



## Loudwater Combined School

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# LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents,

### Important Calendar Dates

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July: School Fete  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Sports Day  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Tuck Shop  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July: School Disco

### Value of the month

The value of the month for July is happiness. The inspirational person whose life and achievement children will be finding out more about is Mo Farah. Our questions of the week will include:

- What makes us truly happy?
- What colour is happiness?
- How do others give us clues about what they are feeling?

These questions will be explored in assemblies and in PSCHE sessions in class.

News from the classes this week:

### Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week a pirate ship has floated into our playground! We have enjoyed playing in the ship, digging for treasure, writing pirate stories, counting pirate money, and looking at seas and oceans on the map. We have enjoyed a visit to our new classroom to prepare us for moving to Year One and we have been getting ready for Sports Day.

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>

Use any of the games on this site to practice Phases 2, 3 and 4.

### Year One

In English Year One has really enjoyed "Aliens in underpants save the world". We sequenced pictures to retell the story and then we had to write our own sentences to retell the story. Year One has been focussing on making sure our sentences make sense. We had to fill in missing words to make a selection of sentences make sense.

In Maths we have been working on multiplication. Year One had to solve problems by writing multiplication sums and using pictures to help them find the answers. We have also been working on our 2, 10 and 5 times tables.

In Topic we have enjoyed learning about where wool comes from. We watched "A woolly jumper" and found out exactly where wool comes from. We draw our own pictures to illustrate how a jumper is made. We also investigated which material would make the best rain hat.

<http://www.ictgames.com/dinosaursEggs/> - Start with the 100 words then move on to the 200 words!

### **Year Two**

This week Year Two has been continuing to enjoy the story "Lost and Found". We have written instructions about "How to look after a penguin" and planned, written, edited and performed our own version of the story. In Maths, we have been learning to find  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a number or shape and using the 3 times table to scale numbers up and down. In Topic we have been looking at the artwork of Luigi Russolo and creating our own picture of a moving vehicle. Also, we have designed our own sailboat. In Phonics, we have been continuing our revision of homophones. We really enjoyed our visit to Year Three this week and are looking forward to their transition to KS2!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/multiplication/play/>

### **Year Three**

This week in English, Year Three has been writing a letter to Steve (our guide at Chiltern Open Air Museum). We started the week by acting out what it was like living in the Stone Age, replicating the activities that we participated in, for example, making fences, butter churning, cordage, making fire, making pots out of clay, shelter building and hunting. Towards the end of the week, we completed a 'Smart Write' activity.

In Maths, we started the week by understanding and measuring the perimeter of different shapes. We then went on to find the perimeter of not just regular, but irregular shapes before drawing them. Towards the end of the week, we looked at applying these strategies to worded problems.

In Topic, we have been looking at what life was like in the Iron Age. We had the opportunity to research questions that we composed ourselves using information books and the internet to help. We have looked at the signs and symbols that we see in the world around us and what they mean. After, we thought very carefully about what our class logo would look like. Towards the end of the week, we investigated how fast the children could run by gathering and analysing data.

On Tuesday the children enjoyed meeting Mr Hasyn, their new teacher.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zjbq87h>

### **Year Four**

This week Year Four has been writing their own version of an Egyptian Cinderella; we have focussed on including correctly punctuated speech and commas for clauses. We all enjoyed going to Year Five, to meet Miss Brown and be introduced to some of the expectations for next term. In maths we have been continuing to use multiplication in a variety of ways. We have also started to look at perimeter, area and symmetry. The children have identified the difference between width and length and have explored how the perimeter of a rectangle can be found using a formula. In topic we have written their names in hieroglyphics and created a cartouche in clay with their name on.

[ducksters.com/history/ancient\\_egypt.php](http://ducksters.com/history/ancient_egypt.php)

### **Year Five**

This week in English, Year Five has written in a range of different genres inspired by The Piano, during their smart-write activity. We have also been working hard to plan and write an extended piece of independent writing, on the subject of memories and flashback. We have based this on the structure of The Piano, but have used a photograph as our writing inspiration.

In maths Year Five has been finishing their unit on different methods for multiplication and division, and have begun to explore area. We will be learning about the area and perimeter of regular and irregular shapes, as well as looking at volume and capacity.

In science, Year Five has continued their work on forces. We have completed and written up our investigation into air resistance, and have now started to plan our own investigations into how the mass of an object is affected by the force of gravity. We are looking forward to carrying these out next week.

On Tuesday Year Five enjoyed going to their new classroom to find out about the expectations of them as learners in Year Six.

### Year Six

On Tuesday and Wednesday (for some of the class), Year Six spent the day at their new secondary schools. Although we were nervous beforehand, we all returned to school excited and looking forward to the next step in our education. Rehearsals are well underway for our leaver's production "An Inspector Calls" and we are looking forward to performing to the rest of the school and our parents at the end of term.

