

Dear Parents and Carers

Apologies for the mistakes in last week's Up To The Minute! As we all know, never send anything out in a rush, which is what we did. Hopefully, this week's Up to the Minute will be error free. The children have come back ready for this busy term. They are loving the London topic as well as the ability for more outside learning.

Just to let you know that we are in the West Sussex County Times today for our 'Walk a Mile for Mrs Webber'. It is a lovely article and great to see the children and staff getting the acknowledgement they deserve for their amazing hard work. I think Mrs Webber is very pleased with the article too.

#### **Parent & Pupil View:**

Thank you to everybody who responded to our recent Parent and Pupil Survey. We have had a good look through the answers to analyse what we are doing well and areas we may need to develop. Thank you as there were so many positive comments. It was useful to have the free text answers as these enabled ideas to be more fully expanded upon. We are really pleased that 100% of parents and children that responded felt their child was happy and safe at the school. Various suggestions we have taken on already are: setting up an auto response on our messages@ and absence@ email accounts so you can see that your message has been received; better parental engagement and involvement and developing a new website. We are looking at further ideas especially in relation to providing feedback on how your child is getting on and communication.

#### **New Governors:**

We have been lucky to have three parents come forward as Governors. So, we welcome Bryn Brooker and Laura Walker as Parent Governors and Phil Wannell as a Co-Opted Governor. They bring a great range of skills to this role and we are so excited to have them supporting the strategic leadership of our school.

#### **Clerk to the Governing Body Vacancy:**

We are advertising for a new Clerk to the Governing Body. The role involves preparing agendas and associated papers and taking minutes at all Governor Meetings. These mainly take place in the evenings (5.30pm), but there may be the odd one during the day. The workload is variable and hours to be worked are flexible, depending on when meetings are arranged. Currently, we are holding around one meeting per month, which lasts about two hours (except August) and hours worked for one meeting and all the associated paperwork would be around 6 hours. The post also involves record keeping, managing the Governors section on the website, working with the Chair in managing the smooth and efficient running of the Governing Body, learning about governance and being able to answer questions for the governing body on governance. Full training will be given. Access to the internet and the ability to work at home and in school is essential. If you are interested and require further information, please contact the school on [messages@loxwoodschoo.com](mailto:messages@loxwoodschoo.com).

#### **Advertising our School:**

We are working hard to develop our school's profile within the community and have set up a group to help with advertising and marketing. This groups looks at areas such as advertising to prospective new parents and the development of our new website. As part of this, we have produced flyers to advertise school places at our school, which we would like to display around the local and surrounding areas. If you live outside of Loxwood and could help display a flyer in the local shop, church, pub, village hall, pre-school and nursery, please come and ask the office for some.

As part of our development of our website, we are looking for someone to help us make a promotional film. We have a drone to film the outside of the school, but could do with something like a GoPro to help film inside. If you have access to this or know someone who does, please get in touch with us via [head@loxwoodschoo.com](mailto:head@loxwoodschoo.com). Thank you.

#### **Parent and Pupil Survey on Learning at our School:**

We will be sending out a parent and pupil survey next week about the learning that takes place at our school. We are in the process of developing our curriculum and ensuring it is unique to our community and we welcome your input into this. Please keep an eye out for this and take the time to fill in. It is extremely short and hopefully won't take too long.

**Reminders:**

Class Photos – these are on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May all morning. Please make sure your child is wearing their school uniform on that day.

Sports Day - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. We will send more details nearer the time but please save the date. We will be having a picnic lunch on the field with families and children.

**Feedback:**

We absolutely welcome your feedback so please feel free to email [head@loxwoodschoo.com](mailto:head@loxwoodschoo.com), if you have any feedback for us.

## General dates

Monday 16th May Whole school photos

Friday 20th May Whole school trip to London

Tuesday 24th May New starter Open Evening 6.00pm

Friday 27th May New starter Open Morning 10.00am

Friday 27th May Platinum Jubilee Street Party

Saturday 2nd July 2022 Summer Fayre

Wednesday 13th July Sports day and picnic

## Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2021/22

Friday 27th May Last day of half term

Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June Half term

Tuesday 7th June Return to school

Thursday 21st July End of term

## INSET days for this Academic Year

Monday 6th June 2022



This week's winning house is.....

**Brewhurst**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

**Acorns** Seffi for Enthusiasm and Engagement

**Oak Class** Ollie for Confidence and Alice for Collaboration

**Willow Class** Kimberly for Independence and Enzo for Ambition

**Rowan Class** James for Independence and Maisie for Diligence

**Sycamore Class** Oliver for Teamwork and Libby for Diligence

**Mulberry Class** Emelia for Independence

**Chestnut Class** Nathan for effort and Emily for Dedication

**Headteacher Award** Kezia for Resilience, Perseverance and Positivity

## Kindness Tree

Sam Year 6

Alfred Year 1

Freya Year 4