

Laughton All Saints' School Newsletter



Key Dates at a Glance:

28 January, 25 February, 25 March
- Community Cafes from 2.45pm

29 January - Junior clubs begin

Monday 2 February Friends of
Laughton meeting 2.30pm

Friday 13 February - School closes
for half term holiday at 3.30pm

Monday 23 February - School re
opens after half term

Thursday 5 March - World Book Day

6 - 11 March - Travelling Book Fayre
in school hall

Tuesday 10 March - New Starters
afternoon. Class 1 parents welcome
to support the new parents.

In detail:

New Group Work Room

Building work to create a room for small group work is due to commence in March. The room will be created between Classes 1 and 2 and we have been assured that there will be minimal disruption to the life of the school.

Laughton All Saints' Church

Sunday Club takes place every 4th Sunday each month. We meet in school at 9.00am and the children join the last part of the service in church. The next Sunday Club is 25 January and all children are welcome! The next Family Service takes place in church Sunday 8 February.

Remembrance week

Our recent Remembrance Week to commemorate the outbreak of WWI took place in November and all of the classes learnt a great deal.



Our Edwardian dressing up day.

Your Views Are Important!

You are welcome to leave and amend your views about the school at any time by visiting Parent View at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. This tool is used by OFSTED to gather parental views during school inspections. We have an open door policy in school and experience tells us that if you have any concerns or questions, do come in and discuss them with Mrs Morley - the sooner the better usually provides a satisfactory resolution. No issue is too small, especially if it impacts on your child's happiness or education. Mrs Morley is available most days to talk to parents and carers and she aims to return calls as soon as possible if she is unavailable.

Thank you to all of those parents who filled in a parental survey during the autumn open evening. The responses were overwhelmingly positive but we are constantly striving for improvement. To this end we will be gathering your views on specific elements that were highlighted by this survey, in due course.



Queries & Comments

It is school policy to give out bump notes if a child receives a head or facial injury in school. Almost always the incident is very minor but it is better to be safe than sorry and it is important that parents are able to monitor their children following an injury. This is our standard practice to ensure that parents and carers are fully informed. On very rare occasions if a child sustains a more serious injury parents are informed at immediately and appropriate medical treatment is sought.

Finally....

All children are welcome to come and buy snacks at tuck shop on Thursday and Friday. The shop is run entirely by a team of children who have had to apply for their roles. They ensure that the children are limited to one treat item to ensure that we adhere to our Healthy School's policy. Prices are as follows and you are welcome to bring your child's money to their teacher in a labelled money bag or purse.

Bread sticks	5p
Ginger bread men	20p
Cereal bars	30p
Buns	25p
Juice	10p

World Book Day and The Travelling Book Fayre

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 5 March and children (and adults!) are very welcome to dress up as their favourite book character, so get sewing and sticking! Mrs Morley will judge a story writing competition which is open to all children on the theme of Space Travel. The Travelling Book Fayre will arrive in school from 6 until 11 March. You and your children are very welcome to browse each day after school.

Parking Outside School

Here is a message from our Traffic Liaison Officer, Marc Hill:

'Recent changes have taken place regarding the parking of vehicles outside schools where School Keep Clear markings (yellow zig zags) are present and the enforcement of those markings. It is important that all parents/carers are aware of these changes as there are significant implications with regard to enforcement.

Previously these markings were advisory and were used to highlight to drivers an area to be kept clear in front of the school entrance, ensuring that children are clearly visible to drivers and that similarly pedestrians also have good visibility should they choose to cross at this point. The enforcement of these markings was previously carried out by the Police under the offence of 'Unnecessary Obstruction' however this depended heavily on the individual circumstances at each school and the dropping off and picking up of children whilst waiting on these markings was often tolerated, this has largely devalued the reasoning behind the introduction of the markings and it has become common practice for some parents/carers to use the School Keep Clears as a specific waiting area for dropping off and picking up.

*In order to prevent this and to ensure that the markings are correctly enforced and respected in a uniform way at all schools within the Borough, the Council took the decision to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which would make the School Keep Clear markings legally enforceable in a similar way to Double Yellow Lines. All School Keep Clear markings in the Borough now have a legal order which makes it an offence for any driver to **STOP** on the markings, **this includes stopping to drop off or pick up children**. There are now signs present at each end of the markings which state "NO STOPPING Mon – Fri 7.30am – 5pm on entrance markings", outside of these times vehicles may be parked on the markings. The Councils Parking Services team of Civil Enforcement Officers will enforce the School Keep Clear markings and any vehicle parked on the markings will be subject to a Penalty Charge Notice, there are **no** exceptions for any vehicles to park on the markings and this includes those displaying a 'Blue Disabled Badge'. Parking Services may also use the mobile CCTV van to patrol School Keep Clear markings, this will photograph any vehicles parked on the parkings and Penalty Charge Notices will be issued by post.'*

