

22nd November 2019

Dear Parents

Another busy week full of Christmas Nativity rehearsals and House Matches. Please don't forget to purchase your nativity tickets at the front office for a voluntary donation of £2.50 each. The weather is getting colder but we will still get the children out to play as much as possible so please make sure they have a coat in school at all times.

General dates

November 25th	Parent Governor deadline
November 29th	Christmas Fair
December 2nd 2.15pm	YE Christmas Performance
December 3rd 9.30am	YE Christmas Performance
December 3rd	Wreath Making night 7.30-9.30pm
December 4th 1.45pm	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 1.45pm	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance
December 11th 6.30pm	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance
December 12th 2:30 - 4:00	Parents Christmas Carole Sing-a-long and Come and See
December 16th 2:00pm	Whole school visit to Church
December 17th	Whole school trip to the Panto
December 19th	Christmas Lunch
December 20th	Last Day of School

Parents Assembly Christmas Carol Sing-a-long & Come and See



We would like to invite you to our first new look Assembly on 12th December at 2:30 in the hall. The children will be singing some songs from their Christmas nativities (plus a few extras), there will be some highlights of the term celebrated and then we will all join in some Christmas Carols.

After the Assembly we invite you to go to your child's classroom where they will share their learning with you.

Wish List

THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to the wish list since we relaunched it just after half term. We're so grateful to have raised another £1,000 for much needed learning resources. You may also have noticed that there are now some items listed to support our SEN/D work <https://loxwood.ourschoolwishlist.org/explore?category=16> A special thank you to our sponsors: Savills, James Paul, JM Roofing, Little Harriers, Bessler Hendrie and La Residence.

Parent Governor

A reminder that the application deadline for parent Governors is Monday 25th November. If you would like anymore information, please speak to Mrs Hannington

The Weald Speedy Book Club

On Wednesday after school, the year 6 Weald Book Club members attended their first event at The Weald School. 'Speedy Books' was a chance to discuss the 6 set books with pupils from other Primary schools in the locality. Hearty discussions took place and the event was a great success.

We're all Ears Survey

Chartwells' mission is to nourish young bodies and minds, and in order to do so, we want to make sure that our food offer meets the ever changing needs of our students. To gather the insight we need, our two **We're All Ears surveys** (*one for parents and one for our children*) are being launched on **Monday 18th November** and will stay open until **Saturday 30th November** and we need your support! **What is the survey?** The survey consists of a list of questions to better understand the decision making process of our consumer as well as their food preferences in more detail than we have ever explored before.

We know that parents and children may respond differently and so want to ensure we ask both as they are key to the decision making process.

The Christmas Fair is only a week away! With lots and lots of work going on behind the scenes to ensure the children all have a wonderful time, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has helped or donated so far - it truly is appreciated!

We are still looking for chocolate donations for the Tombola as well as Gifts for Mum and Dad for the Secrets Room.- these can be put in the blue box in reception. (Thank you to all those who have already donated).

Raffle tickets have been sent out, please return any unsold tickets to ensure we have some to sell on the night!! Return the stubs and money of sold tickets in the supplied envelope (sealed) and place them in the green box on Reception. Can these please be returned by Thursday. Extra tickets are available from Reception.

We will be collecting the monetary donation on Friday morning, this will help go towards covering some of the expenses incurred in holding the event! There is also a green collection box in reception if you are not around on Friday morning and want to drop it in at a more convenient time! There will be no cake raffle on Friday.

Santa's Grotto tickets are available via Classlist (we do urge you to download the app) with payment taken via PayPal. Tickets are £2.50 now and will be £3.00 on the night (spaces are limited so we do suggest you book soon!)

The fair cannot happen if we don't get enough helpers! There has been a spreadsheet that is continually updated (contact your class representative or myself to put your name down over the weekend or if you don't do drop off/pick up. There will be a sign up sheet up outside in the mornings or in reception after school please do add your name - all we ask is for 30 minutes of your time (it is also good fun!). We are trying to encourage the Year 6 and 5 children to help, so there are spaces for them to add their name as well!

To give you an idea of what to expect on the night...

We will be using tokens for the games - 1 token = 50p. Most games are 1 or 2 tokens. And will be available to purchase in the Hall (please return the reusable bags the tokens come in.

The Chocolate and Toy Tombola will be 3 tickets for 50p good luck!

Also in the Hall will be crafts that the children have made at school. Barrel of booze - tickets will be £1, Guess the Weight of the Cake (made and donated by Van der Schnoodle Cakes) are £1, Name the Toy and Guess how many Sweeties in the jar will be 50p a guess!

