



Up to the minute.....

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are definitely starting to detect a Christmas vibe in the air! The Infants and Years 3 and 4 are rehearsing busily for their shows. All of the classes have created lovely crafts ready for you to buy tonight and the PTA are arriving as I type to get ready for tonight's Christmas Fair – I hope you all have a really great time this evening. We are very grateful to our team of very busy PTA elves who have worked so hard to produce one of our most important events of the year.

Christingle

On Wednesday the whole school enjoyed our Christingle Assembly led by Youth Worker, Marc, from Loxwood Church. During the assembly 4 children were tasked with making their own Christingle orange against the clock and proudly they managed to make a rather spectacular one! The hall was filled with fairy lights and several lit Christingle oranges. Children sang our Christingle song "Light up a candle" beautifully which created a very special atmosphere. A very welcome moment of calm in a hectic time of year!



Wish List

Everybody in the school is thrilled to be receiving and using items from their Wish list.

Year 3 would like to say thank you for the Gel Pens They have produced some amazing work with them!

School Plays

Rehearsals for both the Infant and Lower Key stage 2 Nativities continue and the school is a buzz with children humming their show tunes! Young Explorers and Infants will be performing "Shine Star Shine" on Wednesday 5th at 1.30 PM and on Thursday 6th at 9.15 a.m. Year 3 and 4 will be treating you to "Straw and Order" the following week on Tuesday 11th at 1.30pm and Wednesday 12th at 6.30pm. There are still tickets for all performances so please do book your tickets with the School Office. We ask for a donation that will go towards the cost of putting on all these performances and enable us to invest in further drama equipment.

Come and See

It was lovely to see so many families at our Come and See yesterday. We hope you enjoyed looking at some of the amazing work that your children are producing.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everybody that generously donated towards the Poppy Appeal, we raised a fantastic £133.51.

Christmas Stories

Billingshurst Library is holding a special Christmas Stories at Bedtime event on Wednesday 19th December from 4pm-4.30pm. The event is free to attend, but we do ask families to book their free places in advance with the library.

Christingle service

Are you and your family looking for a nice way to start that Christmassy feeling? Loxwood Church are having their family friendly Christingle Service on Sunday 2nd December at 9.30 a.m. Each child will be given their own Christingle orange to enjoy. Rev Greg and Marc, their Youth Worker are looking forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,
Ms Kitson

Did you know.....

We have ordered 35 items from the wish list and raised over £1000 !



Congratulations to the children who received a celebration certificate.

Young Explorers:	Amelie for Enthusiasm and Maisie for Reliability
Oak Class:	Felicity for Perseverance, Harrison for Confidence, Penny for Aspiration and Jamie for being Joyful
Willow Class:	Chloe for Perseverance and Aiden for Positivity
Rowan Class:	Bella for Independence, Osman for Perseverance, Holly for Helpfulness and Ana for Achievement
Sycamore Class:	Ella H for Confidence and Grace for Kindness
Mulberry Class:	George for Hard Work, Mickey for Focus, Martha for Brilliance and Felicity for Accuracy
Chestnut Class:	Chloe for Optimism and Hayden for Willingness

The winning house this week is:



Southlands and Drungewick

General dates

Christmas Play Infants	5 th December 1.30pm
Christmas Play Infants	6 th December 9.15am
Christmas Plays Juniors	11 th December 1.30pm
Christmas Plays Juniors	12 th December 6.30pm
Christmas Panto	14 th December
Christmas Lunch	18 th December
End of term assembly	19 th December 2.30pm Parents welcome

INSET days for this Academic Year

Friday 15th February 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2018/19

Thursday 20 th December	- Wednesday 2 nd January 2019
Monday 18 th February	- Friday 22 nd February 2019
Monday 8 th April	- Monday 22 nd April 2019
Monday 27 th May	- Friday 31 st May 2019
Last day of term	- Friday 19 th July 2019



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.

Year 5	5 th December
Year 6	12 th December