



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

Thursday 29th June 2017

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Friday 30th June – Teacher Training Day – School Closed
Tuesday 4th July – Year six secondary induction day / New parent meeting / School transition day
Online school survey – 3rd July: Year Four / 4th July: Year Five / 5th July: Year Six
Friday 7th July: School Reports

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week we have been listening to and writing about the story "Where the Wild Things are", which tells of a little boy who goes on an interesting journey. In maths we have been solving problems with addition, and our topic work has covered World Map work and planning our packing for different types of climates.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0113z8j>

Barnaby Bear goes to the seaside.

Year One

This week in English Year 1 has been really enjoying 'Aliens love underpants' by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort. We helped the author to complete her story by filling in missing words in sentences. We also had great fun designing their own aliens and then writing a character description using lots of amazing adjectives.

This week in Maths our focus has been on quarters. We identified shapes that had been divided into quarters and we also found a quarter of an amount of sweets. We then moved on to diving by 4. We have been very resourceful and resilient in our learning!

In Topic we looked at clothes that we would wear in different seasons. We also thought about the type of clothes that we would wear if we lived near the equator or if we lived in the Arctic. We investigated some of the countries where our clothes were made. We had to look carefully at the information on the labels inside our clothes.

http://www.ictgames.com/sharkNumbers/sharkNumbers_v5.html

Year Two

This week Year 2 has been enjoying the story of 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We have created a poster to help Penguin, written a recount as the boy and a letter from the boy to Penguin, as well as a list poem describing the items they packed in their suitcase! In Maths we have been recognising fractions and equivalent fractions. We have also learned how to scale up and down by multiplying and dividing by 2. In Topic we have thought about the positives and negatives of different transport types, and matched vehicles from other countries to their name and country of use. In Phonics we have revisited contractions, learning how to omit letters and add an apostrophe.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zq2yfrd#ztpcrdm>

Year Three

In English this week, Year 3 has been continuing studying the book of 'Ottoline and the Yellow Cat.' We have been predicting the future events that may happen in the story and have written setting descriptions and postcards to Ottoline's mother and father. We have also started looking at the ways the author builds up suspense.

In Maths, Year 3 has started a new unit on shape, space and perimeter. We began the week by engaging and exploring this area of Maths in different contexts before naming, drawing, identifying and describing a variety of 3D shapes. Towards the end of the week, we looked at creating pictures using different shapes

In Topic this week, Year 3 has created wonderful Stone Age cave paintings using inspiration from our trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum and what we already understand about this period. We used charcoal to make it as realistic as they could. We have also written a description of a roundhouse, again, using inspiration from our school trip. We used adjectives to describe the inside and the outside as well as including lots of different senses in our writing.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zjbg87h>

Year Four

This week Year 4 has been planning, writing and then practising for their Values Assembly. The children were able to come up with some excellent ideas to demonstrate the value of Respect and all performed well. In maths we have been looking at scaling and at combinations. The children have measured the classroom and drawn a scale map of it as well as drawing scaled up versions of a picture. We explored finding out different combinations of choices from a menu; this proved a challenge to a lot of the class but we have persevered and are getting to grips with the ideas involved. In topic we have been finishing off our tourist leaflets for Ancient Egypt and then explored what a typical family from the time might have been like, what they may have worn, where they might live and what sort of jobs they could do.

ducksters.com/history/ancientegypt.php

Year Five

This week in English, Year Five has been continuing their work using the film clip The Piano and have been linking this to work on World War One and World War Two. We have read the poem Dulce et decorum est by Wilfred Owen, and written our own poetry in response to this. We have also written descriptive recounts of the scene from The Piano which is set in the war, and written letters home from the war to a loved one.

In maths, year five has been working hard to solve calculations using short division. We have then been expressing the remainders as either fractions or decimals and applied these skills to problem solving. Year five has shown great perseverance this week, in an area of maths which many of them find challenging. We are all proud of our hard work.

In topic, Year Five has been exploring the impact of surface area on air resistance. We have designed and created our costumes in order to see how air resistance affects the speed of a moving object, and we have started to test them and record our data. We will then analyse this and upload it to the BBC Terrific Scientific website.

