



## Loudwater Combined School

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# LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

## Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents,

### Important Calendar Dates

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Walk to Loudwater War Memorial

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 5/6 Bikeability Talk

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need (see below for details)

News from the classes this week:

### Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage we have been learning about our teeth and the dentists who help us to keep them healthy. We have heard the story 'Smile, Crocodile, smile' and have learnt about brushing our teeth at least twice a day. We have made posters to make sure everyone remembers this. We have also been learning about the tooth fairy. She has scattered her coins around our classroom and we have had to help her by collecting and counting her coins. We have continued counting; recognising and writing numbers and we have been measuring and ordering ourselves to find out who is the tallest and the shortest. Today we walked to church and participated in our Remembrance service "The names on the Stone". We have made poppies and created poppy artwork.

<https://www.phonicbooks.co.uk/2011/03/13/how-to-say-the-sounds-of-letters-in-synthetic-phonics>

This is the website Mrs. Olcot mentioned at the phonics meeting, which demonstrates the phonic sounds the way we teach them.

### Year One

This week our focus has been on commemorating 100 years since the end of World War 1. We visited the war memorial and spent time learning about some of the soldiers and where they lived. We also thought about how Loudwater has changed over the past 100 years. We had a visit from Gemma and Georgina from The Blue Cross. They talked to us about the important role that some animals played in World War 1. They answered lots of our questions but we still had more! We wrote questions that we are going to send to them. We talked about starting our questions with a question word and ending them with a question mark. We have been lucky enough to share some real war memorabilia that children have brought in. We were especially interested in the medals that we saw, the dead man's penny and a poppy from the Tower of London. It has been a busy and thought provoking week. In maths we have been focusing on the accurate use of a number line when we are adding up and taking away.

<http://www.ictgames.com/funkyMummy/index.html> focus on number bonds to 10.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/SentSubPhase3.html>

### Year Two

This week, in Year 2, we have been learning about the events of The Gunpowder Plot of 1605. We have enjoyed learning why we celebrate Bonfire Night. In English we have been learning to write question sentences. We created questions we would have liked to ask Guy

Fawkes and King James I. Also, we created a 'Wanted' poster to help King James to capture Guy Fawkes and wrote a recount of the events of the Plot in chronological order. In Topic, we wrote our own version of the letter sent to Lord Monteagle warning him of the Plot and created firework pictures to celebrate the Plot being foiled!

In Maths, we have been learning to add a single digit number to a 2-digit number using the partitioning method to bridge the next multiple of 10. E.g.  $26 + 7 (4 + 3) = 33$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\quad\quad} + 4 \quad \underline{\quad\quad} + 3 \quad \underline{\quad\quad} \\ 26 \qquad\qquad 30 \qquad\qquad 33 \end{array}$$

The children understood the method very well but struggled to partition the single digit number into two smaller numbers! It would be very useful to practise number bonds for **all** numbers to 10 for extra Home Learning this week.

In Phonics, we have been revising how to change singular nouns into plurals by adding s or es depending on the ending of the root word.

E.g. **church** – ends in a digraph, so needs –es, **box** – ends in an x, so needs –es, **witch** – ends in a trigraph, so needs –es, **elf** – ends in an f, so f changes to a v and needs –es etc.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

### Year Three

In English this week we have been learning about World War 1. At the beginning of the week we looked at lots of different pictures for inspiration in order to write a shape poem. We thought about what the soldiers may have heard and felt like in the trenches and the conditions that they had to endure.

In Maths we have started looking at multiplication and division. We completed an engage and explore activity and had fantastic conversations about where we see this in the real world. We have looked at doubling and halving as well as the 4 and 8 times tables.

We have been focusing on Remembrance throughout the afternoons this week. Towards the end of the week, the children had the opportunity to use the Learn Pads to research information for our topic.

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/ztqg4wx>

### Year Four

In English this week, we have been learning about World War 1 and the impact that it had on the soldiers in the trenches. We have written poetry based around the 1918 Christmas truce between England and Germany. For this, we have used the different senses to imagine what it would have been like at the time, and how the truce contrasted to the realities of battle.

In maths this week, we have been looking at multiplication and related division facts. We have further practised our six times tables, as well as learning our nine times tables. For this, we have found out useful strategies we could use and then began to apply our knowledge to solve problems.

In topic this week, we have continued to focus on World War 1. We have produced some poppy paintings in the style of Street Art Drop. We have also enjoyed the talk from the Blue Cross based on the use of animals during the war.

