

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year. What a lovely start to 2022 we have had. I am so delighted to be appointed as the interim head for Loxwood school and I am very keen to get to know pupils, staff and parents. Everyone has been so welcoming this week and the children have been such fantastic ambassadors for the school.

From my experience of working in schools, I know that a successful and happy school depends on us all working together. Parents make an important contribution to children's achievements at school, and I want to develop the relationship between the school and parents for everyone's benefit. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, we are unable to hold any welcome events such as coffee mornings and drop-ins, but as soon as restrictions allow, we will look at holding these. I will be on the gate during the week so please feel free to come and say hello.

However, in the meantime, we are launching our own Loxwood Primary School Facebook page to celebrate all the fabulous learning we do at our school. Please use the QR code below to find the link to our new page or look for 'Loxwood Primary School' as pictured below; there is another Facebook page for Loxwood School so make sure it is our school one. We hope you will enjoy seeing all the different activities your children enjoy and please share our school page with friends and family. Whilst we get started, pictures will not include children's faces, (backs of heads, arms, hands, legs and feet only so far) but we will be revising our internet agreement forms to include pictures on social media.



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School Song:

Year 6 have been given the task of finding a Loxwood school song. It could either be a song that has already been released, a song that we can re write the words to or they could write a song themselves. We want it to try and represent our school values of collaboration, perseverance and happiness as well as be up beat and catchy. The closing date for song ideas will be Friday 28th January. Good luck Year 6 – we know you will find an amazing song for us to sing.

Volunteers:

Firstly, would anyone be willing to collect our Christmas tree and drop it off at the Onslow Arms pub? For every Christmas tree dropped off at the pub, the school receives £5. As a certain store says – “every little helps” and the more money we can raise, the more resources we are able to provide for our children.

Secondly, we could do with some help around school with some DIY tasks. Our staffroom has had a kitchen refurb but just needs finishing and the walls painting. There may also be some gardening tasks and other DIY jobs around the school. If anyone can help, we are looking at Saturday 28th January from 9.00am to 3.00pm. If you can help, please can you let the office know.

PALS:

For parents new to the school, PALS is our parent and staff fundraising committee. They volunteer and help raise vital money for resources for the school. They currently pay for the Renaissance Reading Program used by the Juniors, Tapestry, the West Sussex Library Books Scheme, the Libre Soft Library System as well as annual donations of £100 to each class for resources. Historically they have subsidised trips, bought laptops, sensory equipment, donated iPads and they paid for our fabulous new library. They also provide our Year 6 children with their Leavers Year Book, filled with photos of their time at Loxwood. However, the ongoing pandemic has meant they have not been able to meet or have many of the fundraising events they would normally run. They are desperate for volunteers to help take on some of the key roles as well as get going with new fundraising events so that we can buy some new resources for the school. If you are interested in joining this invaluable committee, please come along to our next AGM meeting on Wednesday 2nd February at 8.50am. This meeting will be held in the school hall in the morning, but usually they meet at the pub. For parents new to the school, this can be a good way to get to know other parents socially.

General dates

1st July 2022 Summer Fayre

INSET days for next Academic Year

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2021/22

Friday 18th February	Last day of term
Monday 21st February—Friday 25th February	Half term
Tuesday 1st March	Return to school
Friday 8th April	Last day of term
Monday 11th April—Friday 22nd April	Easter holidays
Monday 25th April	Return to school
Friday 27th May	Last day of term
Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June	Half term
Tuesday 7th June	Return to school
Thursday 21st July	End of term



This week's winning house is.....

Brewhurst

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

Acorns	Daxton for Curiosity	Kindness Tree	
Oak Class	Phoebe W for Dedication and Leila for Enthusiasm	Etta	Year 2
Willow Class	Noah for Dedication and Charlotte for Enthusiasm and Confidence	Isabella	Year 6
Rowan Class	Hugo for Contribution and James J for Effort	Jordan	Year 5
Sycamore Class	Sofia for Confidence and Tommy for Independence	Ollie	Year 2
Mulberry Class	Ellie for Knowledge and Tehya for Creativity	Akido	Year 2
Chestnut Class	Daniel for Dedication, Halle for Application and Chloe for Application	Aiden	Year 2
		Isla G	Year 2
		Dexter	Year R
		Harry	Year 6
		Joshua	Year 1