Up to the minute.....

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of a very busy second week of term and it now definitely feels like we have never been away. Our new Young Explorers are settling very well into full school days – and are hopefully coming home to you tired but happy. It was lovely to see so many families represented at our Meet the Team evenings. I hope that you all learned something new and feel that you have a good understanding of expectations for your child's learning this year.

Communication reminder

Please, please please read the Up to the Minute!!

What if my child is ill?

You can either call the office or leave an email message on <u>absence@loxwoodschool.com</u> (You will not receive a reply from this email account but it is checked every day.)

What if I have a non urgent message?

Please either call the office or leave an email message on <u>messages@loxwoodschool.com</u>

Your message will be dealt with within a few days so if you haven't heard any thing please contact us again just in case.

<u>App</u>

Please download the eschools app. You can contact us via the app by going to Menu - contact – messages, that will take you to the <u>messages@loxwoodschool.com</u> email.

What if I would like to speak to my child's teacher?

Quick messages can be taken either by myself on the gate or if your child's teacher picks the children up from the playground in the morning. After school can sometimes be a bit easier for class teachers.

For a proper conversation please feel free to make an appointment. This can be done via the school office. Please do not feel that you have to wait for parents' evenings.

What if someone different is picking my child up?

Please inform either the class teacher, me on the gate or the school office. This is for all children. If you feel your Year 5 or 6 children are responsible enough to give this message to their teacher then we understand the need to give children this opportunity to develop their independence.

Year 6 Mindset

Year 6 have been busy since returning to school, demonstrating a Growth Mindset in all areas of the curriculum. They have recently taken part in a class challenge to build the tallest tower using spaghetti and marshmallows. This certainly tested all their strength in perseverance, overcoming obstacles, encouraging and supporting each other amongst a host of other important values. It is hoped this Growth Mindset will underpin all their learning this year, and Mrs Webber is already seeing her class push their own boundaries to be the best that they can be.

Residential Trips – Years 5 & 6

There is a parents' meeting on Thursday 27th September at 3.30 for all children going to Sayers Croft or Little Canada in October. We will be giving you vital information and paperwork regarding these trips.

Harvest

Our Harvest Festival Assembly will take place at 9:15am on 26th September. Parents are very welcome to join us. As we did last year, we will donate our Harvest display to Horsham Foodbank. We would be very grateful for donations to this very valuable service. The items that the Foodbank have need of most at present are: tinned vegetables, pasta sauce and tinned tomatoes, tinned or instant mashed potatoes, custard and sponge puddings, and long life fruit juice and they would particularly welcome donations of these items. Donations can be brought into school from Monday 24th September. Many thanks for your support.

Shoe Box Appeal

If you still have shoe boxes from your new school shoes, please could you bring them to school so we can start collecting for the Shoe Box Appeal. Thank you.

PTA

The PTA will be holding a meeting at school on Tuesday 18th September at 7.00pm. This is open to everyone and is the perfect opportunity to meet the PTA and find out what they are about and some of the brilliant fund raising ideas they have! Please make sure you have signed up to the PTA class list. This is a fantastic way of keeping up to date with school events.

Kind regards, Ms Kitson





Congratulations to the children who received a celebration certificate.

Young Explorers: Oak Class: Willow Class: Rowan Class: Sycamore Class: Mulberry Class: Chestnut Class:

Joshua for Positivity and Ivy for Perseverance Aiden for Motivation and Chloe for Ambition and Positivity Charley for Maturity and Isabella for Dedication Tyler for Resilience and Ella H for Independence Otis for Diligence and Emma Curiosity Liv for Perseverance and Phoenix for Dedication



The winning house this week is **Southlands**

General dates

Harvest Assembly	26 th September 9.15am Parents welcome
Residential meetings	27 th September 3.30 for Parents (for this year's residentials)
School Photos	4 th October
Sayers Croft Year 5	8 th – 10 th October
Little Canada Year 6	15 th – 19 th October
Flu Vaccinations Years R-5	19 th October
Parents Evening	31 st October 3.30 – 6.00pm
Parents Evening	1 st November 5.00 – 7.30 pm
Mexicolore Day Years 5/6	13 th November
Come and See	29 th November 3.15 – 4.00pm
Christmas Play Infants	5 th December 1.30pm
Christmas Play Infants	6 th December 9.15am
Christmas Plays Juniors	11 th December 1.30pm
Christmas Plays Juniors	12 th December 6.30pm
End of term assembly	19 th December 2.30 Parents welcome

INSET days for this Academic Year

Monday 29th October 2018 Friday 15th February 2019 Monday 22nd July 2019 Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2018/19

Monday 22 nd October
Thursday 19 th December
Monday 18 th February
Monday 8 th April
Monday 27 th May
Last day of term

- Friday 26th October 2018 - Wednesday 2nd January 2019

- Friday 22nd February 2019
 - Monday 22nd April 2019
 - Friday 31st May 2019
- Friday 19th July 2019



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.

Year 1 Wednesday 19th September Year 2 Wednesday 26th September Year 3 Wednesday 3rd October Year 4 Wednesday 10th October