<https://www.bluecross.org.uk/warhorse>

### Year Five

This week in English, Year Five has been focusing their learning on World War One and Remembrance Day. We have read and analysed the poems 'Dulce et Decorum Est' by Wilfred Owen, and 'In Flanders Fields' by John Macrae. We wrote our own poems in response to this. We are now learning about the Christmas Day Truce in 1914 and are planning diary entries and letters from the point of view of one of the soldiers.

In maths, Year Five has been learning about multiples, factors and prime numbers. We have found the highest common factor and lowest common multiple for pairs of numbers, investigated prime numbers and used our knowledge to solve problems. We are now looking at square and cube numbers.

In topic lessons, we have completed our silhouette art works, which we created in response to World War One. We have also really enjoyed our talk from The Blue Cross about the role of animals in World War One, and have spent some time looking at the school records from 1914-1918 and discovered the names of the evacuees sent to Loudwater at this time!

BBC A-Z of World War One

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b040mx76/clips>

### Year Six

In English this week we have been focusing on the Christmas truce story from WW1. We have read about the events, watched a short film depicting the events and read a poem by Carol Ann Duffy. We have used this to inspire us to write our own poems based on the Christmas truce. Our spelling focus this week has been words ending -ent, -ence and -ency. In Maths, we have been using scale factors to find the relative sizes of quantities and finding fractions of amounts. In Topic we have researched the names of the soldiers on the Loudwater Memorial and discovered facts about their lives. We have also enjoyed very informative talks from Mr Gurney (Flackwell Heath Local History Group) and the Blue Cross who told us about the role of animals in WW1. In preparation for the Mini-Enterprise competition, we have practiced running our own business where we made kites. On Monday we will be walking to the war memorial and around the Loudwater village. Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat.

Website:- [Word Mania](#) – children have logins

### Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
02.11.18	Kelci	Kata	Kristina	Ruby	Lucy D	Romisha	Max
09.11.18	Kendall	Jack	Isabelle	Logan W	Jacob	Oliver	Pia

The Head teacher award this week goes to Sidney and Sulaymaan for their enthusiasm for learning in phonics and handwriting - well done!

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

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
02.11.18	Isla Matilda	Emily Sulaymaan	Jasmin Harley	George Blake	Grace Jacob	Riley Isabelle	Stanley Breanna

We are pleased to announce that Natasha, Amber, Amaya, Leah, Adna, Lilly W, Hollie, Reece, Chloe, Milla, Bella and Lily R-C all received their Pen Licences today.

### Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
02.11.18	95%	98%	99%	99%	100%	92%	96%
09.11.18	97%	98%	95%	93%	98%	96%	93%

### Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
02.11.18	0	1	2	4	1	2	1
09.11.18	0	0	0	0	2	0	1

### House points for this week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
02.11.18	100	97	122	130
09.11.18	89	83	81	71

## Spooky Cake's



FOLs raised £175 for the cake sale and presented it to the School Council. This money will be used to purchase signage for our outdoor environment providing information for the children about seasonal changes and cloud formation

## Reminder

Can the school council remind parents that we still recycle batteries in school....no financial reward, just trying to save the planet! We also collect stamps for the Air Ambulance.

## Gateway

Please note that there are a number of items on the Gateway that require your attention, including:

Whole School - Pencil case Contribution

Whole School - Local Walks and Trips Consent

Selected Pupils - Guitar Lesson Payments

Years 1-6 World War One History

Year 2 – Wycombe Museum Visit

Workshop

Year 6 – Green Park Residential (deposit ASAP)

## Netball

Due to the onset of the more wintery weather and earlier darkness, netball has now finished for the foreseeable future. We anticipate that we will restart in the second half of the Spring Term.

## Bikeability

We have once again been offered subsidised lessons by Bikeability for our Year 5 and 6. The two classes will be given a talk about the scheme, in school, on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Further details, as to the cost and requirements, are attached to the Year 5 and 6 newsletters.

## Remembrance Weeks: Remembrance Service

Today all of the children from Foundation Stage to Year 6 visited St Peter's Church to take part in the school's Remembrance Service. I am always very proud to be the head teacher of Loudwater Combined School; today was one of those times when I felt especially proud. The respect and engagement the children demonstrated throughout the service was exemplary; they sang beautifully, read clearly and placed the 'Loudwater Lads' on the map accurately. It was impressive to see so many parents, grandparents and friends at the service – thank you for making the time to attend. I am extremely grateful to those at St Peter's Church who made this event such a special commemoration for the children – thanks go to them all.

During our Remembrance Weeks the children have been making poppies which will be used in St Peter's Remembrance Service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November. On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November all classes will be visiting the Loudwater War Memorial to see how their poppies have been laid at the memorial. We will once again use the Consent for Local Walks and Trips given on the Gateway. The children have also been very busy making poppies for the Tesco display at Loudwater.

