

Laughton All Saints' Newsletter



Key Dates at a Glance:

Wednesday 24 September & 22 October 2.45pm - Community Cafés

Tuesday 30 September - School Photographs

Thursday 9 October - School Harvest Festival 9:10 am in church

Wednesday 15 October 2.30pm - Positive Parents' Coffee Afternoon

Tuesday 21 October - Open Evening

Thursday 23 October 3.30pm - Half Term ends **NO CLUBS**

Friday 24 October - INSET Day
SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 3 November - Back to school

Thursday 27 November - Last Junior Club Night of Autumn Term

In Detail:

Harvest Festival

Our school Harvest Festival service will take place in church at 9.10 am on **Thursday 9 October**. All are welcome to come along to the service. Children can bring food donations into the classroom on the morning of the service to take with them. The church distributes this produce to people in the community.

Open Evening

Open evening, which will be held on **Tuesday 21 October**, will give you the chance to discuss your child's learning with their class teacher. Details and times will be sent out shortly.

Welcome Parents and Carers From Mrs Morley

As this is my first newsletter as acting head teacher, I would like to introduce myself and welcome your child into their new school year. I have worked at Laughton All Saints' C of E Primary School for nearly 16 years and have enjoyed every minute of it! I have enjoyed my role as class teacher and I am committed to maintaining close contact with the classes to ensure I know all of the children's needs well in order to support them to achieve their best. We are a small, hard working staff team and we work together in order to continuously improve learning experiences for children. We have an 'open house' policy so if you need to speak to any one of us you are very welcome to come in to school or ring if this is easier. I aim to see parents and carers as soon as I possibly can if they need me. Experience tells us that issues are resolved more easily if dealt with sooner rather than later. I tend to lead assemblies on Mondays and Fridays at 9.00am and staff meeting is on Tuesday after school, but other than that I should be available most other mornings and at the end of each school day.

Mrs Morley

Free School Dinners

Government policy has changed and pupils who are in the infants are no longer required to pay for a school meal. This will mean that if your child is in FS2, Year 1 or Year 2, they will no longer be charged for a school dinner. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have to pay for their meal, which is charged at £1.90 a day or £9.50 a week. If you think you may be eligible for free school dinners please feel free to speak to Mrs Morley or Mrs Hague. It is important that you do this even if your child is in the infants, as you may lose out on other benefits such as free school uniform and free school visits. Mrs Bacon provides a two course balanced meal and bread is also available each day if children ask for it.



Inspection Reports

We were inspected by OFSTED during the spring term this year and were also subject to a SIAMS (Anglican church) inspection during the summer term. You can access both of these recent inspection reports on our website (address at the bottom of the page). Watch out for more information soon about our newly relaunched school website and our Virtual Learning Environment.

Junior Clubs

Junior Clubs run in 10 week blocks and give children the chance to enjoy a hobby and mix with children in other year groups. The last club of the autumn term will be on **Thursday 27 November**. Please note there will be no club night on **Thursday 23 October** as the children break up for half term on this day.

Finally....

We would like to say a fond farewell to Mrs Walker who has been a valued member of our Foundation Stage team in Class 1 and a fantastically talented dance teacher, who has shared her skills with children throughout school. Mrs Walker will be greatly missed by staff and children alike but, as she begins her studies at university, we all know that she will make a fabulous teacher. Good luck Mrs Walker!

IMPORTANT

School will break up for the half term holiday on **Thursday 23 October** at the usual time of **3.30pm**. Please note Friday 24 October is an INSET day and the school will be **closed**. We will have three more INSET days this academic year after this one. Dates to follow.

Laughton All Saints' Church News

Sunday Club takes place on the fourth Sunday of each month in school. It starts at 9.00am and the children join the last part of the service in church. The next Sunday Club is **28 September** and all children are welcome!



The next Family Service takes place in church on **12 October** at 9.00am and is always on the second Sunday of the month. The church Harvest Festival takes place on **Sunday 12 October**.

Positive Parents' Coffee Afternoon

Our next coffee afternoon will take place on **Wednesday 15 October** at 2.30pm and is an opportunity to have a cuppa and an informal chat. Our last meeting was well attended with people discussing queries, ideas and fundraising projects. Any parent, grandparent or carer is welcome to our next coffee afternoon - come along!

Winter Wonderland Tea

Following the success of last year's event, we are asking for ideas for stalls and also for donations of good quality items to sell or raffle. We would appreciate your help in organising the Winter Wonderland Tea, so let Mrs Hague know if you can offer your time in preparation for or at the event. Please bring any donations to school from after half term.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in on **Tuesday 30 September**. Family photos are taken first, followed by individual photos. If you have children who are not in school and would like a family photograph taken, please let us know beforehand and you will be more than welcome to call in at around 8.45am.

Thank You!

Thank you to all parents and carers who contributed to Mrs Burtoft's retirement gift. We bought her favourite Clarice Cliff pottery and we know that she will treasure it as she fondly remembers all the children at Laughton.



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