



Loudwater Combined School

Learn, Create, Succeed

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LOUDWATER UPDATE

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. I hope that you all managed to relax at some time over the break. I know that in many families Christmas Day had to be 'moved' so that you could celebrate together when periods of isolation came to an end. As difficult as this must have been, when I reflect on where we were this time last year, I feel that we are in a much better situation than we were this time last year. We start the spring term with all children, who are able to, attending school and being with their friends; learning and playing together.

The school is operating almost normally; we have taken the decision to begin cautiously in a number of areas and will review this regularly. We continue to hold virtual assemblies for the whole school twice each week. We had hoped to be able to welcome parents to school this term for class assemblies, however we have taken the decision to postpone these until the summer term; revised dates can be found in the diary dates at the end of the newsletter. We are also postponing the start of volunteers who work in the school hearing readers. We hope to be able to welcome our volunteers back during the week of 24th January and will review the situation on the 20th January.

News from the classes this week:

There is no news from the classes today due to the short week. All will return to normal next week.

Value of the month

Our value of the month for January is honesty. During assemblies and class discussion time we will be exploring the following questions and ideas:

- Why is it important to be honest?
- What if people stopped being honest?
- Which rules are important in your life?
- How does our honesty make others able to trust us?

Our inspirational person this month is Emmeline Pankhurst. We will be exploring her life and the cause of the Suffragettes in enabling women to vote. You can find out more about her life at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd8fv9q/articles/zh7kdxs> and https://kids.kiddle.co/Emmeline_Pankhurst

House Captains

House Captains and Vice Captains for this term have been chosen:

	House Captain	Vice Captains
Elgar	Milla	Lucas and Nisali
Beethoven	Adna	Lily RC
Mozart	Reece	Hyobin
Tchaikovsky	Amaaya	Amber and Lilly W

Gateway

We would once again remind you that although the Gateway is used by school to send messages and texts **it is not monitored for school to receive texts**. Please either email or phone with your queries, messages or replies.

Breakfast and Afternoon Clubs

Our Breakfast Club operates every day from 7:45am. The cost is £4 or £6 with breakfast including a selection of cereal and toast. With our L8R afternoon club you can book your child in to 4:30pm for £5 or to 5:30pm for £10. You can book whole weeks, regular days or occasional days as and when needed.

Each club does have a maximum capacity so early booking is recommended. You can book your child onto the clubs via the School Gateway. Please note, for staff planning purposes you need to make your bookings at least seven days in advance. Should circumstances change you can also cancel your booking up to seven days in advance. After seven days please call the office if you need to make an emergency cancellation. If your child simply does not show up you will still be charged.

Childcare Vouchers

We now accept payment for our Breakfast and Afternoon clubs using the following Tax Free Childcare schemes:

Government Tax-Free Childcare	Establishment: Loudwater School
Computershare	ID# 0026645376
Edenred	Acct No: P21298853

Speak with your employer to see if they participate in the Computershare or Edenred schemes, or set up your own Government Tax-Free Childcare account to make payments directly. For every £8 you pay into your account the government will pay in £2.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunningham

Mrs C Cunningham
Head teacher

Update

As you are aware we have moved to sending out our update via email. Due to the GDPR, we are only able to continue sending out to those of you who have agreed, by email, for us to do so. If you know of anyone not receiving their weekly newsletter please make them aware of this procedure.

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.

Calendar of events for 2021-22

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
5th Children return to School	11th Height and Weight – Year 6 and FS Week beginning 14th Parent /Teacher Consultations 18th School Closed – Training day for teachers 21st - 25th Half term break 28th Return to School	1st Notification of Secondary School Places 18th Red Nose Day 21st - 25th Shakespeare Week
<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Week beginning 4th Y6 Parent /Teacher Consultations Event for Y5 parents 8th School closes at 2pm for Easter Break 25th Children return to School	Week beginning 2nd Parent /Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5) 2nd Bank Holiday 9th Year 6 SATs Week 16th Year 5 Assessment Week May 16th – 18th Year 6 residential 27th School Closed Training Day for teachers 30th – 3rd Half term break	6th Children return to School 9th Open Day 9.30 – 10.30 13th – 17th Assessment Week Y1, Y3 & Y4
<u>July</u>	<u>Class Assemblies Summer Term</u>	
1st School Closed Training day for teachers 5th Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 8th Sports Day 13th Reserve Sports Day 20th 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 21st 9.30am Y6 Leavers Assembly School closes at 2pm for summer break	9.05 Start 19 th May - Year Four 26 th May – Year One 16 th June – Year Six 23 rd June – Year Five 30 th June – Year Two 7 th July – Year Three 14 th July - Foundation Stage	

Please note: Pupils should not be taken out of school during term time for family holidays