



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER UPDATE

Friday 4th October 2019

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Tuesday October 8th – Year 2 Football Tournament (small named group)

Tuesday October 8th – Chiltern Rangers conservation work (Years 5 & 6)

Friday October 11th – Mufti day for Years 2 & 4 (Best attendance during September)

The Morning 'Mile'

From Monday we are introducing a new way to start the school day. When the children come to school at 8.45am they will not be going straight to their classes but will participate in a walk, jog or run (their choice) for the first ten minutes. It is not meant that everyone will cover a mile in distance but that they will be active for the first ten minutes. Where similar initiatives have been introduced in other schools it has been noticed that when children start their learning they are more ready and able to settle quickly to their learning. Children should come to school in their uniforms as normal. If it is raining the children will go straight into their classrooms.

Key Stage 1 children should come into school as normal through the top gate, they will put book bags and any lunch boxes away and will go out onto their playground. Foundation Stage children will be included in this later on in the year.

Key Stage 2 children should come onto the playground where they will be shown where to leave their bags. The children may be on the field if the weather and the field is dry so they should wear trainers that they do not use for PE – they must bring their school shoes with them. If the field is wet they will be using the playground.

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week we have been reading lots of stories together as a class and in small groups. We have been using the initial sounds that we have learnt, combined with clues from the pictures, to help us work out the words. The sounds that we have learnt this week are i, n, m and d. We have also learnt to recognise the words "the" and "a", and we've used a game about aliens to help us start to sound out and blend words. We have started the exciting journey towards reading, and the class adults are most impressed with our efforts. We have also been developing our number skills and have been counting to 20 (and beyond) and have been learning to recognise and write numbers. We had a number treasure hunt in the sandpit and this helped us to remember which number was which. We have also had our first PE lesson and all of us managed to get changed with only a little bit of help.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/#3>

Practical activities for parents to try at home.

Year One

In English we have been busy learning even more about pets! We worked with a partner to sort animals into those that made good pets and those that didn't. We had some very good ideas about why some animals would not make a good pet! We worked really hard to make a leaflet to teach the Foundation Stage children how to take care of a pet. The best part was actually sharing our leaflets with them; they were very impressed!

In Maths our focus has been on subtracting. We have used cubes, pictures and a number line to help us to take one number away from another. We were concentrating on being accurate.

In topic we have been learning about the artist Picasso. This week we looked at some of his more abstract pictures. We created our own abstract rabbits. Miss Weston thought that they were even better than Picasso's!

We have also been learning about things that are living and those that have never been alive.

<https://www.arcademics.com/games/mission> (this is a fun subtraction game to play with your child)

Year Two

This week, in Year 2, we have spent our final week reading 'George's Marvellous Medicine' in English. We learned how to write command sentences, planned a recipe for a marvellous medicine, wrote and edited our recipes and published them to create a set of class recipe books. In Phonics we have revised the rules for adding suffixes to root words. We need lots of practising of these rules and the spelling lists on the VLE will support revision at home. In Maths we have been learning to order and compare numbers using the signs $<$, $>$ and $=$.

We have used these signs to compare number sentences e.g. $30 + 2 > 24 + 6$. Practise of this at home would be helpful as some of us were guessing rather than calculating the totals! In Topic we have explored the story of The Great Fire of London through music and drama. We also had the opportunity to work with the Chiltern Rangers in our outdoor learning areas.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/chopper-squad>

Year Three

In maths this week, we have been learning about rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 on a number line. We have also estimated answers by rounding. In English, we have created wanted posters for the Big Bad Wolf. We have also taken part in a healthy debate and located evidence from a text to write balanced arguments. In History, we have been building Roman Emperors and learning facts about their lives. We have begun to research different areas of Roman life ready to complete our projects. In Art, we have been learning about Roman mosaics. We have designed our own mosaics and are looking forward to creating them in our next lesson. In Science, we have continued our work on fossils by writing about how an organism turns into a fossil. In Computing, we have been exploring how to keep safe online. We have played a game called Mindful Mountain on the Interland website.

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Romans.html>

Year Four

In our English lessons this week, we have been writing non-chronological reports about a new creature that has been discovered in the Spiderwick House. We have used our imagination to think carefully about the characteristics of this creature, and written our reports using lots of descriptive phrases and vocabulary.

During our maths lessons, we have learnt how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. First, we have found the multiples of 10, 100 or 1000 that the number comes between, then we have been using number lines to say whether to round up or down. We have also looked at reading and writing roman numerals up to 100 and comparing roman numerals to our own number system.

