

18th December 2020



Dear Parents,

It has taken a herculean effort on everyone's part to get us to this point; staff, parents, carers. I would like to thank everyone for doing their bit to keep our school going; from hand washing, to temperature taking, curriculum changing, bubbles popping and mask wearing. It hasn't been easy but I know that the way we have all supported each other has meant we have made it to the end of term.

A very Merry Christmas to everyone and a Happy New Year.



### Woodpeckers After School Club

We are very excited about the launch of our new After School Care Club, Woodpeckers. Initially this club will run Monday to Thursday from 3:15 to 5:30 and will be supervised by school staff.

Please see the attached flyer to find out more information and details on how to book. To begin with we are offering after school care only but hope to extend this to a Breakfast Club in the future.

### Christmas videos

We have produced some lovely Christmas videos for you! You can only view this with the link as it is a private account so we do ask that you do not share on your personal social media accounts.

**Staff video** (no teachers were hurt in the making of this video, except Mrs Winter) <https://youtu.be/NvybRxzTMvM>

**Infants video** [https://youtu.be/GXu0Ik\\_NL3M](https://youtu.be/GXu0Ik_NL3M)

**3/4 video** [https://youtu.be/GXu0Ik\\_NL3M](https://youtu.be/GXu0Ik_NL3M)

**5/6 video** [https://youtu.be/gj\\_5e0iCzYc](https://youtu.be/gj_5e0iCzYc)

### Pick up and drop off

Our Covid pick up and drop off arrangements have worked well.

Just a few updates;

Thank you for continuing to wearing masks on the school site.

We are in the process of acquiring matting for the field to ensure that children and parents don't slip over.

**Please remember that we did request that parents didn't drive down Badgers Way.** This is to ensure the safety of our Year 3 & 4 pupils now using the field gate for access.

### Christmas Assembly

On Tuesday we enjoyed our first whole school virtual assembly. All children stayed in their classes but tuned in via "Teams". It was jam packed with festive goodness; we shared the Nativity story, had 2 lovely readings from Year 6, a talk from Rev Greg, a Christmas message from our Chair of Governors, Wayne Schofield and ended with a brilliant sing-a-long. Thanks to Rev Greg and Wayne Schofield for taking part, their messages are on our school website for you to enjoy from home. Enjoy watching them!



### Return to School in January

INSET day: Monday 4th January

**School starts: Tuesday 5th January**

On the INSET day on Monday staff will be reviewing our Covid risk assessment and any other national changes that may affect the school.

We will email all parents on Monday 4th January to confirm any changes (or not). We will also post this information on the school website.

### Track and Trace over the Christmas break

The Department for Education has requested that schools help in the track and trace system should a child test positive at the beginning of the holidays. This means that some staff will be on call for the first week of the holidays.

For parents, you are requested to;

**Contact the school if your child is symptomatic on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th and subsequently tests positive.**

([messages@loxwoodschool.com](mailto:messages@loxwoodschool.com))



#### General dates

**Return to school** Tuesday 5th January

#### 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...

**Malham**

## ***CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE***

**Oak Class** Coco for Happiness and Freya for Creativity

**Willow Class** Emily for Dedication and Callie for Caring

**Rowan Class** Fifi for teamwork, Alfie for Enthusiasm, Elouise for individuality and Sofia for creativity

**Sycamore Class** Tillie for Motivation and Emilia for Confidence

**Mulberry Class** Matilda for Happiness, Halle for Helpfulness and Nathan for Empathy

**Chestnut Class** Cameron for Application and Ryan for Perseverance