We have a fantastic raffle with the main prize £100 cash! (very useful just before Christmas!)

In Year 4 classroom we will have some 2nd hand uniform available for donations, a book sale and some more details of the Loxwood School Wish List - do pop in for a rummage!

In Year 3 we will have the Secrets Room - send the children in to get someone they love a Christmas present - gifts range from £1 - £3.

In Year 5 you will find our very popular Cafe, where you can buy a John Murray Sausage in a "Baked" Roll for £2.50 or a Mulled Wine and Mince Pie. We will also have a selection of soft drinks and a stocked bar! This year we are trying out Hot Chocolate (with an Adult Hot Chocolate also available!!) Drinks range from £1 - £3! You will also find a Sweet Shop - were you can purchase a selection of penny sweets! A big thank you to Baked of Worthing who have donated the rolls and mince pies!

We will have a craft area in Year 1 - the crafts will range from £1 - £2 with something for all ages! There will also be tattoos and glitter tattoos 50p - £1 and make your own Keyrings/badges from £1. Finally you will find Santa in Year 2. Please do try and pre book your time slot! Pre event tickets are £2.50 available on Classlist or £3.00 on the night.



KS2 Autumn House Matches

On Wednesday 20th November we had our Autumn House Matches. The children had already met in their houses and decided whether they were going to play hockey or football. This was a lovely morning and all KS2 children participated, demonstrating some of the skills they have learnt during their PE lessons this term. This was also the first opportunity of the year to fully utilise our new House Captains and Sports Leaders. The House Captains managed their teams and tried to keep them as even as possible. The Sports Leaders worked really hard, taking on many roles including time keeping, scoring and refereeing the games.

Hockey We played this as a mixed 6-a-side tournament. Some of the younger children were slightly apprehensive but they were well looked after by the Year 5s and 6s who showed great leadership skills.

	Brewhurst	Drungewick	Malham	Southlands
Brewhurst	-	4-1	1-1	2-3
Drungewick	1-4	-	9-0	0-2
Malham	1-1	0-9	-	1-6
Southlands	3-2	2-0	6-1	-

The teams were given 3 points for a win, 2 points for a draw and 1 point for a loss. The results were:

1st Southlands (9) 2nd Brewhurst (6) 3rd Drungewick (5) 4th Malham (4)

Football We played this as a mixed 6-a-side tournament. For many of the children, this was the first time they had played competitively and had to quickly learn about positions.

	Brewhurst	Drungewick	Malham	Southlands
Brewhurst	-	0-4	0-0	0-3
Drungewick	4-0	-	1-3	0-1
Malham	0-1	3-1	-	0-1
Southlands	3-0	1-0	1-0	-

The teams were given 5 points for a win, 3 points for a draw and 1 point for a loss. The results were:

1st Southlands (9) 2nd Malham (5) 3rd Drungewick (5) 4th Brewhurst (4)

A huge thank you to the parents who came along to support.

Stanley's Blog

This week I have been practicing listening to commands when there is a lot going on around me. This has been something I haven't been able to do 'yet' but I'll keep trying. There has been lots of singing around the school lately I joined in the other day but it wasn't very popular. I have really enjoyed being visited this week and I even got to go into the Forest School area to have a look, a little sniff and of course a security check!



Did you know.....

The school can issue food vouchers to anyone in need. Do you know of someone in the village that may need extra help over this cold winter. Food banks can provide vital short term support for anyone in need. (any information or requests would be kept completely confidential). Please speak to either Rev Greg or Ms Kitson



INSET days for next Academic Year

Friday 14th February 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2019/20

Christmas Holidays December 23rd – 3rd
January

Half Term February 17th – 21st

Easter Holidays April 6th – 17th

Half Term May 25th – 29th

End of Term Friday 17th 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 27th Year 3

Wednesday 4th December Year 4

Wednesday 11th Year 5

Wednesday 18th Year 6

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

Young Explorers	Alfie for Imagination and Teddy for Imagination
Oak Class	Evie for Happiness, Sonny for Positivity and Phoebe for Commitment
Willow Class	Flynn for Understanding, Harry for Confidence and Penny for Maturity
Rowan Class	Suzie for Enthusiasm and Aiden for Growth Mindset
Sycamore Class	Holly for independence, Roxy for enthusiasm and Hannah for Confidence
Mulberry Class	Mary for Creativity and Luke for Creativity
Chestnut Class	Daisy W for Sportsmanship and Finley for Perseverance



The winning house this
week is...

Southlands