

Dear Parents,

This has been a busy week, I know that I say that a lot but they always are! We are collecting for our Harvest celebration. Please see below for information. We had a demonstration assembly from Rock and Pop with electric guitars and songs! We have been practising our Harvest songs, and the Christmas card designs have been completed - you should have received the order forms for these. Please return or order on line by 8th October. It was great to see everyone who was able to come to our drop in last week. The children loved being the tour guides and we will ensure that there are more opportunities as we go through the term.



Year 6 Residential

Some of you may not be aware that we take our Year 6 children on a residential and this week they have been at PGL Marchants Hill. It is an enriching experience where they get to try adventurous activities, push themselves out of their comfort zone and develop their independence and team building skills. As always we are very proud of how Loxwood children behave and conduct themselves on this trip. They have had a brilliant time and will return home today with some wonderful memories, a lot of washing and in need of a good night's sleep! I would like to thank the staff that volunteer to go on this trip. Staff understand how important this trip is and enjoy it, but they are away from their families, it is very hard work and there is little sleep to be had! Thank you Miss Price, Mrs O'Mara and Mrs Winter.

Harvest

In the first week of October the children will be celebrating Harvest Festival with a special assembly led by our wonderful Year 6 children. We will be sure to share lots of photos with you in the following Up to the Minute so you can see what we got up to! As part of our celebration, we would like to invite the children to bring in contributions for HORSHAM DISTRICT FOODBANK. This foodbank supports many people in our local area and it would be wonderful to deliver a lovely food parcel from Loxwood School to the foodbank, ready to be distributed to those in need. From Monday 20th September there will be a collection box in the main entrance. Please make sure all items are **in date and unopened**. Items they are in short supply of: Squash, sponge puddings, cereal bars, toilet rolls, shampoo and conditioner, shower gel, vegetarian options (tinned), toothbrushes, toothpaste, washing up liquid, chocolate spread, cat food, washing powder and deodorant. We look forward to receiving your donations, thank you. More information or if you require some support: click this link- [Horsham District Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#)

Covid update

I know that school is trying to return to normal however, Covid is still here and as we know, the winter is going to be a challenging time again.

Please can you ensure that if your child is displaying any of the three Covid symptoms (a temperature, a new cough and / or loss of taste and smell), however mild, that you take them for a PCR test.

A negative lateral flow test will not be accepted

We are fully aware that this is cold season and you might be confident that your child's symptoms are from a cold, however we are not able to make that distinction. Covid spreads very quickly in schools and sending your child in with even mild symptoms could be putting others at risk.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Volunteering at the school

Don't forget that we are inviting volunteers back into the school. There are a few requirement for volunteers prior to starting; All volunteers must:

- Have a DBS check - if you have volunteered previously then please bring your check in for us to see.
- Receive safeguarding training - **everyone** must attend safeguarding training even if you have volunteered previously. Group training will be provided and the dates available are at the back of this newsletter. Please book a space via the office.
- Receive training and information for the area that you wish to volunteer.

You may already have spoken to your child's class teacher or we can find a role/class for you. If your child does not respond well to you being in their class we do reserve the right to ask you to help out elsewhere.

Training dates for volunteers are on the back of this newsletter. We will add further dates as we go through the term.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

General dates

27th September	Safeguarding training for volunteers
2.00 –3.00pm	
6th October	Year 5 & 6 Talented Athlete (1)
7th October	Individual photos
2nd October	Safeguarding training for volunteers
9.00—10.00am	
20th October	Year 3 Multi skills festival
21st & 22nd October	Year 5 day trips to Sayers Croft

INSET days for next Academic Year

Monday 1st November 2021

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2021/22

Friday 22 October	Last day of term
Monday 25th—Friday 29th October	Half term
Tuesday 2nd November	Return to school
Friday 17th December	Last day of term
Monday 20th December—Monday 3rd January 2022	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 4th January 2022	Return to school
Friday 18th February	Last day of term
Monday 21st February—Friday 25th February	Half term
Tuesday 1st March	Return to school
Friday 8th April	Last day of term
Monday 11th April—Friday 22nd April	Easter holidays
Monday 25th April	Return to school
Friday 27th May	Last day of term
Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June	Half term
Tuesday 7th June	Return to school
Friday 22nd July	End of term



This week's winning house is.....

Brewhurst

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

Acorns

Oak Class

Tabitha for Aspiration and Phoebe for Commitment

Willow Class

Charlotte for Commitment and Woody for Enthusiasm

Rowan Class

Emily for Conscientiousness and Rosie-Mai for Diligence

Sycamore Class

Penelope for Enthusiasm and Annie for Teamwork

Mulberry Class

Ellie for Enthusiasm and Max for Effort

Chestnut Class