

# LOXWOOD SCHOOL

#### 8.11.19

#### **Dear Parents**

Year 5 children and staff have recovered from their rather wet residential trip to Sayers Croft. Despite the weather a really good time was had by all. The children were excellent at team work and taking on challenges, it was only the sleeping that seemed to elude them! The children sang and read thoughtfully in Remembrance Assembly this morning; it was an opportunity for quiet reflection for all of us. Well done to our cross country runners—many achieving first places; second places and some personal bests! Please see below information about next week; Anti-Bullying week on the theme "Change starts with us". This is a national event and one that gives us the opportunity to talk to the children about friendships.

General dates	
November 15th	Friday Night Club 6.00- 8.00pm
November 18th	Manns shopping evening 7.00-9.00pm
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 House Matches Parents welcome 9.00am
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair
December 2nd 2.00pm	YE Christmas Performance
December 3rd 9.30am	YE Christmas Performance
December 3rd	Wreath Making night 7.30-9.30pm
December 4th 1.30pm	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
December 5th 9.30am	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
December 6th	Friday Night Club 6.00-8.00pm
December 10th 1.30pm	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance
December 11th 6.00pm	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance
December 17th	Whole school trip to the Panto
December 19th	Christmas Lunch
December 20th	Last Day of School



#### **Cross Country**

On Wednesday 11th November teams of girls and boys from each Junior class represented the school in the annual Weald Locality Cross Country Championship. After the recent rain, and the Weald School's championship having taken place on the same field the day before, the muddy course was everything you would expect for cross-country! All the teams ran their best, with a particularly thrilling sprint finish between Ed and William. The Year 3 & 4 children ran 1000m, the Year 5s ran 1600m and the Year 6s ran 2000m quite a challenge for all the participants.

All the runners are to be commended for having a great attitude and running their best. We had several first or second places as well as personal bests in abundance. Well done to all.

Year 3 & 4 boys 6th Year 3 & 4 girls 1st Year 5 boys 1st Year 5 girls 4th Year 6 boys 1st Year 6 girls 2nd

Over all Loxwood came 3rd!

#### **Morning Drop Off**

Please can we remind you that if parents have messages for their child's teacher they can be given to the member of staff on the gate or into the main office and these will be passed onto class teachers. It is not normally possible for teachers to speak to parents at the beginning of the day when they are supervising their classes. We thank you for your co-operation.

#### **Anti Bullying Week**

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, (a nationwide initiative), starting Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov-Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov.

On Tues 12th Nov, as part of Anti-Bullying Week we would like to participate in Odd Socks Day. It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

#### **Children in Need**

This year for Children in Need, we have a Pudsey Bear to raffle. Tickets are 50p each and are available from the front office. There will also be the usual collection bucket on the gate (and throughout the day) next Friday, the 15th November. Children can wear Pudsey Bear accessories on this day if they wish



#### **Parish Council Funding**

The Loxwood Parish Council have very generously funded 5 Clevertouch screens which will replace the whiteboards in the classrooms. This means that every classroom will now have access to this new technology which is much more reliable and easier to read!

#### **Manns Shopping Night**

A reminder that the PALS are organising the Christmas shopping night at Manns in Cranleigh on November 18th at 7.00pm. You will get a glass of prosecco, nibbles and an exclusive shopping evening. For more information, please speak to the school office or the PALS

#### New staffroom kitchen

Some of you may have noticed our old white goods awaiting collection outside the front of the school. Over the half term we were amazed when we were very kindly donated a kitchen from Mr Swann's company, Peldom Rose. Mr and Mrs Swann, Miss Smith and our maintenance man Mr D'Arcy, secretly installed this fabulous new kitchen during the holidays to the surprise and gratitude of the staff. Thank you from all of us - it was so kind and thoughtful and we are all loving our new look staffroom.

#### **Garden Donations**

We would like to thank Notcutts Garden Centre for their generous donation of Plants and Bulbs and Sainsbury's Homebase Horsham for the weed suppressing membrane and bark. It has made such a difference to the new Infant area, which is looking amazing!

#### Stanley's Blog

I was supposed to be quiet this week because I had two teeth taken out and the vet said I would be sleepy for a bit. I didn't feel that sleepy but I did chew Mrs Winter's shopping bag and that didn't hurt much. I hope the tooth fairy comes to visit puppies. I had some visitors this week, coming back to school after a holiday is hard work so I have tried to cheer some children up. They tickled me behind my ears and I licked their knees—a good swap if you ask me. Last week I got a certificate for finishing my first set of puppy training classes. Apparently I'm good at all the lessons except I get too distracted by my friends...its not really my fault, they just smell so good!

# Did you know.....

This year for the first time Young Explorers are going to have their own Nativity play. As our numbers grow it seemed an ideal time for them to branch out on their own and to give the Year 1 & 2 pupils their own performance.

Tickets will be available from Tuesday 12th November for all Christmas performances. Young Explorers, Year 1 & 2 and Years 3 & 4



## **INSET days for next Academic Year**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

# Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2019/20

Christmas Holidays January	December 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Half Term	February 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>
Easter Holidays	April 6 <sup>th</sup> – 17th
Half Term	May 25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>
End of Term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July



### **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 <u>long sleeved tops and trousers</u> – even if the weather is warmer. They will also need suitable footwear, e.g. wellies and a rain coat. <u>If you are able to help on Forest School dates</u>, <u>please see the school office</u>.

Forest School Dates	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 *
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Young Explorers
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

Dak Class
Willow Class
Rowan Class
Sycamore Class
Mulberry Class
Chestnut Class

There were no certificates due to Remembrance Assembly