In our topic lessons, we have looked at how information is presented in wildlife guides and field guides. We have then researched animals that can be found in the rainforests of the world in order to use this information to write our own wildlife guides next week.

<https://www.rainforestanimals.net/>

Year Five

In Maths this week we have revised and continued to practise rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and 10,000. We have also solved worded problems involving rounding and reminded ourselves to use RUCSAC to help. Mrs Pierce Collinao was very proud of our performance of the Spanish poem *Fiesta de la cosecha* in our Harvest Assembly. In addition to this, we have attempted some Spanish Maths to consolidate our number knowledge! In Science we have begun to explore the properties of everyday materials and carried out an investigation to see whether an ice cube would melt faster on a wooden spoon or a metal spoon (which had previously been kept in the freezer). Please ask us to explain our findings!

In English we have read more of 'Friend or Foe' and improved our dictionary and thesaurus skills to understand some old-fashioned vocabulary. We have also explored a character within a setting and have begun to develop our debating skills.

Listen to Chapters 1-4 of Friend or Foe BBC Radio

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p043gw8c>

Year Six

In English we have read about Roald Dahl's time at boarding school and have written letters home. We have now read about lots of different times in his life such as when he went in his family's first motor car which crashed, cutting his nose almost completely off. We have used all these stories to inspire us to write our own autobiographical stories which we are going to make into a classroom book. In Maths we have been recalling and using equivalences between simple fractions, decimals and percentages in different contexts. As we have come to the end of this particular unit of work, we have consolidated our learning through games and assessment activities. In Topic we have continued to develop our investigation into the impact of exercise on our heart rates and have begun to explore the location and geography of Norway.

Website:- Interland – Mindful Mountain – Online safety

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
04/10/19	Did not attend Assembly	Aoife-Rose	Freddie	Mason S	Milla	Rohan	Ryan

The Head teacher's award this week has been awarded to Ryan in Year One for the amazing vocabulary he used when writing a leaflet about how to look after a pet.

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
04/10/19	Did not attend Assembly	Kendall Scarlett	Breagha Callum	Harry Jasmin	Lucas Chloe	Amber Romilly	James Niruja

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
04/10/19	95%	98%	99%	100%	99%	99%	99%

Congratulations to Year 2 and Year 4 for achieving 99% attendance for the month of September. This means that they have a mufti day, next Friday 11th October.

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am.

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
04/10/19	2	4	3	3	4	0	2

House points for the week

	Beethoven	Mozart	Tchaikovsky	Elgar
04/10/19	214	262	245	289

Well done to Rachel and Nisali for earning their Pen Licences this week.

PE Uniform Requirements

We would request that if your child is wearing tights, as the weather becomes more inclement, that socks to change into are provided as part of their PE kit.

Parking on Kingsmead Road

There were a number of concerns raised at Parents' Forum yesterday evening and I wanted to remind you of some points to help maintain the safety of our children:

- Please be considerate when picking up and dropping children off not to block the drives of residents in the area.
- We also request that you do not to drive up School Way at any time, including dropping to Breakfast Club in the morning or collecting from any clubs. This also applies to not pulling into the road for dropping off and turning round.
- There were also concerns raised about parents who make three point turns on Kingsmead Road and who reverse onto the pavement to do so.
- Parking fully on the pavement on Kingsmead Road at the junction with School Way blocks the view of the crossing patroller and cars approaching from the opposite direction.

School Safety

At the end of the day there have been some children in the playground on scooters. The playground is very congested at the end of the day with parents, younger children and KS2 leaving the building. Children must not use their scooters during this time in this area, for everyone's safety. Scooters should not be used at the top of the hill near the Key Stage 1 entrance.

Book Recommendation

Our book recommendation this week comes from Mr Hasyn. We have added his review to the end of this newsletter.

Battery Collection

Our School Council members would like to remind you that we are still collecting your used batteries for recycling. We are able to provide collection boxes, please ask at the office.

Consent for Local Trips and Walks

If you have not already done so, we would ask you to visit the Gateway, quite urgently, to give your consent for your child to take part in local trips and walks. Years 5 & 6 will be joining the Chiltern Rangers in their conservation work on Tuesday and your consent is required for this. We found having consents already in place for these smaller events very helpful and less time consuming. We will of course always let you know of when we wish to use the consent and give you full details of the event. You have the option to withdraw your consent if you wish.

Throughout this school year we plan to take each class to visit Flackwell Heath Library and borrow books for their class. We will always let you know when your child's class will be visiting the library and would like to add this to the nearby consents to avoid you needing to give permission each half term.

