

Dear Parents

This week is National Anti-Bullying week. We have had a focus on friendship and kindness not only in the play-ground and classroom but also at home and on line. Odd Socks Day on Tuesday enabled the children to display their individuality. We have also been fund raising for Children in Need with our raffle of Pudsey and donations on the gate in the morning. Thank you to all of those that contributed.

We are knee deep in Nativity plays - singing, dancing and learning lines. I absolutely love a nativity and can not wait to join you all for the performances.

Our Christmas fair is in a few weeks and I know that donations are coming in—if you are able to help out on the evening even if its only for a short time please come in or ring and we can add you to the list.

#### General dates

<b>November 18th</b>	Manns shopping evening 7.00-9.00pm
<b>November 20<sup>th</sup></b>	KS2 House Matches Parents welcome 9.00am
<b>November 25th</b>	Parent Governor deadline
<b>November 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Fair
<b>December 2nd 2.15pm</b>	YE Christmas Performance
<b>December 3rd 9.30am</b>	YE Christmas Performance
<b>December 3rd</b>	Wreath Making night 7.30-9.30pm
<b>December 4th 1.45pm</b>	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
<b>December 5th 9.30am</b>	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
<b>December 6th</b>	Friday Night Club 6.00-8.00pm
<b>December 10th 1.45pm</b>	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance
<b>December 11th 6.30pm</b>	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance
<b>December 17th</b>	Whole school trip to the Panto
<b>December 19th</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>December 20th</b>	Last Day of School

#### Cross Country

Following a recount of all of the runners scores from last week's Cross Country we are delighted to announce that (as we had hoped) Loxwood came 1st!!! Congratulations to all of the children who ran their very best around a very muddy field!

#### Library

We are implementing a school library management system in December that will allow us to track and monitor all the books in the school library. We have chosen a company called Librosoft as their system will provide a secure and robust solution for this.

In order to use this system, we will be required to share a small amount of data with Harrap Computer Systems Ltd. Specifically, the names of current staff and students. They are justified in requiring this data as it is necessary to track which user has each book.

To comply with Data Protection, we are informing you that we will sharing information with Harrap Computer Systems Ltd. It will be securely stored on dedicated servers in ISO27001 Certified data centres and information will be encrypted.

If you do not wish your child to participate in this school library loan scheme, please inform the school by the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019, otherwise we will include your child within the programme.

#### Health and well-being of children

##### Sickness

We have quite a lot of sickness at school at the moment. Can we please remind you that children should not be brought into school until 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting and/or diarrhoea

##### Head lice

We are continuing to have problems with headlice. We urge you to check your child's hair this weekend and treat it.

Unlike in the past where schools had a 'nit nurse' we are unable to search the children for lice—we therefore rely on your vigilance. For guidance please visit the NHS

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## Children in Need

Thank you to everybody that gave generously towards Children In Need, We raised £132  
Pudsey winner was Rowan



## Years 3 & 4 book swap

Last week, Years 3 and 4 hosted a book swap to raise money for Loxwood School's list of items that will benefit their year groups. They cleared out books from their bedside tables and bookshelves at home and generously donated 200 used books for ages 7-9 years. Their book swap stall was in the playground before and after school for most of the week and they bagged some great bargains at 25p to £1 per book. In total they raised a brilliant £91, which will be spent on a much needed drying rack that artists from both classrooms can use, and a book for each class. Thank you to everyone who got involved!



## Billingshurst Library

Preparations are now underway for our next children's event, **Christmas Tales by Torchlight** which is being held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 3pm-3.45pm. At this special story time, we'll be sharing our favourite festive tales; there'll be a Christmas craft to make and take, and a Christmas themed treasure hunt around the library!

It would be much appreciated if you could share details of our Christmas Tales by Torchlight in your next school newsletter. A pdf of our poster, with all the event information is attached. We're hoping lots of families, and particularly those from Loxwood Primary, will come along to our Christmas story time, and we're just asking that they book their free tickets in advance with the Library.

## PALS

Reminder— Manns shopping night is on Monday 18th 7.00-8.00pm, you can buy tickets on the door. Today we raised £57 on the cake raffle. Thank you.

## Stanley's Blog

This week it has been quite quiet. I have had my regular reading times (which I love - books are so tasty) and I have said hello to people visiting the school for children starting next year. I have also been barking a bit but apart from that my new bed is so snuggly that I try to make sure that I have a small naps throughout the day.



## Did you know.....

Our Christmas Fair last year raised enough money to fund 15 new laptops! Thank you for your generosity during this festive season



#### INSET days for next Academic Year

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

#### Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2019/20

Christmas Holidays    December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Half Term                      February 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

Easter Holidays              April 6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

Half Term                      May 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

End of Term                      Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July



#### 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.

#### Forest School Dates

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>                      Young Explorers

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>                      Year 3

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December              Year 4

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>                      Year 5

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>                      Year 6

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

<b>Young Explorers</b>	Akido for Kindness and Ellarose for Enthusiasm
<b>Oak Class</b>	Lucia for Confidence and Rosie-Mai for Caring
<b>Willow Class</b>	Zavier for Independence and Freddy for Pride, Elouise for Confidence and Harrison for Responsibility
<b>Rowan Class</b>	Sam for Contribution, Ellie for Collaboration and Arthur for Collaboration
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Emily for Creativity, Nathan for Independence and Edward for Kindness
<b>Mulberry Class</b>	Henry for Creativity and Ben for Loyalty and Respect
<b>Chestnut Class</b>	Jacques for Creativity and Freya for Diligence



The winning house this  
week is...

**Southlands**