Year Six

In English this week, Year 6 has been reading the book My Name is Mina by David Almond. We have been exploring Mina's character and have written character descriptions of her. We are also spending time rehearsing our leavers' production 'An Inspector Calls' and are looking forward to performing to the rest of the school and our parents at the end of term.

In Maths, Year 6 has been continuing their theme park topic. We have now been able to use any profits made to invest in more land or buy extra rides and facilities.

In Topic, Year 6 developed an understanding of the electrical symbols used in circuits.

[Website – BBC KS2 Science Electricity – activity for topic.](#)

Values Award Winners. Our value for June was respect.

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
29.6.17	Jacob Ruzgar	Serdar Safi	Xandros O'Connor	Alice Wyatt	Alanna Butcher	Jessica Stevenson	Grace Leary

Citizens of the month for June

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
29.6.17	Tegan Andrews	Amaaya Usman	Lucky Deane	Crystal Jamieson	Ashley Parkin	Luke Golton	Chelsea Newell

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
09.6.17	Teagan Andrews	Serdar Safi	Urszula Bauza	Amaya Kayani	Alayda Safi Ell Lewis	George Gott	Jake Green Spencer Harrop
16.6.17	Andreea Buga Harry George	Natasha Zielinska	Afia Ditta	Crystal Jamieson	Kyle Lane	Sarah Fedorowicz	Stefan Enache
23.6.17	Shayley Vaux	Isabella Ryder	Amber Bernard	Whole Year	Macy Bridle	Arianne Johnson	Remy Bashir
29.6.17	Kristina Taylor-Weekes	Ticha Martins	Henry Bridle	Sri Addada	Whole class	Charlotte Timson	George Boon

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
09.6.17	Kristina Taylor-Weekes Jasmin Subhan	Chloe Bowden Khamarion Gittens	Baylee Seymour Joseph Timson	Riley McGrady Olufolajuwon Roseje	Pia Collinao Pierce Jennifer Billing	Lexie Ridgwell Alice Betts	Emma Merry Chelsea Newell
16.6.17	Caitlin Brown Ruben Mathey	Raza Akhtar Logan Hudson	Harry Samways Henry Bridle	Kyle Chambers Vanessa Czajkowska	Macy Bridle Shay Barszcz	Erin Timberlake Aaron Patel	Jake Green Elizabeth Andrews
23.6.17	Harry George Stanley Grace	Milla Smith Ticha Martins	Romilly Scouse- Davies Nathan Weber	Thomas Sheppard Alice Wyatt	Tristan Robinson Tishanna Edwards	McKenzie Anns Natalia Malek	Holly Watmore Oliver Taylor
29.6.17	Caitlin Brown Joshua De Mendonca	Lily Rees- Curphey Blake Clarke	Afia Ditta Jack Curtis	Amaya Kayani Vanessa Czajkowska	Madison Anns Kamileshia Gittens	Maya Ghailan Lee Bampton	Mahlee Lelyveld Remy Bashir

The **Head teacher's Award** this week goes to Alice Betts for the improvements she has recently made in the quality of her writing – Well done!

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
09.6.17	96%	99%	96%	97%	97%	99%	90%
16.6.17	95%	99%	95%	99%	99%	97%	96%
23.6.17	98%	99%	99%	98%	99%	99%	99%
29.6.17	95%	98%	96%	93%	98%	98%	99%

Congratulations to Years 1 and 4 who had the best attendance this month at 99%. Well done to all – there is a mufti day for both classes on Friday 7th July.

Punctuality**Number of children arriving after 9.00am**

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
09.6.17	1	0	2	1	0	1	1
16.6.17	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
23.6.17	0	3	0	3	0	1	4
29.6.17	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

House points for June

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
09.6.17	430	525	416	445
16.6.17	247	306	337	340
23.6.17	220	237	315	258
29.6.17	122	153	185	146

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June 2017	1,019 (4 th)	1,221 (2 nd)	1,253 (1 st)	1,189 (3 rd)

Reminder: Vote, vote, vote! – Project Loudwater Pool Renovation!

