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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Calendar Dates for the coming week

Wednesday 5th October – No Pens Wednesday

Thursday 6th October – Year3 Visit to Shortenills

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

This week Foundation Stage has opened a Post Office. They have written and posted letters, weighed parcels and heard a story about 'The Jolly Postman'. They have continued to practise their sound and numbers and have had their first PE lesson.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk – great for phonics games – focus on phase 2 for now

Year One


In English, Year 1 has been really enjoying 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. They have had fun writing about the mischief that Max made and finding adjectives to describe the wild things. They also had to sort out some mixed up sentences by making sure they started them with a capital letter and ended them with a full stop. In Maths, they have been busy measuring; they found things that were longer and shorter than our feet and then they used cubes to measure them. In Topic, they really enjoyed using stethoscopes to listen to their hearts before and after exercise. They have also been looking at similarities and differences between things that are living and not living.

www.phonicsplay/phase3/picniconpluto

Year Two

This week Year 2 has been continuing to write their information texts about The Great Fire of London. They have been focusing on the use of sentence openers, conjunctions and adjectives. In Phonics they are learning to use their knowledge of rules for adding the suffix -ed to spell past tense verbs. In Maths they have been learning to add single digit numbers to 2-digit numbers, and describe how the tens digit changes. This is an area that would benefit from further practise at home (see website below). In Topic they have been using The Great Fire of London as inspiration for writing a diary entry (just like Samuel Pepys) and a senses poem describing the fire.

<http://www.snappymaths.com/addition/add1dto2d/interactive/add1dto2dattack.htm>

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Year Three

In English this week Year 3 has been writing information pages about volcanoes. They used computers and other sources to find and use exciting facts to put in their own writing. They particularly liked the National Geographic 'Everything Volcanoes and Earthquakes' text for inspiration. In Maths, Year 3 has been learning how to use rounding when adding and subtracting numbers. They have also discussed and explored different ways of adding and subtracting numbers. They have also looked at bridging 10. In Topic, Year 3 has been looking at how to keep safe online. They have researched and found information about the volcano in Pompeii and what impact it had on people living in the vicinity. They also looked at the history and current status of the volcano

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/materials/rocks_soils/read/1/

Year Four

Year 4 has enjoyed writing their Just So stories, concentrating on including speech, properly punctuated, varied adjectives and fronted adverbials. They have worked well in groups to practise, then act out, a few of the completed stories. In Maths, they have been practising their rounding skills to enable them to make useful estimates for addition and subtraction sums. They have built their shelters in the school grounds; we looked to see how many have survived and were pleased to see quite a few still standing and some even had some wildlife taking up residence (slugs, spiders, ants).

www.topmarks.co.uk

Year Five

This week Year 5 has been continuing to read 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. They have used drama to explore what Charlie should do with the money he found and have been writing newspaper articles about Charlie finding the golden ticket. Year 5 has now started to explore the character of Mr Willy Wonka. In Maths they have been continuing to practise mental and written methods for addition and subtraction with a focus on explaining which methods are the most efficient to use for different calculations.

During their Topic lessons, Year 5 has investigated carbonated drinks and the effects of mixing bicarbonate of soda with an acid. They have related this learning to the properties of materials and reversible and irreversible changes, and are applying their learning by exploring the different processes needed in making muffins!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/materials/>

Year Six

In English, Year 6 has been investigating old English language to create a glossary. They have also written a letter to Jim Hawkin's mother describing his adventures in Bristol and on board The Hispanola. They have also written about what they would do if they won a million pounds, thinking about whether they would spend it wisely or foolishly. In Maths, they have been having their first lessons using algebra. They have also been using cuisenaire rods to create algebraic expressions such as $a=c+3d$ or $e=2f+2g$. In Topic, they finished writing their tourist inspector report on The Rye. Year 6 enjoyed preparing and presenting to the rest of the school, and their parents, their first values assembly on trust.

www.blueplanetbiomes.org/climate.htm

Citizens of the month for September

Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Raza Akhtar	Poppy Betts	Oliver Stevens	Francesca Cohn	Maya Ghailan	Grace Leary

Headteacher's Award

This week, Mrs. Cunningham's Gold Award goes to Amelie Wakelin in Year 2. Well done Amelie!

