



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

Thursday May 24th 2018

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

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Friday 25th May – School closed - Teacher Training Day

Week Beginning Monday May 28th 2018 – School Closed for the Half Term break

Monday 4th June 2018 – School reopens for the second Half Term.

Thursday 7th June 2018 7.00pm – Meeting for Y5 parents about Secondary School Transfer & 11+

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week we have heard the story of the 'Mixed-Up Chameleon'. We have used the story as a starting point for our Literacy and our creative work and have had fun making up our own "Mixed-Up Animals". In maths we have been working on our taking -away. In phonics we have been reading and writing long sentences and we have been revising all the Phase 2 & 3 sounds and words, ready to start Phonics Phase 4 next half term.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase2Menu.htm>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase3Menu.htm>

Year One

This week in English, we have been working hard to improve our sentences. We have been adding adjectives and adverbs to make a selection of sentences even better! On Wednesday we all wrote a super recount of our trip to Tesco. We have also written a book review of our favourite book of this half term...we had lots to choose from! Our focus in maths this week has been on time. We have been ordering the months of the year and learning how to use a calendar. We have been reading o'clock and half past times and drawing these on a clock-face. We enjoyed the story 'What's the time Mr Wolf' and had to find out what time Mr Wolf's clock would have said if it was 1 hour earlier or later. We have also been designing and making castles from Lego and blocks. We used reference books to help us improve our designs.

We had a great trip to Tesco to find out how this building is used. A big thank you to Claire for taking the time to show us around and for organising the cheese from around the world tasting! The children were all a pleasure to take on this trip

www.phonicsplay.co.uk phases 3 to 5

Year Two

This week Year 2 has been continuing with the story 'My teacher is a monster'. We have written a recount as Bobby and planned and written our own version of the story. Some of the stories written were called 'My teacher is a dragon' and 'My teacher is an alien'. In Phonics, we have focused on suffixes beginning with a consonant. In Maths, we have

explored estimation of number, reading time and reading scales. More practise of reading the time on an analogue clock and reading scales on a jug, scale or thermometer would be very beneficial at home. In Topic, we have learned about hot and cold deserts and what lives there. We identified animals that live in different continents and, also, observed the growth of their sunflowers. The sunflowers are growing nicely and will be coming home at the end of the summer term.

<https://matadornetwork.com/change/big-5-animals-continent-seen/>

Year Three

This week in English, Year 3 has been finishing the story of 'The Wolves in the Walls.' We started the week by discussing the features of newspaper articles in order to plan and write our own. In Maths, we have been looking closely at adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers using the column and extended column methods. We have also used place value counters and Base 10 to help us if we were stuck on a particular question. In Topic we have been researching and talking about the artist, Julian Opie. We have started preparing for Art week by tracing around our faces so that we have a nice outline for when we come back after half term.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z34djxs>

Year Four

In English this week, we have written a final letter to the Birdman from 'Why the Whales Came', from the point of view of Gracie, thanking him for all he had done for the island. In doing so, we have tried to get into character and think about how Gracie's thoughts of the Birdman have changed over the time that she has known him. In Maths this week, we have converted different measurements. We have converted between pounds and pence, metres and kilometres and litres and millilitres by using a place value grid. We have discussed what happens to the value each digit when multiplying and dividing by 100 or 1000. In topic we have completed our lighthouses by building a circuit complete with lights and a switch. We then evaluated our final designs.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?b=maths/measures>

Year Five

This week in English, Year 5 has been finishing their independent writing about what happened to Ben at the dance competition. We have also worked really hard to complete assessments in grammar, punctuation and spelling and reading. We have also enjoyed watching the film of 'Gangsta Granny'. In maths, we have worked really hard to complete our assessments in arithmetic, problem solving and reasoning. In topic lessons we have been learning about the life cycles of different mammals and birds. We have also written, practised and performed our fantastic values assembly about self-belief.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/plant_life_cycles/read/1/

Year Six

In English this week, we have been writing letters to the council to complain about some graffiti that has been sprayed on the side of our houses. We have used all of our persuasive devices to ask the council to come and clean it off immediately. In Topic we have been examining some more clues and are now very close to solving the crime and discovering who the culprit is. We have also had Art week this week. We have explored the art work of Andy Warhol who is best known for his pop art. We have created our own pop art portraits, both drawn by ourselves and using some digital software. We have also drawn an everyday item just like Andy Warhol's tin of Campbell's Tomato Soup. We were also very lucky to have two artists visit us. Mr Bobbin (Erin's Grandad) demonstrated how to create a landscape oil painting using the wet on wet technique. Mrs Taggart showed us her amazing watercolour paintings which she had painted during her many visits to Africa; many thanks to both these artists. We have also held auditions for our up-coming leavers play – Pirates of the Curry Bean. We have now been given our scripts to read through over half term.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/mental-maths>

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
4.05.18	Nathaniel	Jasmin	Logan H	Xandros	Adam	Max	Jessica
11.05.18	Emily Rose	Ben	Natasha	Zach	Vanessa	Kami	Luke
18.05.18	Ellie Leo	Emy	Blake	Amelie	Jaiden	Macy	Oscar
24.05.18	Mia	Karolina	Liyana	Aundreah	Sri	Whole Class	George

The Head teacher's award this week goes to Kyle in Year 4 for his super progress in swimming - Well Done!

