

6th December 2019

Dear Parents

We have made it to the end of another busy, but festive week at Loxwood. We have enjoyed four Infant nativity performances, Junior rehearsals, festive crafts and much more! The next two weeks are looking equally busy with Junior nativity performances, Christmas carol concert at the church, Parents' Assembly sing along and the long awaited Panto! (Oh yes we are!!!).

Just a reminder that this is a VERY long term. I am sure you are aware or you may have noticed that the children are getting very tired. They may start to struggle a bit in the evenings having kept it together at school !

We know that there is a lot going on but maybe a few extra early nights and down time just to help them along.

#### General dates

<b>December 6th</b>	Friday Night Club 6.00-8.00pm
<b>December 10th 1.45pm</b>	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance
<b>December 11th 6.30pm</b>	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance
<b>December 12th 2:30 - 4:00</b>	Parents' Christmas Carol Sing-a-long and Come and See
<b>December 16th 2:00pm</b>	Whole school visit to Church
<b>December 17th</b>	Whole school trip to the Panto
<b>December 19th</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>December 20th</b>	Last Day of School

#### Tree Planting

Loxwood Primary School have partnered with 'The Wildlife Trust'. Their company is providing the school with a pack of 120 trees containing a wide range including: Blackthorn, Hawthorn, Hazel, Dogwood, Crab apples, Dog roses and many more. These trees were kindly planted at the school by the Billingshurst Lions Foundation. The Loxwood Eco Team planted bulbs and grasses donated by Notcutts Garden Centre. One of the members of the Billingshurst Lions said, "We are very pleased that the children and staff at Loxwood School are trying to help our planet survive." The Billingshurst Lions are offering their services in this way to help our carbon dioxide levels decrease by planting these trees!

The Wildlife Trust will offer this pack to any school that feels it could help in this way.

#### Christmas Fair

A HUGE thank you to PALs for organising our Christmas Fair last week. It is a tremendous amount of work and it only happens because of all of the parents and staff that kindly volunteered their time. There was so much to do: crafts; visit Father Christmas; games; tombolas and much, much more. The total amount raised is yet to be released but whatever the amount we are very grateful for visitors and volunteers alike!

#### Christmas Church Service

Just to remind you that we will be walking to Loxwood Church on 16th December at 1:30 (leaving the school). Parents are more than welcome to either meet us at the church or help us to walk the children down. Please let the office know if you are able to help

#### Eco team

Thank you to the Eco Team this week for helping to plant some bulbs and to put bark down in the Year 1 area.

#### Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long

Don't forget that next Thursday is our termly Come and See. This year it will be preceded by our Parents' Christmas Sing-a-Long and a short presentation by the children about this term's work. Please come along for 2:30 we are expecting it to be a lot of fun! You can then go straight into your child's classroom to see their work.



## Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post boxes will be out on Monday 9th December for your child to post their Christmas Cards. Please make sure the child's full name and class are on the envelope, otherwise the elves delivering them may not know who they are for!



## Stanley's Blog

Some strange doors have appeared in the corridors of the school. I have inspected them regularly but no-one is coming out. I sniffed and licked the front door too but this did not help. I will keep everyone informed if something happens.

I visited Year 6 this week. It was completely awesome. I showed off some of my skills and they all tickled me. I also went to the Library and hung out with some children—there are a lot of books but I didn't chew any of them this time.

This weekend I have to go to the groomers to get my face trimmed. I don't know why and I am not happy about being brushed but apparently it will help me to see better and I won't look so scruffy. I have no idea what they are talking about....



## Did you know.....

Year 6 have worked out that if every child sent every child in the school a Christmas card we would have 31,152. Also, even if each child just sent a card to each of their classmates we would still have about 4,400 cards sent! Their eco friendly solution would be if 1 class sent 1 card to 1 other class, you would only use 7 cards, saving trees and the environment! Something to think about...



#### 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    December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Half Term                      February 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

Easter Holidays              April 6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Forest School Dates

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>                      Year 5

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>                      Year 6

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

<b>Young Explorers</b>	Evelyn for Teamwork, Charlotte for Resilience and Alesha for Having great ideas
<b>Oak Class</b>	Lucy for Diligence and Lilly for Friendship
<b>Willow Class</b>	Sofia for Teamwork, Annie for Courage and Alfie for Responsibility
<b>Rowan Class</b>	Annabelle for Confidence and Mila for Dedication
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Billy-Ray for Positivity and Florrie for Independence and Daisy for Determination
<b>Mulberry Class</b>	Paige for Helpfulness, Henry for Enquiry and Daisy for Determination
<b>Chestnut Class</b>	Martha for Caring and William for Teamwork



The winning house this week  
is...

Brewhurst