Contribution for Pencil Case Items

We thank everyone that has contributed to our stationery cost. We are once again asking for a contribution towards this year's stationery for your child. This is due to the continuing budget restrictions that are well publicised in the media.

In Foundation Stage and KS1 stationery is used on a 'share and share a like basis' then in year 3, when the children become more responsible, they are **given** a pencil case with everything they need.

This includes:

Pencil	Whiteboard pen
Glue-stick	Highlighter
30cm Ruler	Red Biro
Eraser	Black Biro
Sharpener	

A Handwriting Pen once they receive their pen licence.

Your contribution aids us to replenish and renew stationery items as needed, not necessarily a new pencil case each year. The Gateway is now open for your contribution, the same as last year, of £4.50.

Packed Lunches

Please can I remind parents that children's packed lunches **should not contain nuts or products that contain nuts**. This is because we have a number of children in school with

nut allergies and other children eating products containing nuts in the same environment could cause an allergic reaction – thanks for your understanding.

FOLS Update on Easy Fundraising

Changes have been made to the way you can collect money for the school using Easy Fundraising. Please read the information at the end of the newsletter to ensure you are up to date and that all valuable donations are finding their way to FOLS.

Harvest Celebrations

Thank-you to all those families who have already brought in their donations for the One Can Trust. Any further donations must be in school by Tuesday October 8th at the latest. The One Can Trust is a High Wycombe based organisation which provides assistance to local people and families. There is a list of the items they would find particularly useful at the end of the newsletter. On Wednesday we will be holding a whole school Harvest Assembly where each class will be performing a poem with a Harvest theme. Unfortunately for this assembly we are not able to invite parents.

FOLS News

The next FOLS meeting will be held at the General Havelock Pub on Tuesday 8th October at 7.30. All welcome.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunningham

Mrs C Cunningham
Head teacher

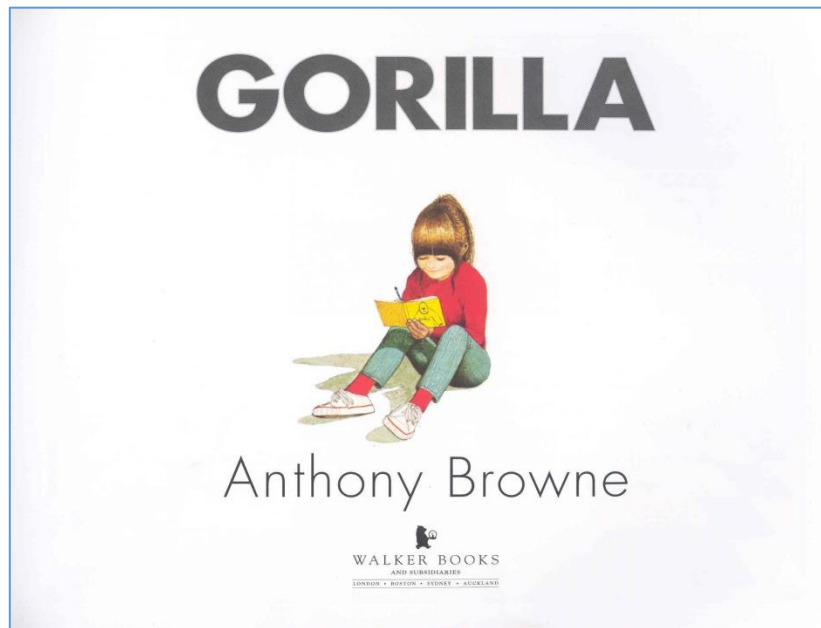
Update

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.

Book recommendation from Mr Hasyn



Hannah loves gorillas. She reads books about gorillas, she watches gorillas on television and she draws pictures about gorillas. But she has never seen a real gorilla.

Her father didn't have time to take her to the zoo and he didn't have time to do anything with her.

Hannah was lonely. The night before her birthday she goes to bed full of excitement - she had asked her father for a gorilla. That night, a real gorilla visits her and they have an amazing night out!

This is a classic story of a lonely girl, a friendly gorilla and their amazing night out. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves a good story!

