ reads - Chloe, Reuben, Ethan, Abe, Abel, Hugo, Holly, Meredyn, Lucas and Jacob.

Platinum 120+ reads - Lucas, Holly, Chloe, Reuben, Ethan and Abe.

Academy Award - 200 reads ...

We really appreciate your support in ensuring your child reads regularly at home. Reading is a life-skill and provides the key to unlocking and accessing information within the wider curriculum.

Thank you to parents who have most recently joined us in school to be one of our **MYSTERY READERS**. If you would like to be our next visitor, please get in touch!

YOUNG VOICES

WELL DONE! to all our young people who attended the Young Voices performance last month. We are incredibly proud of your commitment to learning the songs and for your final performance at Sheffield Utilita Arena. Young Voices is always a great event to be involved in and we are super-proud of everyone. Thank you to all parents who supported their children's attendance at the club and on the night of the event. We really appreciate it.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS ON OFFER THIS TERM...

Monday - RUCT Multi-sports - Classes 2, 3 and 4

Tuesday - Mr Kay - Y4-6 football

Thursday - RUCT Social and Games Club - Classes 2, 3 and 4

Singing Club - Mr Raymond - Classes 2, 3 and 4

Several weeks ago, we asked our pupils which type of club they would be interested in attending. Responses were limited to Lego, boxing and art and craft clubs.

At present, we have the above clubs in place and these are led by external providers. I am aware that, in the past, clubs were led by support staff and some teachers. Due to our staff's personal commitments, this is not currently possible which means we are reliant upon additional adults to lead our extra-curricular sessions.

As I am sure you will understand, it is not always viable to run clubs with 3 or 4 pupils attending - especially if a provider's weekly charge is set and high. Where we can manage to sustain this, we will.

I am aware that many of our pupils already take part in sporting activity out of school hours which may well be why the uptake for our current sport clubs is lower than anticipated. To cater for children who do not wish to engage in traditional team sports, we have adapted one of our funded RUCT clubs. We are enabling the content of the club to be more 'pupil-driven and related to their interests. Pupils have already decided the sport focus for the week and a selection of additional activities. We will adapt the club according to pupil voice.

If you are able to support us in our drive to develop this aspect of the school, please get in touch. Thank you to parents who have already made contact to share potential activity leaders.