In Maths, Year Six has been using place value, rotation, reflection, translation and time to solve a murder mystery. In Topic, Year Six has been using a range of different electrical circuits in order to investigate how to make bulbs brighter and how circuits can become overloaded. We have also worked in pairs to investigate circuit diagrams. We needed to use our understanding of circuits and symbols to decide whether or not the circuit would work. If it didn't work, we had to decide what it needed to make it work.

### Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
7.7.17	Rayaan	Logan H	Ryan	Ibrahim	Aaminah	Tia	Mahlee

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
7.7.17	Stanley Louie	Logan S Ruby	Oscar Faith	Dominic Amelia	Breanna Shannon	Lilly Charlotte	Teagan Grace

### Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
7.7.17	95%	96%	99%	98%	98%	95%	99%

### Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
7.7.17	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

### House points for June

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
7.7.17	237	238	275	271

### Sports Day

Thursday is Sports Day! You are welcome to join us for all or some of the day.

The programme of events (timings are approximate):

- From 9.15: Track races
- Followed by a carousel of events with children participating in house teams.
- From approximately 12.00 Picnic lunch on the field. Please bring a picnic lunch to share with your child/ren. If you are not able to stay to have lunch with your children they will be able to join their friends.
- From 1.30: Further activities which are non-competitive including the inflatables which have been provided by FOLS.

Children should come to school in their PE kit. If they wish they may wear a t-shirt in the colours of their house:

- Mozart – yellow
- Beethoven – red
- Tchaikovsky – blue
- Elgar – green

Please make sure that your child has sun cream applied at home, brings a sun-hat and a water bottle. If the weather is particularly hot the programme may be revised to take account of this. Should it not be possible to hold sports day on Thursday our reserve day is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

There will be no hot lunches served on Sports Day. Sandwiches are available by ordering online through Live Kitchen. You will need to change your order if you have ordered a hot meal for this day.

### **Swimming**

I am very sorry and disappointed that the children will not be able to swim this term. We always knew and planned for some extensive repairs to be carried out on the pool. Due to the need for a custom pool line to be made there have been delays in getting the pool to a condition where the children are able to use it. The work will be completed over the summer break and weather permitting Key Stage 2 children will swim in September.

### **School Questionnaire**

Thanks to everyone who has completed the questionnaire – your views are important to us and will help to make Loudwater an even better school for your children. If you have not yet completed the questionnaire there is still time – it will be available on line until the end of Sunday.

Follow the link: <https://www.seplus.org/school/survey/5905B.html>

### **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.

### **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. All children will attend – please visit the gateway to register your consent. The Church has kindly allowed us to use the venue for a celebration of music with no religious content.

### **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.

**Tuck Shop**

We will be holding another Tuck Shop next Friday morning, please ensure your child comes to school with a £1.00 preferably in change.

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

Tomorrow is our annual summer fete - please come along and help us make it our most successful ever!

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 and a skateboard

**FOLS FEAST ARENA:** BBQ, bar, ice cream, cakes, cafe, chocolate, soft drinks

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. See you there! - **FOLS committee**

**Sports Day - Thursday 13th July**

For those of you who remember sports day 2016, the inflatables are back! FOLs will also have a raffle and refreshment stall, so please do bring some change!

**FOLS School Disco, Friday 14th July - 6:00pm - 7:15pm (FS & KS1); 7:30pm - 8:45pm (KS2)**

A quick reminder that payments for the school disco are being made via school gateway, as indicated in the letter earlier this week. Entrance is £3 using School Gateway, but £5 on the night. Unfortunately we have needed to increase prices slightly, to reflect an increase in set up costs. Please do use school gateway wherever possible to make your payment, as this reduces the amount of administration our team of volunteers need to manage. Please ensure you do leave your contact phone number details when you register your child - this is essential in case of emergencies.

**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.

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](mailto: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 July 2017**

<u>July</u>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Reports to Parents
8 <sup>th</sup>	FOLS Summer Fete
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day – 9.15am
14 <sup>th</sup>	FOLS discos for pupils pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
20 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production
21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup>	School closes at 2pm for summer break

New items in green

**Values Assemblies 9.05am start**

19<sup>th</sup> July – Happiness FS



# FOOTBALL COURSES

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**TUESDAY 1ST - THURSDAY 3RD AUGUST 2017**  
**TUESDAY 15TH - THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST 2017**  
**TUESDAY 29TH - THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST 2017**



**VENUE: GREEN DRAGON LANE PLAYING FIELDS  
 FLACKWELL HEATH HIGH WYCOMBE HP10 9JZ**

**TIME 9am - 3pm (Drop off from 8:30am)**

**All  
Welcome**

**Prizes!**

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(BGT FINALISTS)



**JULY 9TH**  
**WYCOMBE WANDERERS FC**  
**12PM-6PM**



**FAMILY TICKET ONLY £5**

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