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9.9.16		Lilly Weedon	Oscar Leary	Alice Wyatt	Breanna Carter	Leah Bunce	Liam Cleland
16.9.16		Samuel Barton	Grace Wise	Nikhil Kumar	Eleanor Andrews	Lee Bampton	Liam Noble
23.9.16		Amber Burnham	Gio Panayiotou	Oliver Stevens	Madison Anns	Runo Apochi	James Steeples
30.9.16		Dylan Lambourne	Nate Weber	Amelia Jaroszewska	Tristan Robinson	Oliver Fiander	Marius Yearwood

The following children have been recognised in achievement assembly for their good behaviour:

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9.9.16		Lily Rees-Curphey Reece Anns	Amelie Wakelin Baylee Seymour	Thomas Sheppard Lara Sohrabian	Francesca Cohn Joshua Timberlake	Muqet Ahmed Arianne Johnson	Jake Green Beth Andrews
16.9.16		Adna Adegbulugbe Keira Ryan	Romilly Scouse-Davies Nate Weber	Harrison Clarke Amelia Jaroszewska	Tyler Merry Ella Green	Alice Betts Luke Golton	Amy Randall Grace Leary
23.9.16		Ellie Badger Raza Akhtar	Kobee Barszcz Lucy Deane	Sri Addada Nayah Allen	Max Floyd Jennifer Billing	Aaron Patel Sarah Fedorowicz	Remy Bashir Teagan Burnham
30.9.16		Charlie Ayres Natasha Zielinska	Xandros O'Connor Urzula Bauza	Oliver Stevens Alice Wyatt	Joshua Robinson Ell Lewis	Luke Golton Maya Ghailan	Tiah Barszcz Emma Merry

Foundation Stage children will be joining in assemblies soon.

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
9.9.16		99%	99%	98%	100%	100%	98%
16.9.16	98%	98%	99%	95%	98%	98%	98%
23.9.16	97%	98%	99%	99%	98%	98%	98%
30.9.16	96%	91%	98%	100%	98%	95%	90%

Congratulations to Year 2 who have had the best attendance for the month of September. They will be able to wear mufti on Friday 7th October.

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
9.9.16		0	2	0	1	2	1
16.9.16	0	0	2	1	0	1	0
23.9.16	0	3	0	0	0	2	1
30.9.16	0	0	2	1	0	1	0

House points for the week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
23.9.16	449 (3rd)	395 (4th)	455 (2nd)	488 (1st)
30.9.16	112 (4th)	156 (3rd)	183 (2nd)	209 (1st)

Harvest Assembly

On Monday 10th October we are holding our harvest assembly. Each class will be presenting a short input focusing on harvest in a different country around the world. Our focus on harvest will also reflect on how not everyone is as fortunate as we are in enjoying and being able to rely on a plentiful supply of food. This can of course apply to people who live in the same town as we do; therefore we are asking for donations for the Wycombe Homeless Connection. Below is a list of the items they have a current need for; if you are able to help support this local charity, donations can be brought into school anytime during the week of 10th October and they will be taken to the charity at the end of the week.

Milk, long life, 500ml
 Individual size cartons of juice
 Individual size cereals
 Instant porridge pots and sachets
 Tins of meat meals – eg. Curry, chilli, meatballs, creamed chicken etc.
 Tins of spam, ham, corned beef and chicken – with the opening keys or ring pull
 Pepperami
 Tins of potatoes, peas, carrots, sweet corn, but NOT tomatoes
 Pot noodles
 Individual pots of custard, rice pudding or jelly
 Tins of peaches, pineapple, apricots, fruit cocktail, but NOT prunes
 Cereal bars
 Packets of biscuits
 Sweets
 Coffee
 Instant hot chocolate powder
 Sugar

Breakfast Club

There are an increasing number of children who are being dropped early for Breakfast Club. Please note that school staff are not responsible for children until 8.00 am. My concern is that whilst waiting for the top gate to open children are running up and down the steps to the woods and someone could fall and hurt themselves or be tempted to go up into the woods.

Could I also remind parents that they may not drive up School Way to drop children off.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who came to the coffee morning this morning and to those who baked. There was a huge variety of magnificent cakes and the winner of the 'Bake Off' is Claire Taylor who wins £15. Since we will be selling some cakes after school today, we will let you have the final figure for the amount raised for Macmillan next week.