Mr Hasyn



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Calendar of Events for 2019-20

	<p><u>October</u> 8th Chiltern Conservation with Years 5 & 6 17th WW11 talk for Year 5 18th 11+ Results (Y6) 21st & 24th Parent/Teacher Consultations 28th - 1st Half term break 31st Last day to apply for secondary school places online (Y6)</p>	<p><u>November</u> 4th Return to school w/b 4th Science Week 7th Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 & 2.00 – 3.00) 10th Remembrance Sunday 11th pm Visit from Pudsey 15th / 22nd Children in Need TBC 19th Bags 4 School 20th Year 6 Height and Weight 28th Y6 Values Assembly 28th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00)</p>
<p><u>December</u> 6th Christmas Bazaar 10th 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 11th 9.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production, 2.00pm & 7.00pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 16th Pupils' Christmas Lunch 18th Christmas Service am Christmas Activities pm 19th School closes at 2pm for Christmas break</p>	<p><u>January</u> 7th Children return to School 9th Open Day (9.00 – 10.00) 29th Y1 Values Assembly</p>	<p><u>February</u> 10th & 13th Parent/Teacher Consultations 17th – 21st Half term break 24th Return to School 27th Y2 Values Assembly</p>
<p><u>March</u> 9th – 13th Sport Relief 12th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30) 16th – 22nd Shakespeare Week 30th & 2nd Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6</p>	<p><u>April</u> 3rd School closes at 2pm for Easter Break 20th Children return to School 27th & 29th Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)</p>	<p><u>May</u> 8th Bank Holiday 11th Year 6 SATs Week 18th Year 5 Assessment Week 20th -23rd Residential Visit to Green Park Y6 TBC 22nd School Closed Training Day for teachers 25th – 29th Half term break</p>
<p><u>June</u> 1st Children return to School 1st – 5th Art Week 4th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00) 15th – 19th Assessment Week Y1, Y3 & Y4 16th – 19th Art Exhibition 22nd – 29th Science Week</p>	<p><u>July</u> 3rd School closed training day for teachers 6th – 10th Greek/Olympic Week 7th Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 9th Annual Reports to Parents 10th Sports Day 14th Reserve Sports Day 20th 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 21st 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly 21st School closes at 2pm for summer break</p>	<p><u>Values Assemblies</u> All Start at 9.05am 28.11.19 – Thurs – Generosity Y6 29.01.20 – Weds – Honesty Y1 27.02.20 – Thurs – Love Y2 31.03.20 – Weds – Forgiveness Y6 30.04.20 – Tues – Perseverance Y4 21.05.20 – Thurs – Self-belief Y3 25.06.20 – Thurs – Creativity Y5 16.07.20 – Thurs – Individuality FS</p>

One Can Trust Shopping List

- Rice (500g or larger)
- Pasta (500g or larger)
- Baked beans/tinned spaghetti
- Tinned potatoes / instant mash
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned fish eg. tuna
- Tinned meats including meat pies, hotdogs, meatballs, chillies, curries, mince, stew, corned beef, tinned ham etc
- Drinks: coffee, tea, hot choc, squash
- UHT milk (cartons)
- Sugar (500g)
- Cereals: large packets and variety packs
- Bread spreads e.g. jam, honey, chocolate spread, peanut butter
- Puddings e.g. instant whip, tinned fruit, rice pudding
- Snacks e.g. chocolate, biscuits
- Toiletries e.g. shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, soap, toothbrushes and paste
- Sanitary items
- Nappies, baby milk/powder
- Household: washing up liquid, loo roll

'Wrap-around Child Care' - After School

Daily from: 3.20pm till 6pm

We are pleased to be working with uSports who will be providing daily wrap around child care after the school day (term time) until 6.00pm.

Bookings via the uSports website:

<https://www.u-sports.co.uk/loudwater-after-school-care>

Offering: Arts, crafts, games, puzzles, sports & more
 A snack will be provided
 Pick-up any time up to 6pm

Contact: 01494 702107 - or visit the website:
 <https://www.u-sports.co.uk/loudwater-after-school-care>

uSports - Autumn 2019 Clubs

Dear Parents/Guardians,

uSports are pleased to announce that we will be delivering the following after-school clubs at Loudwater Combined School for the Autumn term.

Football:

- Year 1-6 | Thursday | 3.30 – 4.30pm

Prices:

After school clubs | £5.25 per session

All bookings can be made by:

1. Going to 2019 <https://usports.class4kids.co.uk/term/122>
2. Scroll down to Loudwater Clubs
3. Click 'Book now' – This will take you to our bookings page
4. Find the club for your child/children
5. Add your child's details
6. Pay (booking will not be confirmed until payment is made)

@usports.ltd



As many of you will know **Loudwater Combined School** is registered with Easyfundraising.

