

13th December 2019

Dear Parents

We are nearly at the end of what has been a very long term! It is such a lovely term with nativities, fairs and assemblies but I know the children are tired. The cold miserable weather doesn't help. Please may I remind you to make sure your child has a coat in school as we will get them outside wherever possible. The Christmas Post Boxes are in place outside the classrooms if your children wish to send cards to their friends. Thank you to all parents who have been in to school recently to enjoy the Nativities, Sing -a-long and Come and See; it was lovely to see so many of you!

General dates

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
January 6th	Return to school
February 24th	Year 6 Bikeability starts

Nativities

Wednesday saw the end of the Loxwood Nativities with a jam packed evening performance for the Year 3 & 4 families. Thank you to the PALS who provided hot drinks and mince pies, the staff for all their hard work; the amount of work and skill that goes into each performance is phenomenal but worth it! Thank you so much for coming and cheering the children on, I know how much they have loved learning their songs and lines. Well done everyone!



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.

Governors

We are pleased to announce that we have now filled the Parent Governor vacancies. Georgie Hunter and James Harrup-Brook have both been elected and Wayne Schofield has been re-elected as a parent governor. We would like to thank them all for supporting the school and becoming parent governors.

David Harbottle has retired from the Full Governing Body. We would like to thank him for the considerable amount of hard work and commitment he has devoted to driving the school forward. We are delighted to announce that Ibi El Moghraby and Wayne Schofield have both been elected as Co-Chairs of the Governing Body.

Christmas Lunch

A reminder that on Thursday it is our Christmas Lunch and the children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper.



Parents' Assembly and Come and See

Thank you to the parents who came to the parents' assembly yesterday and stayed to look at your child's work. It was lovely to sing some Christmas Carols with you, and the children enjoyed being able to show you their amazing work.

New Play Equipment

On Tuesday we had some of our new trim trail installed on the Humpty and on the field. Last year's Eco Team helped select the equipment most wanted by the children and can't wait for the ground to dry out so that we can use it.

Chartwells

The Chartwells Office will not be manned over the Christmas holidays. Therefore, parents will need to book meals via the Meal Selector website.

Stanley's Blog

I have decided that I have been to school long enough now. It's a bit rainy when I get up in the morning and go out for some 'fresh air', and after that I think I would prefer to stay on the sofa. I have mentioned this a few times - even showing that I can sit nicely on the sofa and watch TV after my breakfast but I still have to go to school... it's not so bad when I get here. Everyone is really nice, I met some new parents this week and there are always yummy crumbs on the floor if I look carefully (especially in the staffroom - mince pie season, yum)



Did you know.....

412 tickets were distributed to mums, dads, aunts, uncles, grannies, grandpas and friends of the school for our Nativity performances! Wow thank you! All donations will go towards future performances, costumes and licenses.



INSET days for this 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 18th

Year 6

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

Young Explorers	Isla for Challenge and Freya for Motivation
Oak Class	Hugo for Caring, Rosie for Never giving up and Kyle for Self-Belief
Willow Class	Adam for Commitment , Harrison for Creativity and Sofia for Teamwork
Rowan Class	Years 3 & 4 for Creativity
Sycamore Class	Years 3 & 4 for Creativity
Mulberry Class	Ella for Focus and Danny for Maturity
Chestnut Class	Emma for Diligence and Mickey for Friendship



The winning house this week is...

Drungewick