

4th December 2020



Dear Parents,

So lovely to have all the children back this week. There is festive singing, advent calendars and Christmas trees appearing, it almost feels normal. We were absolutely thrilled this week that we were able to take Year 5 on their long awaited trip to Sayers Croft. There was no over night stay this year but the activities remained the same and apart from getting very wet they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The staff at Sayers were equally happy to see children return to their site!

Updated guidance was issued at the beginning of this week and we are scrutinising it to check that our risk assessment is still valid and relevant and if there are any changes that we need to make. We are optimistic that a small number of after school clubs may be able to restart in January so watch this space!



Christmas dinner and jumper day.

Wednesday the 9th December is our Christmas dinner day, the children are welcome to wear a festive jumper for the day. The PALS have also very kindly bought every child a gift.



Staffing changes

A fond farewell to Mr and Mrs Lewis who are retiring at the end of this term, after 13 years of looking after the children during lunch times. We are very grateful for everything that they have done for the children and I know that the children will miss them very much. Congratulations to Miss Wright who is expecting her first baby! What lovely news. Welcome to Mrs Axworthy who will be covering her maternity leave. I know that everyone will make her feel very welcome.



Free School Meals

Have your circumstances changed during the COVID-19 pandemic? If so you may be entitled to claim for free school meals. This not only entitles you to a free hot dinner but we can also help with paying for trips and visits or school uniform. If you have any questions please speak to the school office in confidence about how we can help you, or complete the attached form.

PALS Christmas Raffle

This year the PALS have continued to work tirelessly to try and raise much needed funds for our school. The Christmas Fair would have been one of the biggest fundraisers of the year so funds that would have been raised will be greatly missed. We are holding a Christmas Raffle, with some incredible prizes so please support them and buy some tickets and support this very worthy cause!

<https://raffall.com/150537/enter-raffle-to-win-pals-christmas-raffle-2020-hosted-by-parents-association-of-loxwood-school>



The Loxwood Lottery

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/loxwood-primary-school>

Year 5 at Sayers Croft

Year 5 visited Sayers Croft yesterday and today, in place of the residential trip they missed out on. Yesterday was the wettest school trip on record! Despite the freezing cold, torrential rain, they managed to enjoy themselves (well I'm not sure about the soggy teachers!)



Stanley's Blog

I've had another hair cut, too short and now too chilly. Apparently if I let someone brush me more often I wouldn't get matted fur around my neck and then I wouldn't have to be cut so short. I am not sure these two things are connected.

No one recognises me - they think that there is a new school dog!! Haha



General dates

9th December Christmas Dinner

INSET days for this Academic Year

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 22nd February

Monday 19th April

Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2020/21

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...

Brewhurst

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

Oak Class Alesha for Confidence, Davut for Dedication and Etta for Enthusiasm

Willow Class Elliot for Confidence, Lucia for Aspiration and Truda for Aspiration

Rowan Class Josh for Ambition and Alice for Commitment

Sycamore Class Annabelle for Enthusiasm and Jordan for Perseverance

Mulberry Class Whole class for positive mindset and perseverance

Chestnut Class George for Dedication, Sarah for Reliability and Lily for Focus