

Dear Parents,

It's been a little quieter around here this week—although Nursery Rhyme day made up for it! Singing, costumes and laughter, and that was just the adults.

I would like to say thank you to all staff and parents for their response last week to our closure. We knew it would happen eventually and we have learnt a lot from it. Having such a supportive community definitely made a very complex and emotional situation calmer and less stressful. We are very proud of our Junior children and their engagement in their Home Learning. Keep it up!

### Nursery Rhyme week

What a fun week we have had in Acorns, Oak and Willow! We kicked off the week with a fantastic Nursery Rhyme dressing up day. Thank you to all the children for dressing up and taking part so wholeheartedly. Thank you to all the grown-ups who put their costumes together, we really appreciate your efforts and support. All 3 classes had a science challenge set by Mrs Rolland—to save Humpty Dumpty from cracking during his fall. First the children looked at things that help to keep them safe like bike helmets and knee pads. Then they investigated the properties of different materials to see which would be suitable to protect Humpty and which wouldn't. They planned their investigations with fine detail and the collaborative working we noticed was amazing! Finally, the highlight, testing real eggs wrapped in or falling onto their chosen material! Their eyes were wide with wonder and their language was rich with scientific vocabulary. Thank you Mrs Rolland, we all really enjoyed this one! Additionally, the children have also been acting out and performing their favourite Nursery rhymes (video on its way!), printing with potato mashers to make our own Incy Wincys and using Old MacDonald's animals to count in multiples. The children have also been doing some creative writing around the potion that cured Miss Polly's Dolly who was sick, sick, sick. This involved making colourful, glittery potion ourselves first of course! We might have only dressed up on Monday but it has been a week of creativity galore across all 3 classes. A special thanks must go to the teachers and teaching assistants that made it possible with planning, resourcing and facilitating such a brilliant week for all of us to enjoy.



### Anti Bullying Week

Thank you to all the children and staff who wore odd socks to school today as part of "Anti-Bullying" week. It was great to see so many children participating and showing their individuality! In class, there were lots of discussions where the children showed understanding of what bullying is and how we can stop it if we ever saw it. We were really impressed with their comments. It felt like they really took on board this year's theme of "United against Bullying" and knew how they could play their part in stopping bullying from happening.



Year 5 joined in from home!



### Stanley's Blog

This week is getting very dark, very early. I have decided to have a sleep in, in the mornings. My bed in the office is just so comfy and it has been quieter than usual. Luckily I have a flashing collar so I can still run around on my evening walks and still be seen!

Where are all the children?



## Mental health support

This year has been really tough on us all. We have all had our own struggles and sometimes we all need a bit of support.

Sussex Partnership NHS Trust provides advice, support and pathways to local emotional wellbeing and mental health services for children and young people, their families and stakeholders across Sussex. It has been developed by YMCA in partnership with Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust in consultation with young people. Please visit the link below for more information.

[www.e-wellbeing.co.uk](http://www.e-wellbeing.co.uk)

## Home Learning

We have selected three little challenges that you can complete at home - in isolation. They need minimal resources and space. Each activity only takes 30 seconds but we would like to see some self-competition throughout the week. How much can you improve your score by? Mr Green will be joining the junior Teams meetings next week so you can let him know how you have been getting on!

These activities are the same for all four junior classes. You may want to think about how you can make them easier or harder. For example you could change the distance or the size of the object you are throwing.

You can either access the videos and instructions through the 'Sport' page on the school website

<https://www.loxwoodschool.com/website/sport/33061>

or they have been set as an assignment on Teams.

Good luck!

## Year 6

Year 6 have been working very hard on their tree sculptures whilst at home isolating, wow, how impressive!



## Year 3

Year 3 have also worked very hard in isolation making trees!



Felicity's tree



Lyla's tree



Libby's tree



#### General dates

9th December Christmas Dinner

#### INSET days for this Academic Year

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 22nd February

Monday 19th April

#### Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2020/21

End of Term Friday 18th December 2020

Christmas Holidays December 21st—1st January 2021

Half Term February 15th—19th 2021

End of Term Thursday 1st April 2021

Easter Holidays April 2nd—16th 2021

Half Term Monday 31st May—4th June 2021

End of Term Friday 23rd July 2021



The winning house this  
week is...

Southlands

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

#### Oak Class

Alfie for Happiness and Teddy for Enthusiasm

#### Willow Class

Rosie for Motivation and Kyle for Perseverance

#### Rowan Class

#### Sycamore Class

#### Mulberry Class

#### Chestnut Class