No Pens Wednesday

Next week we are taking part in "No Pens Wednesday" when children will be engaged in a range of learning opportunities which do not rely on the use of a pen – or pencil!

Activities during this day will focus on speaking and listening and hopefully some learning will be able to take place outside.

FOLS AGM

This will be held on Thursday 3rd November at 7.00 pm in the school hall.

FOLS Lottery

The winner of the FOLS lottery draw this month is Mark Sarl who wins £15.00. Congratulations to him!

Parking

We have been contacted by residents of Norwood Road who are experiencing inconsiderate parking by some of our parents, which at times is causing the road to be blocked. Can I please ask you to have consideration to residents and other road users when parking to drop and pick up your children.

Swimming

This has been the last week for swimming lessons for Key Stage 2. We have been very lucky with the weather, but it is now a bit too cold to continue. We will recommence at the beginning of the summer term next year.

After School Library Visit

Although the library is not quite back to normal after the issues we have had with the roof leaking, it will be open to parents as usual on a Thursday after school until 4.30pm. This is an opportunity for you and your child to visit the library to choose a book, read and listen to stories.

Invitation to a Growth Mindset Parent Evening

Please find attached an invitation to a Growth Mindset evening to be held at Bourne End Academy for your information.

Wicked Young Writer Awards

Also attached is information about the Wicked Young Writer awards and how to get involved.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Cunningham
Headteacher

If you are receiving this as a paper copy and you would like to receive an electronic version please email office@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk to request this in future.

Disclaimer

From time to time we are asked by a range of organisations to give out leaflets. We always agree if we think this could be of interest or benefit to the children. However we do not endorse any of these organisations and parents should always check their credentials carefully to make sure children would be safe and well looked after.

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Calendar of events for 2016-17

<u>September</u> 5th Children return to School 6th Foundation Stage children start school 13th 11+ Practice Paper (Y6) Open House 3.30 -4.00 15th 11+ Papers (Y6) 16th Roald Dahl dress up day Week beginning 12th – Clubs Start 29th Open Day 9.30-10.30am & 2-3pm 30th McMillan Coffee Morning	<u>October</u> 14th 11+ Results (Y6) 18th & 20th Parent/Teacher Consultations 24th – 28th Half term break 31st Return to school Last day to apply for secondary school places (Y6)	<u>November</u> 3rd Open Day 3rd FOLS AGM 7pm 18th Children in Need
<u>December</u> 1st Open Day 9-10 am & 2-3 pm 9th Christmas Bazaar 3pm-5pm 13th 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 14th 2.15pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 15th Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 2.15pm & 7pm 19th Christmas Service 10am Christmas Activities pm 20th School closes at 2pm for Christmas break	<u>January</u> 4th Training day for teachers 5th Children return to School	<u>February</u> 7th & 9th Parent/Teacher Consultations 13th – 17th Half term break 20th Return to School
<u>March</u> 24th Red Nose Day FOLS discos for pupils 29th & 30th Parent/Teacher Consultations for Y6 31st School closes at 2pm for Easter Break	<u>April</u> 18th Children return to School 25th & 27th Parent/Teacher Consultations for FS – Y5	<u>May</u> 1st Bank Holiday 8th Year 6 SATs Week 15th & 22nd Assessment Weeks (all other year groups) 18th – Open Day 9-10 am & 2-3 pm 22nd – 25th Y6 Residential visit 26th School Closed Training Day for teachers 29th-2nd Half term break
<u>June</u> 5th Children return to School 29th Open Day 9.30-10.30am & 2-3 pm 30th School closed teacher training day	<u>July</u> 4th Secondary Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 7th Annual Reports to Parents 14th FOLS discos for pupils 20th 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 21st 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly 21st School closes at 2pm for summer break	

Class Assemblies
Spring term 9.05 start

19th January - Year Six
 26th January – Year Two
 2nd February – Year Five
 2nd March - Year One
 9th March – Year Three
 16th March – Year Four
 23rd March - Foundation Stage

Values Assemblies 9.05

29th September – Trust Y6
 24th November – Peace Y3
 15th December – Thoughtfulness Y5
 31st January – Responsibility Y3
 28th February – Empathy Y5
 30th March – Forgiveness Y2
 27th April – Kindness Y6
 25th May – Collaboration Y1
 29th June – Respect Y4
 19th July – Happiness FS