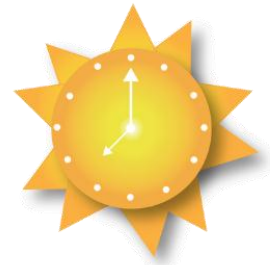


Up to the minute.....



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone! It has been really lovely to welcome everyone into their new classes and I know that the staff have been impressed with how the children have grown over the summer and taken to their new year groups so well. A special welcome to our new Young Explorers, they have done so well this week.

Communication

Please, please please read the Up to the Minute!!

This week you will have received the Up to the Minute both electronically and in paper format; however after this week it will be sent out **electronically only, every Friday** unless you have requested a hard copy. If you are not receiving emails, please let the school office know. The Up to The Minute contains vital dates and information – we try to keep it short and sweet so that you can find out what is happening quickly and easily. More detailed information, letters and calendar dates are to be found on the school website.

What if my child is ill?

You can either call the office or leave an email message on absence@loxwoodschool.com (you will not receive a reply from this email account but it is checked every day)

What if I have a non urgent message?

Please either call the office or leave an email message on messages@loxwoodschool.com

Your message will be dealt with within a few days so if you haven't heard any thing please contact us again just in case

What if I would like to speak to my child's teacher?

Quick messages can be taken either by myself on the gate or if your child's teacher picks the children up from the playground in the morning. After school can sometimes be a bit easier for class teachers.

For a proper conversation please feel free to make an appointment. This can be done via the school office.

Please do not feel that you have to wait for parents' evenings.

What if someone different is picking my child up?

Please inform either the class teacher, me on the gate or the school office. This is for all children.

If you feel your Year 5 or 6 children are responsible enough to give this message to their teacher then we understand the need to give children this opportunity to develop their independence.

Miss Smith and Mrs Hannington are always available in the front office so if in doubt just call or pop in!

Meet the team

This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and get important information. Please see attached letter for more information.

Residential Trips – Years 5 & 6

There is a parents meeting on Thursday 27th September at 3.30 for all children going to Sayers Croft or Little Canada in October. We will be giving you vital information and paperwork regarding these trips.

Shoe Box Appeal

If you still have shoe boxes from your new school shoes, please could you bring them to school so we can start collecting for the Shoe Box Appeal. Thank you.

School Clubs

Don't forget to sign up for after school clubs, fill in the forms and return them to the office.

Football for Years 3 & 4 children – due to a slight glitch on their website we are collecting names so please let the office know.

Tough Mudder

A team of staff members from our school will be attempting the Half Tough Mudder on Saturday 22nd September. They will be running through 5K of mud, climbing 10 foot walls, crawling through tunnels, swimming through obstacle courses and much much more!

They are doing this mad venture to raise money for our school, so do please support them by donating via the online payment or via the school office. Your support would be very much appreciated and make them feel that the aches and pains were worth it. Thank you

Cake Raffle

The Friday cake raffle will start again on Friday 14th September. If you are able to help bake a cake please sign up at reception.

PTA

The PTA will be holding a meeting at school on Tuesday 18th September at 7.00pm. This is open to everyone and is the perfect opportunity to meet the PTA and find out what they are about and some of the brilliant fund raising ideas they have!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 13th September, in the school hall between 8.45 and 10.00am. Pop along for a coffee and a natter, whilst raising money for a fantastic cause. We will also need donations of cakes please!

Kind regards,
Ms Kitson

Congratulations to the children who received a celebration certificate.

Young Explorers:

Oak Class:	Lyla for Caring and Edward for Peace
Willow Class:	Zahira for Enthusiasm and Bella for Teamwork and Happiness
Rowan Class:	Isis for Confidence and Billy-Ray for Positivity
Sycamore Class:	Sophie for Positivity and Ryan for Confidence
Mulberry Class:	Charlie O'Mara for Happiness and Daisy for Bravery
Chestnut Class:	Thomas for Participation and Miles for Commitment



The winning house this week is

Brewhurst

General dates

Meet the team Juniors	12 th September 6.45pm
Meet the team Infants	13 th September 6.45pm
Harvest Assembly	26 th September 9.15am Parents welcome
Residential meetings	27 th September 3.30 for Parents (for this year's residentials)
School Photos	4 th October
Sayers Croft Year 5	8 th – 10 th October
Little Canada Year 6	15 th – 19 th October
Flu Vaccinations Years R-5	19 th October
Parents Evening	31 st October 3.30 – 6.00pm
Parents Evening	1 st November 5.00 – 7.30 pm
Mexicolore Day Years 5/6	13 th November
Come and See	29 th November 3.15 – 4.00pm
Christmas Play Infants	5 th December 1.30pm
Christmas Play Infants	6 th December 9.15am
Christmas Plays Juniors	11 th December 1.30pm
Christmas Plays Juniors	12 th December 6.30pm
End of term assembly	19 th December 2.30 Parents welcome

INSET days for this Academic Year

Monday 29th October 2018
Friday 15th February 2019
Monday 22nd July 2019
Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2018/19

Monday 22 nd October	- Friday 26 th October 2018
Thursday 19 th December	- Wednesday 2 nd January 2019
Monday 18 th February	- Friday 22 nd February 2019
Monday 8 th April	- Monday 22 nd April 2019
Monday 27 th May	- Friday 31 st May 2019
Last day of term	- Friday 19 th July 2019



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.

Year 1 Wednesday 19th September
Year 2 Wednesday 26th September
Year 3 Wednesday 3rd October
Year 4 Wednesday 10th October