

Dear Parents and Carers

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Apologies for the very plain Up to the Minute this week.

Wow – where did those 7 weeks go; this half term has flown by. I can tell you, that your children are an absolute credit to you – hard working, well behaved and polite. Have a good half term holiday and we will see you back for an exciting half term of learning on Tuesday 1st March.

Closures:

Thank you for your patience this morning whilst we tried to get the message to you about the school closing. Unfortunately, we were unable to access the school website early this morning despite a number of different staff trying. This may be due to the high number of schools trying to access e-schools but we will take this issue up with them. We will send out further guidance on ways we will let you know what happens if the school closes, in the future.

Parent and Pupil View Survey:

Thank you for being so patient in waiting for this to come to you; we are trying to move to using Forms and are learning how to use this. Below is a link to the survey. It is anonymous but if you would be able to indicate which class your child is in, this would help. We ask that you are honest in your responses; we just want to move this school forward with you as partners and the only way we can do this, is if we know what we are doing well and what needs improving. Thank you so much for taking the time to fill this in. We look forward to reading your responses.

<https://forms.office.com/r/nr41RMWYBJ>

Parent Drop In session:

As restrictions are easing, it would be good to have a chance for parents to come in and meet with others, and myself in an informal manner. We will be holding a drop in session on Friday 11th March from 2.15pm to 3.15pm, where you can come and meet myself, the Deputy Head, Carole Winter, our SENDCo, Ollie Kendall and one of our Governors too. We will have refreshments available and you can come and talk to us about ideas, worries or just to be nosey. We hope to have time to have a quick tour of the school too, so for any parents who haven't had a chance to visit us, please come along. We will hold these events every half term so that you do have an opportunity to meet with us regularly.

Comic Relief:

Comic Relief is on Friday 18th March 2022. This year's theme is 'Superheroes' so children can come dressed as their favourite Superhero or hero from real life. The children are going to be organising some fund raising activities so get those pennies ready! More details will follow nearer the time.

Summer Fair:

We are going to trial holding our annual summer fair on a weekend. This year, it will be on Saturday 2nd July from 12.00 to 3.00pm. We are going to need some volunteers to help organise this event as it takes a lot of planning – raffles, fairs, bar, BBQ, etc. If you are interested in helping, physically or virtually, please contact Victoria Swart, the chair of PALS on vswart@loxwoodschool.com. We are hoping that this will be a successful community event, so please make sure family and friends save the date too.

Reminders:

Come and join us for our Pancake Race on Tuesday 1st March at 9.00am.

Make sure you have read our exciting Book Week letter and your child is ready to dress up on Thursday 3rd March. They will need their PE kit on extra days that week too, so check the letter for what is needed each day.

Our new drop off and collection system will be in place after half term. Remember that juniors are going in their classroom door except Year 5, who will use the white door by the back playground and that you need to collect your child from the playground at the end of the day.

We are inviting parents of children who will be receiving a certificate, to attend our Friday assembly starting from Friday 4th March. We look forward to seeing you all over the year.

Our school DIY day is on Saturday 5th March. We still need donations of white paint for the staffroom and volunteers too. The Loxwood Gardeners are coming to join us too, to help with outside jobs.

Make sure you have booked a slot for Parents Evening. If you have any issues, ring the school or email us at messages@loxwoodschool.com.

Uniform – please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform each day, including their PE kits. We have noticed children coming in wearing non-school uniform clothing. We have also noticed an increase in larger hair accessories – please keep these small and plain. We also ask that long hair be tied up when in school for health and safety reasons.

Parking – please remember not to park on the double yellow lines across from the school. It does create problems with children coming out of the gate and trying to cross the road safely, especially those children who tend to walk home on their own. Thank you for your support with this.

Feedback:

If you want to provide us with feedback regarding our school, please do so here.

General dates

Monday 28 th February	Safeguarding training for parent helpers 9.00am to 10.30am
Tuesday 1 st March	Pancake Races 9.00am to 9.30am
Tuesday 1 st March	U-KS2 Cross Country
Friday 4 th March	Parents to join celebration assembly when their child has received a certificate
Saturday 5 th March	DIY day in school 9.00am to 3.00pm
Tuesday 8 th March	Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Wednesday 9 th March	Safeguarding training for parent helpers 9.00am to 10.30am.
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Monday 14 th March	L-KS2 Football tournament
Wednesday 16 th March	Spring Term House Matches (including Y6 Parents' Matches)
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief Day – watch this space!
12 nd July 2022	Summer Fayre

Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2021/22

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

INSET days for this Academic Year

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022