Miss Weston has been successful this year in securing funding from Tesco's to assist with our pool renovation. The level of funding (£1,000 up to £4,000) is dependent upon Tesco's customers voting in store at each visit with a token registering which they feel is the most worthy cause. Please would you encourage all family and friends to support us.

There are 12 stores within the local area where voting for our pool project can be registered. We would like to thank Tesco for their support in choosing to sponsor our school.

Lunch time Server

Our catering company, Dolce are currently looking to recruit a, "Lunchtime Server" at Loudwater for 10 hours per week, Monday to Friday. Duties to include, set-up, serving meals to pupils and clear-down at the end of the shift. Rate of pay is £7.66 / hr pro rata, on a term time basis. Interested, then call Toni on: 07794 375135

Music concert

We are pleased to say that we will have a school music concert again this year. It will be held on Wednesday 12th July at St. Peters Church at 9.30am. The concert will consist of performances from the school choir, Year 4, and some of the children learning an instrument. Parents are welcome to join us at the church to celebrate the musical achievements of their children.

Lost property

We seem to have accumulated a great deal of lost property over the past months. We will start to display this during the next few weeks outside the front door – please ensure that you take a look to reclaim anything that your child may have lost.

School funding

As outlined in my letter a few months ago, all schools across Buckinghamshire are faced with a school funding crisis and tighter budgets. As a result of this the school has had to make some difficult financial decisions.

a) Breakfast Club

As some of you will know, the school breakfast club was set up a few years ago with some central funding. This enabled the school to offer low prices of £1.25 excluding breakfast and £2.50 including breakfast. Unfortunately the breakfast club funding was removed some time ago and as a result we have had to take the difficult decision to increase the charges with effect from 1st September 2017. The prices will be increasing to £2.50 excluding breakfast and £4.00 including breakfast from the Autumn term.

Also, due to recent demand, we will be expanding the opening times for breakfast club with an earlier start time of 7.45am (with effect from September 2017).

b) Pencil Cases

We took the decision some years ago to provide pencil cases with the required stationery items for all pupils. However, due to continued school budget pressures, we will be asking for a £4.50 annual donation from parents for this from September 2017.

Newsletter

As we move closer to the new school year, we wanted to let you know that as of this September we will send out the weekly newsletter by email only. In line with funding, this is in an effort to reduce down our costs whilst utilising the technology we have at our fingertips.

School Survey

We are currently midway through the school survey; thank you to all parents who have already participated as your views really count. We will be continuing the survey into next week completing by Friday 7th July. Visit, www.seplus.org/school/survey/5905B.html to register your views.

Class teachers for next year

On Tuesday morning children will have the opportunity to spend time with their new class teachers. I am delighted to announce that we have recruited a new teacher for our Year Four class. Mr Hasyn is an experienced teacher who joins us with very good references. I am sure he will be a valuable asset to our staff team and he will be in school to meet his new class on Tuesday.

Staffing from September is as follows:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Foundation Stage	Miss Harris	Mrs Greenaway & Mrs Williams
Year One	Miss Weston	Mrs Singleton
Year Two	Mrs Olcot	Mrs Nicholls
Year Three	Mr Neighbour	Mrs King
Year Four	Mr Hasyn	Miss Doyle
Year Five	Miss Brown	Mrs Inglis
Year Six	Mrs Welland	Mrs Jones

On Tuesday all of Year 6 will be visiting their secondary schools and should make their way directly to the various schools. They are not expected to return to Loudwater on the Tuesday following their visits.

Family Fun, Fantastic Prizes & a Feast: The Biggest Ever Loudwater School Summer Fete, Saturday 8th July

Last week we shared our fete plans - please come along and support us! **We do still need some volunteers to man stalls, so please let either Shelley Sheppard, Paula Lee, Kelly Sears, Rachel Burch, Jacqui Subhan, Jean Howard, or Natalie Ross know if you can help.**

We are delighted to announce **Cllr Suzanne Brown, Chairman of Wycombe District Council** will be coming to open our fete. We will also be supported by **Bucks Fire & Rescue, Hearing Dogs** & our friends from the local community groups. So don't miss out!!