Easyfundraising is a great website where you can help Loudwater Combined School raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,600 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too!



However, FOLS have recently become aware that the way that donations are raised on Amazon purchases has changed and we are losing out on valuable donations! If you link to Amazon via the Easyfundraising website or the Easyfundraising App then there is no issue, but if you go direct to the Amazon website or use the Amazon app on your smartphone/tablet, then this is where the change means donations are no longer being received.

When you click to Amazon via Easy Fundraising it will take you to AmazonSmile website. *AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)* The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to your chosen charity.

We have now registered the Friends Of Loudwater School (FOLS) charity on AmazonSmile to be able to collect donations. When you first visit AmazonSmile, please select Friends of Loudwater School as your chosen charity. After this all your future Amazon purchases will raise money for the school.

Whilst there is no AmazonSmile App, it is easy enough to make sure that you use the AmazonSmile website to make your purchases. Please see the instructions below how to **change and select the school as your chosen charity** and **add the shortcut for AmazonSmile to your smartphone/tablet**

How to use AmazonSmile on your iphone / IOS

1. If you have the Amazon App installed, you should remove it. To do this, tap and hold the app icon until it starts jiggle. Tap the cross at the top left of the icon and confirm that you want to delete it. Don't worry, this will not delete your Amazon account or any of your settings.
2. You now need to go online via Safari (the iPhone internet browser) and go to smile.amazon.co.uk. Select Friends of Loudwater School as your charity. If not prompted to do this, click the three lines in top LH corner



Scroll down to **Your AmazonSmile**, click change your charity, type Loudwater School in the search box and press search and select **Friends Of Loudwater School**



3. Now, tap the square shaped 'share' button on the bottom of the screen.
4. Tap the 'Add to Home Screen' icon. You may need to swipe to the left to see this:
5. You will now have an AmazonSmile icon on your home screen which you can use in exactly the same way you used the Amazon App.

How to use AmazonSmile on your android phone

1. If you have the Amazon App installed, you should remove it. Don't worry, this will not delete your Amazon account or any of your settings.
2. You now need to go online and go to smile.amazon.co.uk. Select Friends of Loudwater School as your charity.
3. Now, you need to click the three dots in the top right corner and 'Add to Home screen'
4. You will now have an AmazonSmile icon on your home screen which you can use in exactly the same way you used the Amazon App.

Calm down and have some fun

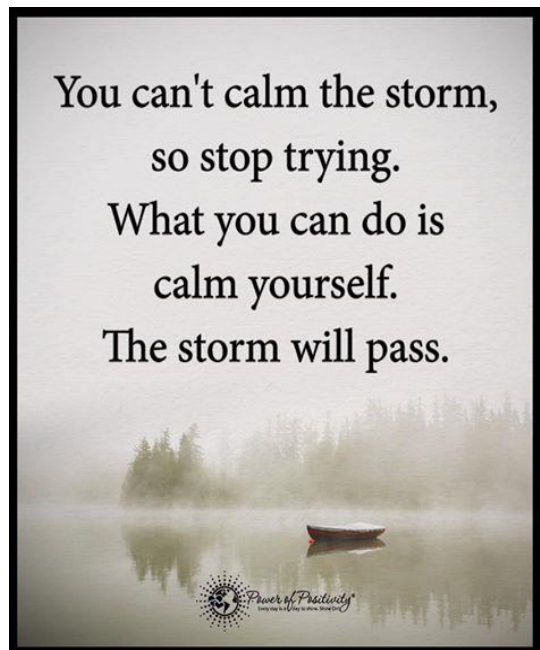


Learn calm down, relaxation and breathing techniques you can use with your children to help them better manage their emotions. Mindfulness delivered in a fun and accessible way. Ideas and activities for helping children (and adults!) to calm down Stories, Craft, Songs, Music, Drawing, Imagination, Physical exercise, Nature

Where: Loudwater School
When: Wednesdays
What time: 3.30pm to 4.15pm
Next date: 9th October 2019

For more information contact
Jackie Boyce Family Support
Advisor through the School office
01494 524919

You can't calm the storm,
so stop trying.
What you can do is
calm yourself.
The storm will pass.





BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB
The Sports Hall, New Road, Bourne End SL8 5BW

OPEN DAY

Sunday 13th October 2019

2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

at

**Bourne End Junior Sports Club
The Sports Hall, New Road, Bourne End**

Free Entry.

**Come and join us for sampler sessions
of various sports plus information and
children's activities.**

**For details call us on
01628 528110 (24 hour answer phone)**

