



Dear Parents,

Hello everyone. Well we are officially in the summer term. It is very difficult to believe. I hope that you all took some time away from the home learning and the working from home during the last few weeks and just chilled out, ate chocolate and enjoyed your daily walk or cycle ride.

All the staff are very much missing the children and we very much enjoy our phone calls and your lovely emails that you have been sending. Please keep them coming!

In this edition of the Up to the Minute we are sharing some of the activities that you have been up to, Mrs Winter is going to tell you what it has been like trying to work remotely and Stanley is back to writing his blog. If you want us to **share what you** have been up to just email your class teacher!

## Home Learning - check the Website

Please check the school website regularly. We are putting everything on the class pages that you will need. You will receive the next week's Home-Learning on a Thursday to give you time to digest it.

Teachers are continuously researching resources to find things that suit your children. This week we are going to be having a very close look at the BBC Bitesize resources that have been launched.

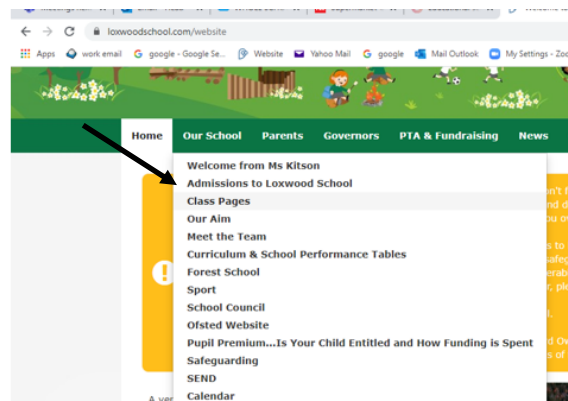
## I'm worried that I am not doing enough?

Please try not to worry about this. So many of us are trying to do Home Learning around working from home and running a household. Nobody expects parents to be able to teach from 9:00 to 3:15. Here are some tips that might help.

- All the Home Learning weekly packs have a range of activities that do not require adult intervention
- Your children have been trained in school to work independently (even if they are telling you they can't!)
- A concentrated input might only be 15-20 minutes—then set them off on their own
- Our maths resource, White Rose, has a video tutorial for every day. This may help you as well as your child. Maths can be very different from when we went to school
- Always email the class teacher if you need to
- Don't forget we will call about once a fortnight to find out how you are doing, if you need another call, just email and ask. We will try to help!

## How can I share my child's learning with the teacher and the class?

If you email a photo or an explanation of what you have been up to and give us your permission we will put this on your child's class page. We are also including Home Learning in this newsletter each week.



### Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

Many of us are finding that our financial situation has changed during this time. You may be eligible for FSM. During this period, this means providing food for your child for lunch as if they were in school.

Check your eligibility

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/free-school-meals-online-application-form/>

### Do you need short term help or support with food or finances?

We may be able to help or point you in the direction of some help.

Please contact us if you are in need. This would be strictly confidential.

## How do I contact the teachers and the school?

By telephone—01403 752207 the answering machine is checked every day.

By email—for the office [messages@loxwoodschool.com](mailto:messages@loxwoodschool.com) this is checked throughout the day

For teachers

Email your teacher or teaching assistant using the class emails  
[youngexplorers@loxwoodschool.com](mailto:youngexplorers@loxwoodschool.com)

For all other year groups [year1@loxwoodschool.com](mailto:year1@loxwoodschool.com) (or year2, year3 etc.)

**The school is open for children of key workers. Please contact [messages@loxwoodschool.com](mailto:messages@loxwoodschool.com) if you need to**

## Lots of you have been showing your support for the NHS

Alfie's rainbow



Phoebe and Isobel's chalk rainbow



Anneka and Truda's chalk rainbow

And I know that the village has been clapping on Thursdays! I can hear it from Worthing!!

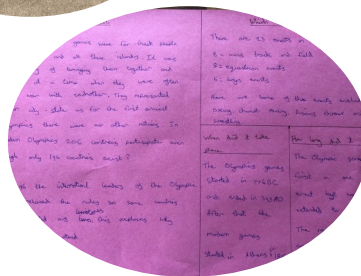
## Year 4

Check out some of the Home Learning that has been going on in Year 4. Florrie has been planting and Osman has designed a game to play



## Year 6

Ed's Olympic Games research and Florrie being very creative



## What are the staff up to?

### Mrs Winter

You will all agree that it has been a very strange Easter holiday. The only normal thing was chocolate! We have really enjoyed seeing and hearing about your activities at home so I thought I would share some of mine! I have mostly been checking out suitable resources for you to use at home, emailing and making phone calls. It is surprising how much time it takes to email when you can't just pop your head into the room and talk to someone! Our staff meetings are very exciting on Zoom—we can all see each other sitting at our dining tables—apart from Mrs Webber who very cleverly has a photograph of her favourite holiday destination behind her..

Just like you I have been making sure I get out into the countryside. We are so lucky to live here and be able to make the most of it—and quite often get lost... But best of all is hearing your voices; reading your emails and I even get to come to school as we are still open for Key Worker children—which means that just for a little while the world is almost normal....

## Stanley's blog

Well, I don't know what is going on! I only go into school a few times a week at the moment. It's great because I get to run around the playground but it's also boring as there are only a few children. I like it better when there are lots of them.

I have been going for a long walk - every day, this means more sleeping to get over it of course. I have learnt to catch a ball, but not to bring it back - yet! I'll keep trying. I had to have a trim, goodness knows why so short, apparently it was to 'keep me going' for a while. Hmmm

