

9th October 2020



Dear Parents,

We have had a really good week with the children despite getting to grips with rainy playtimes! We are getting into the swing of working in a Covid safe school, remaining vigilant whilst trying to ensure that the children enjoy their learning. This week we reintroduced assemblies in the hall for the individual bubbles. It's a small step forwards but has been really lovely to get together and either celebrate learning or learn something new all together. We are also allowed to sing again, so the classrooms will be filled with singing - which we have sadly missed. Next week you will receive a letter regarding parent consultations and how and when they will be organised.



Government laptops and tablets

The government has pledged to provide laptops for some pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 if the school is forced to close again. The criteria for receiving a device is aimed at disadvantaged pupils; e.g. households that have no other laptop or tablet for the child to use. Click [here](#) for the guidance that we will be referencing. Obviously I am unsure as to how exactly this will work but it would be helpful if I were to have some idea of how many families felt they would fit the criteria. If you feel that you would, please read the guidance and email us confidentially to let us know on messages@loxwoodschool.com

PALS

PALS have been as busy as ever thinking of Covid friendly ways to continue to raise money for the school.

- You can buy a Loxwood Lottery ticket from <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/loxwood-primary-school>
- There is going to be a pumpkin competition towards the end of the month
- Look out for the Loxwood Trail for over half term

They will be letting you know about some specific projects that we are going to raise money for but in the meantime we are buying some furniture and equipment to brighten up our corridor. Once purchased we will publish photos!

Spotlight on Safeguarding

Relationships Education

The government introduced a new statutory Relationships Education for Primary Schools. This was due to start this term but schools have been given more time to implement this scheme of work. At Loxwood we already covered almost all of the criteria and we will be ensuring that any gaps are filled. Find the FAQs [here](#) on the government site.

Part of the process of implementation is to survey parents to find out what they feel is needed for their children. We will be surveying parents towards the end of term. This curriculum builds on current planning, the aim of which is provide children with the tools to be happy, healthy and safe.

Get the facts
on Relationships
and Sex Education

Home Learning



We want to reassure you that if your child has to self-isolate but is not showing signs of Covid we will provide Home Learning for the duration of their time off school.

This will be emailed to you with all the expectations and information that you need. We will encourage you to send in your child's learning so that their teacher can provide support and feedback.

The Home Learning provided will reflect the same skills and learning intentions that are being taught in their class that week. We have chosen to use a combination of sites including Oak Academy, Bitesize and WhiteRose.

Stanley's Blog

I have had a lot of fun this week. When it rains and I run really fast the mud goes all over my legs and my tummy. A quick roll on the school field and I am wet all over. Brilliant. It doesn't stop the children saying hello when I am on playground duty. Year 3 and 4 are particularly lovely and always remember that I prefer to be tickled on my back.



General dates

21st October	School Photos
31st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications
3rd November	Flu Vaccinations

INSET days for this Academic Year

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 22nd February

Monday 19th April

Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2020/21

Half Term	October 26th—30th 2020
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...

Drungewick

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

Oak Class Aleksander for Dedication and Evelyn for Perseverance

Willow Class George for Effort and James for Focus

Rowan Class Abbi for Conscientiousness and Adam for dedication

Sycamore Class Tillie for Independence and Dylan for friendship

Mulberry Class Joel for Creativeness and Emily for Enthusiasm

Chestnut Class Leah for Enthusiasm and Oliver for Focus