

# Up to the minute.....



Dear Parents and Carers

We missed a week of Up to the Minute due to the snow last week (seems such a long time ago!). Book Week last week was really great and even though it was only for half a day I loved seeing all the children and staff in their costumes.

Thank you to everyone for attending parents evening and for completing the parent questionnaires. It is really helpful to find out your views and determine ways in which we can continue to improve our school for all our pupils. Please see an additional letter in your child's bookbag this week about our **Reading Curriculum Evening** on 20<sup>th</sup> March. We hope to see you there.

## Science Week

Next week is Science Week. You don't have to do anything! It is just an opportunity to focus on the Science aspects of the National Curriculum. Exciting News....to celebrate **British Science Week (9<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March)** here at Loxwood School we will be holding a "Super Science Search" all week with the chance of winning a "Super Science" prize! There will be **ten mystery pictures** hidden around the outside of the building and in the playground, each with a clue as to what the picture might be of. All you need to do is collect an answer sheet as you enter the playground and work out what the ten mystery pictures are. Then write them down on the answer sheet and **hand it in to your child's teacher**. All correct answer sheets will go into the prize draw at the end of the week. A winner for KS1 and for KS2 will be pulled out at random. We would love parents and carers to get involved too so that all children can take part. Good luck and happy hunting!

## World Book Week

As part of our World Book Week activities, Years 3 - 6 were treated to a visit from David Fuller, the author of the Alfie Jones series. David inspired the children with tales of his own experiences of writing, giving them plenty of ideas for their own stories. He was very entertaining and was a perfect example of how having a growth mindset can lead to happiness and success. On Wednesday all classes were treated to a visit from the Billingshurst Lions as part of the organisation's great 'Book Giveaway.' A huge selection of books from their Billingshurst shop was brought to the school, and each pupil was allowed to choose one to take home for free. What a super treat for Book Week!

## Weald Book Award

This year, along with pupils from all the locality primary schools, and Year 7 at the Weald School, 8 pupils in Year 6 have joined Mrs Webber for a Weald Book Club 'working lunch.' The children have been reading, sharing and discussing the 8 books selected for the Weald Book Award. They have also completed competition tasks related to the books. On Tuesday evening Mrs Webber, the book club members and their parents joined with some of the authors and all the other schools for the glittering awards evening. We are delighted to report that we won in seven competition sections and came second in the 'make a book trailer' section! 'Perijee and Me' by Ross Montgomery was the winning book.



## Reading Curriculum Evening 20<sup>th</sup> March 7:00-8:00

We are organising a curriculum evening centred around how you can support your child with their reading at home. You will be able to sign up for two workshops (depending on your child's age) and we hope you find them informative.

**Come and See**

As at the end of every term we would like to invite you to pop in at pick up to our Come and See. It is a really lovely relaxed opportunity to see your child's work. They can talk through how and what they are learning and you can have a look around the classrooms.

**Water Butts**

We have some water butts we no longer need. If you would like one, please pop into the office.

**Head Lice**

We have noticed a few cases of head lice in school recently. Please ensure you treat your child's hair regularly so we can stop the spread.

**Parking**

Please may I remind you about parking responsibly around the school. New yellow lines have been painted in some of the roads around the school. Please do NOT park on these, they are there to keep the children safe whilst being dropped off and collected from school. Parking enforcement officers will be enforcing this by means of a fixed penalty.

**Tree Tops Easter Club**

Tree Tops will be holding an Easter Club from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to book your child in, or would like more information please visit [www.treetopsclubs.co.uk](http://www.treetopsclubs.co.uk)

Kind regards,  
Ms Kitson

***Congratulations to the children who received a celebration certificate.***

Young Explorers:	Penny for Enthusiasm and Elouise for Motivation
Oak Class:	Savanna for Aspiration and Tillie for Dedication
Willow Class:	Florrie for Creativity, Tate for Creativity and Joe for Creativity
Rowan Class:	Lily for Responsibility and Dylan for Perseverance
Sycamore Class:	George for Independence and Martha for Resilience
Mulberry Classes:	Skye for Perseverance and and Keira for Perseverance
Chestnut Class:	Sophie for Creativity and Grace for Imagination



**The winning house this week was**  
**Drungewick**

**General dates**

<b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Reading Curriculum Evening 7:00-8:00pm</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Come &amp; See 3:15-4:00</b>

**School Trips**

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 5 to Wakehurst Place</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 3 to Sayers Croft</b>

**Forest School Dates**

On your child's Forest School day they can come to school in their Forest School clothing for the whole day, please ensure they are wearing **long sleeved tops and trousers** – even if the weather is warmer. They will also need suitable footwear, e.g. wellies and a rain coat. **If you are able to help on Forest School dates , please see the school office.**

<b>*Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 4</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 5</b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 6</b>

**INSET days for this academic year**

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>

**Half Term / End of Term Holidays**

<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b>