All the children have been creating poppy art as part of our work on Remembrance Sunday. One piece has been chosen from each class and these will be displayed in the board on our Values Wall. The children whose work was chosen are as follows:

FS	Isla	Yr 3	Lily R-C
Yr 1	Eleithyia	Yr 4	Romilly
Yr 2	Ella	Yr 5	Romisha
		Yr 6	Breanna

### **Pudsey Visit and Children in Need**

On Monday November 12<sup>th</sup> Pudsey Bear is paying us a visit. He will arrive at 1.30 pm to greet the children as he travels around the area promoting the upcoming Children in Need charity events.

There will be a raffle at £1.00 a ticket with a large Pudsey Bear as the prize. We will also have a number of souvenirs available to purchase, including keyrings at £2.00, Pudsey badges at £1.00, colour changing wristbands at £1.00 and Pudsey ears at £2.50. If your child would like to purchase any of these items they will be available from Tuesday – all money goes to Children in Need via the Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club.

On Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> the whole school will be taking part in Children in Need. Year 6 are organising a Bring and Buy sale of pre-loved books and toys. Any items that you would like to donate can be brought into school from Wednesday. The sale will be in the hall during Friday afternoon, children may bring a maximum of £2 – ideally in change please. On Friday the children can wear Mufti of their choice – there is no charge for the children to wear their own clothes

Yours faithfully

*Clare Cunningham*

Mrs C Cunningham  
Head teacher

### **Newsletter**

As you are aware we have moved to sending out our newsletter via email. Due to the GDPR, we are only able to continue sending out to those of you who have agreed so please do ensure that you **register your consent on the gateway**.

### **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.

**LOUDWATER COMBINED SCHOOL**  
**Calendar of events for 2018-19**

<p align="center"><b><u>November</u></b></p> <p><b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 &amp; 2.00 – 3.00)  <b>29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup></b> Bikeability</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>December</u></b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Bikeability  <b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Bazaar  <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> 9.30am FS &amp; Key Stage 1 Christmas Production  <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> 2.30pm FS &amp; Key Stage 1 Christmas Production  <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 2pm &amp; 7pm  <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> Pupils' Christmas Lunch  <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Service am  Christmas Activities pm  <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> School closes at 2pm for Christmas break</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>January</u></b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Children return to School  <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 &amp; 2.00 – 3.00)</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>February</u></b></p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup></b> Science Week  <b>12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 13<sup>th</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Consultations  <b>18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Half term break  <b>25<sup>th</sup></b> Return to School</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>March</u></b></p> <p><b>14<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 &amp; 2.00 – 3.00)  <b>18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup></b> Shakespeare Week  <b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> Red Nose Day  <b>26<sup>th</sup> &amp; 28<sup>th</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>April</u></b></p> <p><b>5<sup>th</sup></b> School closes at 2pm for Easter Break  <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> Training day for teachers  <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> Children return to School  <b>30<sup>th</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>May</u></b></p> <p><b>30<sup>th</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)  <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Bank Holiday  <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> Year 6 SATs Week  <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> Year 5 Assessment Week  <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>School Closed</b>  Training Day for teachers  <b>27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>th</sup></b> Half term break</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>June</u></b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Children return to School  <b>6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup></b> Science Week – Kew Gardens visit  <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 &amp; 2.00 – 3.00)  <b>11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup></b> Year 6 Green Park Residential  <b>28<sup>th</sup></b> School closed training day for teachers</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>July</u></b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup></b> Assessment Week Y1, Y3 &amp; Y4  <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> Secondary School Induction Day (Y6)  New Parents Meeting  <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> Annual Reports to Parents  <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> Sports Day – Greek Theme  <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> Reserve Sports Day  <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production  <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly  <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> School closes at 2pm for summer break</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>Values Assemblies</u></b></p> <p>All Start at 9.05am  23<sup>rd</sup> November - Peace Y6  30<sup>th</sup> January - Responsibility Y5  28<sup>th</sup> February - Empathy Y3  27<sup>th</sup> March - Compassion Y2  30<sup>th</sup> April - Kindness Y6  23<sup>rd</sup> May - Collaboration Y1  27<sup>th</sup> June - Respect Y5  18<sup>th</sup> July - Happiness FS</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Class Assemblies</u></b>  <b><u>Spring term</u></b></p> <p>All start at 9.05am  24<sup>th</sup> January - Year Six  31<sup>th</sup> January - Year Two  7<sup>th</sup> February - Year Five  7<sup>th</sup> March -Year One  14<sup>th</sup> March - Year Three  21<sup>st</sup> March - Year Four  28<sup>th</sup> March - Foundation Stage</p>	