Activities and stalls will include:

- **FAMILY FUN ZONE:** Inflatable bouncy castle & assault course, human fruit machines, golf, face painting, lucky dip, throw the sponge, car game...and more!
- **FANTASTIC PRIZES:** Raffle, tombola, cuddly toys, coconut shy, ducks, lucky programmes
Raffle prizes donated by local businesses include a Crowne Plaza stay; family tickets to Odds Farm & Wellington Park, Four-ball Golf, hamper of baby toiletries, a chocolate hamper, a skateboard and a car MOT
- **FOLS FEAST ARENA:** BBQ, Bar (Pimms, anyone?!), ice cream, cakes, cafe, chocolate, soft drinks
- **Teddy bear stall:** if your child has a soft toy they feel they can part with, then we are happy to have these for our stall. We ask that all teddies donated are clean and in excellent condition please - please pass to Foundation Stage Mums Jacqui Subhan or Nancy Smith if you have them.
- **Cake competition:** there will be a children's cake competition on Friday 7th July, with a prize for each class. Cakes/biscuits of all shapes and sizes are welcome, but cupcakes do tend to sell better at the fete than large cakes. As we are hoping for warm weather, no fresh cream please!
- **Pop up gazebos** (again, we are optimistic for great weather!). Please text or call Paula on 07535758947 if you have one of these you could lend us for the day
- **Face painter:** are you good with face paints? If so, we need an extra volunteer! This is an incredibly popular stall

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please help us make it our most successful ever - thank you! - **FOLS committee.**

FOLS Lottery

The new FOLS lottery will start in September 2017. Still only £12 per annum to enter the monthly draws, new this year is the option to pay via School Gateway. Quick and simple to do, you will be asked to confirm if you wish to participate and consent for the funds to be taken from your account in the usual manner, direct from your bank account. Winners will receive 50% of the monthly prize fund and the remainder will go directly to FOLS, to help support activities and equipment for our children at the school. Winners will be notified via the school newsletter and winnings can be collected from the school office.

For those not on School Gateway, FOLS will be issuing paper forms too. This is an easy way to support our school and a chance to win a great cash prize! Please encourage your friends and family to enter the lottery too.

You can sign up for the lottery from this coming weekend!

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunningham

Mrs C Cunningham
Head teacher

Please be aware that we will be moving to an electronic version of the weekly newsletter from September. For those still receiving a paper copy, please ensure that you inform the office of your current email address – contact: office@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk

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 2016-17

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
	30 th School closed teacher training day	4 th Secondary Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting (New FS) 7 th Annual Reports to Parents 8 th FOLS Summer Fete 13 th Sports Day – 9.15am 14 th FOLS discos for pupils pm 17 th Reserve Sports Day 20 th 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 21 st 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly 21 st School closes at 2pm for summer break

New items in green – the date of Sports Day has changes

Values Assemblies 9.05am start

19th July – Happiness FS

TERM DATES - SEPTEMBER 2017 - JULY 2018

Autumn Term 2017 Training Days Mon 4 th & Tue 5 th September Term begins Wednesday 6 th September Half-term Mon 23rd – Fri 27th October Term ends Tuesday 19 th December	Spring Term 2018 Training Day Wednesday 3 rd January Term begins Thursday 4 th January Half-term Mon 12th – Fri 16th February Term ends Thursday 29 th March
Summer Term 2018 Term begins Monday 16 th April May Day Monday 7 th May Training Day Friday 25 th May Half-term Tue 29th May - Fri 1st June Training Day Friday 29 th June Term Ends Tuesday 24 th July	Please note: Pupils should not be taken out of school during term time for family holidays

Summer Cake Competition

PRIZE FOR EACH CLASS



The time has come to dust off those cake tins, dig out the wooden spoon and whip up a lovely bake for this years Summer Fete.

We are holding a competition with a prize for each class for the most original bake! It can be anything, cakes big or small, cookie, biscuits etc (small cakes tend to sell easier) - due to the weather no fresh cream please.

Please take bakes to the hall on
FRIDAY 7th JULY for judging.
 Please ensure your name and class is on them!

