



Dear Parents,

Good afternoon. I hope that you all had a chance to enjoy the bank holiday weekend. The weather was so lovely, it made up for the fact that we couldn't possibly do what we would normally do.

I hope that you enjoyed the VE day video from all the staff (thank you Mrs Harder for your inspirational idea). Thank you so much for all your lovely comments.

We hope that you are finding time to complete the special piece of writing that the teachers have asked for. This will be used to give us a guide as to what to plan next but also give us the opportunity to give your child some personal feedback.

Schools Potentially Reopening in June

Please read the attached letter from our Co-chairs of Governors Ibi El-Mohgraby and Wayne Schofield

Boris Johnson's address last night announcing that schools may be reopening for some children at the beginning of June, I am sure, caused a range of emotions and concerns and we share these with you. Whilst the staff and Governors have already begun to consider the logistics of this, I would like to reassure you that the safety of children and staff will be paramount as we move forwards.

Reopening was conditional on a number of aspects of our current situation and the Government will review these before confirming the reopening over the next few weeks.

Right now, our situation has not changed. We will continue to provide you with learning packs and support you in Home Learning with your children and we will continue to open for children of key workers.

School Governor Post Available

This is a challenging time for schools and we are seeking to appoint a number of new Governors. Governors provide their experience in a range of different areas including finance, HR, education, Health and Safety and much more. If you think that this might be something that you would be interested in please can you contact governors@loxwoodschool.com for more information.

Home Learning - check the Website

This information was on last week's Up to the minute. Just in case you missed it.....



We have had a good look at BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons> and would like to recommend aspects of it for you to use with your children.

Maths: You will find shortly that White Rose Maths will refer you to Bitesize for further learning each day so keep accessing White Rose from our planning as you normally do.

English: The short interactive lessons and activities are really useful for keeping up with key skills. We have added in a reminder on our planning page to make this one of your child's choices for the day. They should still prioritise their spelling - especially Spelling Frame for KS2

Topic: Bitesize is producing lessons everyday on a many topics including science, history, geography, music and art. We recommend letting your child choose anything from within their Key Stage that interests them. It has a great variety of lessons which are bound to capture the imagination and provide really good learning opportunities. Remember any work that is created as a result of these lessons can be sent in to the class email.

Young Explorers

BBC Bitesize does not cater for Young Explorers but Mrs Calvert had investigated the new package on offer from Oak Academy and is very impressed with it's activities and lessons for Reception age children. This is a free Government backed online learning package and can be found at <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/reception#schedule>

Yoga

Is all the jumping around and Joe Wicks just too much some days? Miss Price has found this two week free trial of children's Yoga

Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

Many of us are finding that our financial situation has changed during this time. You may be eligible for FSM. During this period, this means providing food for your child for lunch as if they were in school.

Check your eligibility

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/free-school-meals-online-application-form/>

Do you need short term help or support with food or finances?

We may be able to help or point you in the direction of some help.

Please contact us if you are in need. This would be strictly confidential.

How do I contact the teachers and the school?

By telephone—01403 752207 the answering machine is checked every day.

By email—for the office messages@loxwoodschool.com this is checked throughout the day

The school is open for children of key workers. Please contact messages@loxwoodschool.com

Whole School Projects

Art

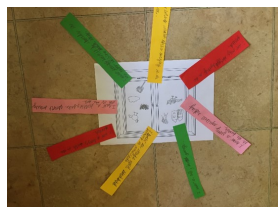
Please see attached the instructions for our Whole School Art Project. We are so excited about organising something that we can all do together—and it is going to look really amazing when complete and we can display it in the school to enjoy when we reopen. Thank you Mrs Rolland for all your organisation and Mrs Donnelly for your brilliant idea.

Singing

Are you all busy learning our whole school song Together? Lyrics and music can be found on your class page. Beware—I shall be singing it at the top of my voice when we all return!



Year 2 working hard!

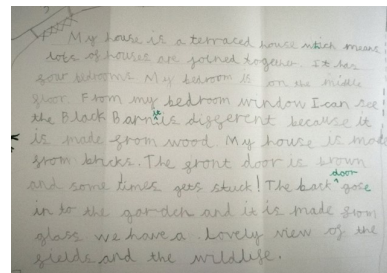


Oliver wrote descriptive sentences about what he could see from his window.



Alfie reading to his aunty

Libby's descriptive writing about her house, using green pen to edit her work.



Our super busy Young Explorers, Teddy, Charlotte, Daisy, Ella, Baye And Evelyn

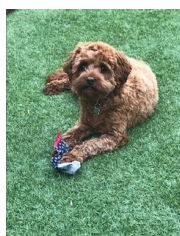


What are the staff up to? What do they miss?

Mrs Swann



Mrs Calvert



Stanley's blog

This week I have chewed three socks - I decided not to chew them in pairs in case the different colours tasted differently. I can't see the problem really, just pop down to M&S and buy some more. I did enjoy a nice cup of tea too!