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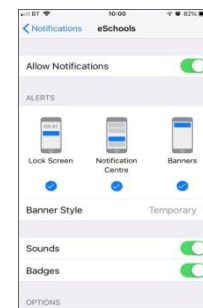
Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a jam packed newsletter, so moving straight into the information section.....

eSchools App

Thank you to all of you that have downloaded the app. If you have yet to download this app we would urge you to do so asap so we can keep you up to date with all the latest dates and information. If you would like any help, or your log in details, please call into the school office.

So far only 88 out of 286 parents have downloaded this!!! We are aware there have been a few teething problems regarding receiving messages and notifications. Please ensure your notifications are turned on - go to the settings on your phone, notification settings and scroll down to manage the settings for the eSchools app



L-KS2 Horsham District Football Tournament (meet 2/2)

On Friday 19th October, we took part in our final meeting of the Horsham District Football Tournament. After the first meeting, we stood in pole position at the start with a four point lead. Unfortunately, we let in an early goal, losing our first game against Castlewood. In the next game we managed to keep a clean sheet but were unable to score, drawing 0-0 to St Mary's. We managed our second draw of the evening against St Robert Southwell (1-1). Sadly, it wasn't enough to keep us at the top of the table and we finished the tournament in 2nd place. A huge thank you to all the parents who came out to support us and well done to all the children involved.

Cake raffle iPad number 5!

Because of your on-going support for our delicious cake raffle on Fridays we have raised enough money to buy another iPad. This will be the 5th iPad purchased via the cake raffle fund raising!!! Thank you.

Christmas Shopping

The PTA have organised the annual Christmas shopping evening at Manns of Cranleigh on Thursday 15th November, 7.30 – 9.30pm. Tickets are £8.00 each, this includes a glass of Prosecco, exclusive access to the shop, discounts and much more. Tickets are on sale from the school office. Please support this festive event!

Wish List Launch Party – Friday 9th November 2:30 school hall

We will be formally launching the Loxwood School Wish List website during a Friday Assembly next week. We would love to see parents at the assembly, where we are going to explain the different ways to donate and where some of the children will help to explain the benefits these new resources will have on their learning.

Christmas Fair – 30th November (not December as the newsletter said!!)

The PTA newsletter has detailed information on about how and when you can bring in donations for the Christmas Fair. Thank you in advance – everyone is always very generous.

Poppy Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who knitted or crocheted poppies. They will be on display during the Remembrance Assembly on Wednesday 7th November (all welcome, 9:15) and they will then move to Loxwood Church for Sunday 11th. They look really fantastic!

Five bar gate for sale.

We are selling the gate on the field for £50.00. If you are interested, please pop in and chat to the school office asap.

Do you need help paying for school meals, trips or after school clubs.....?

As parents/guardians/carers do you receive one of the following? If yes, you may be able to claim for Free School Meals and help towards school trips, clubs, uniform or even music tuition:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7400

Funding is given to schools by Government to help raise attainment of children and enable us to provide many additional support mechanisms, so please do come and speak to the school office if you think that this applies to you, or you would like to know more.

Reception / KS1 Play area

We now have exciting plans drawn up for the outside area of the Infant and Young Explorers' classrooms and are raring to get it started so that the children can enjoy the new facilities and experiences. Our next task is to find a contractor to carry out the ground works; hopefully this is where parents might be able to help. Do you know of any local companies that may be interested in quoting? If yes, please do ask them to contact us for further details/plans. Your help in finding possible contractors would be greatly valued by both the children and staff.

The leaves are falling...

It is that time of year when all the leaves are falling and making the ground slippery and clogging up our drains. We would like to ask that if anyone has a spare hour and would like to pop along and help clear the leaves, it would be very much appreciated. Please speak to the school office if you are able to help.

Shoebox Appeal

In a change to our normal activities for helping the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal this year -families are invited to fill and wrap their own shoeboxes. They should then be returned to school ready for delivery to the warehouse in Worthing. Leaflet instructions are available from the School Office. Empty Shoeboxes are also available if you need one. Please return your filled and wrapped Shoeboxes by **Friday 6th December 2018**. We would still love to support this wonderful charity and all the work they do to help less fortunate families enjoy both practical and special gifts. Every Shoebox makes a real difference to a family so please do take part in this if you are able to.

Remembrance Service

Rev Greg from Loxwood Church has invited our school families to join them for their Remembrance Service on **Sunday 11th November at 9.30 a.m.** Children attending from Loxwood School will be invited to sing our school Remembrance song "We Will Remember". Loxwood Singers have also been invited (Please see letter sent on 1.11.18 for details) and it would be very helpful to let us know if they are able to attend or not. If you are going already as part of another organisation, e.g Brownies or Cubs please do come up to sing when Loxwood School are invited up to the front. The display of our knitted poppies will also be part of this service.

Amazon Gift Aid

As Christmas is approaching and you are starting your online shopping please don't forget to access Amazon through our school website as this earns us a percentage of gift aid that can then be spent on your child in school.

Kind regards,
Ms Kitson



Did you know.... If you donate clothes to our clothes bank, the school receives money!!

Congratulations to the children who received a celebration certificate.

Young Explorers:

Oak Class:	Fi-Fi for Independence and Alice for Aspiration
Willow Class:	Sam for Hard work and Positivity and Lilia for Attitude
Rowan Class:	Eddie for Dedication, Amelia for Reliability and Florrie for Independence
Sycamore Class:	Eugenie for Attitude and Lucas for Positivity
Mulberry Class:	Kelsey for Effort and Angus for Conscientiousness
Chestnut Class:	Finley for Enquiry and Fern for Consistency



The winning house this week is:

DRUNGEWICK

General dates

Remembrance Day Assembly	7 th November 9:15	Parents welcome
Mexicolore Day Years 5/6	13 th November	
Come and See	29 th November 3.15 – 4.00pm	
Christmas Fair	30 th December 5.00 – 7.30pm	
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	
Christmas Lunch	18 th December	
End of term assembly	19 th December 2.30pm	Parents welcome

INSET days for this Academic Year

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

Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2018/19

Thursday 20 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.

Young Explorers	7 th November
Year 1	14 th November
Year 3	21 st November
Year 4	28 th November
Year 5	5 th December
Year 6	12 th December