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
4.05.18	Esa Mia	Emy Karolina	Liyana George	Henry Joseph	Vanessa Adam	Rosie Ell	Muqet Maddie
11.05.18	Alice Eleithyia	Afia Shayley	Rachel Keira	Keira Amelie	Kyle Ryan	Jennifer Tyler	Nikola Tia
18.05.18	Sidney Lara	Ciaran Atharva	Ruby Isabella	Lucy Nathan	Dominic Romisha	Ella Paris	Sarah Lee
24.05.18	Freddie Kata	Amy Kristina	Logan H Milla	Oscar Romilly	Thomas Alice	Francesca Kayin	Natalia Maya

Citizens Awards

Our citizens for the month of May are,

- FS Sameer
- Year 1 Alfie
- Year 2 Keira
- Year 3 Poppy
- Year 4 Amelia
- Year 5 Jack
- Year 6 Lee

Well done to you all.

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
4.05.18	97%	98%	97%	99%	95%	97%	99%
11.05.18	98%	100%	96%	98%	92%	99%	98%
18.05.18	98%	95%	93%	98%	96%	99%	98%
24.05.18	95%	92%	99%	100%	96%	98%	95%

Congratulations to Year 3 for attaining 99% attendance for the month of May. They will have a Mufti Day on Friday 8th June 2018 to celebrate their achievement.

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
4.05.18	3	0	7	0	1	0	1
11.05.18	0	0	2	0	0	1	2
18.05.18	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

24.05.18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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House points for this week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
4.05.18	208	218	159	180
11.05.18	168	140	157	202
18.05.18	237	220	288	281
24.05.18	179	186	154	186

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

In line with the new GDPR requirements we now need your consent to enable us to continue sending out our weekly newsletter due to the fact that it does contain various sports and club activities from third parties, which may be construed as 'Direct marketing'. This also includes requests for fund raising. **Please therefore use the school gateway to register your consent** which will allow us to continue sending out our informative weekly newsletter bringing you vital news, activities and school updates. Thank you in advance.

Recycling Batteries

Don't forget that the School Council are collecting your old batteries.

New Wednesday Lunchtime Club

We have recently teamed up with 'U-sports' to provide a range of after school clubs. In addition to this we have arranged for a day of assisted PE lessons for the remainder of the school year. Included in the day is a new Wednesday lunchtime 'Cross Country Club' open to Years: 3, 4, 5 and 6 and we are pleased to inform you that there will be no cost of entry. Just simply ensure that should your child wish to partake, they have their PE kit on the day.

Whole School Legoland Visit

The cost for the visit to Legoland will be £15.00. You can give consent for your child to attend the trip and make payment on the school gateway. Payments can be made in instalments of £5, or if you wish the whole amount can be paid at once. If you are able to support us by coming with us on the day to help supervise the children, please see your child's class teacher or the school office.

School Gateway

We have a number of items on the Gateway that require your attention.

- Sign up to continue receiving the newsletter
- Year 2 and KS 2 - Consent to wear goggles during swimming (if required).
- Whole School – Consent to wear sunglasses (if required on medical grounds).
- Year 3 – Consent and contribution for the Chiltern Open Air Museum trip.
- Whole School – CD Offer as outlined previously.
- Whole School – Consent and contribution Legoland trip.
- Year 6 – Final payments for residential visit.

Please remember to book your child onto the Breakfast Club register through the Gateway.

Lottery Winner – May

Congratulations to Victoria Marzana. Your cheque will be in the office, ready for pick up, after the half term.

FRIENDS OF LOUDWATER SCHOOL

As you know, Loudwater School pool is now back in operation. This is thanks to a lot of people, both staff members and the wider community who have worked together to get the pool refurbished. We are very grateful for their time and energy, as well as for contributions made to much needed funding.

Swimming is part of the PE curriculum for many year groups. The classes are supervised by a qualified swimming teacher as well as class teachers, and is of course an important life skill as well as a great form of exercise. Many schools no longer have the benefit of their own pool, so we consider ourselves very fortunate to have such a great resource on site. A pool is not considered an essential facility, so funding is not routinely given to support keeping it up and running.

Please see the school website for a selection of photographs demonstrating how the refurbishment process evolved during the last year.

Getting the pool ready has cost in the region of £20,000 - we have been fortunate to secure some grant funding, but the remainder has needed to come from school funds, which rightly are always very carefully monitored and are a finite resource. This is just one of the reasons why we rely on FOLS to help support us in our quest to provide Loudwater School children with the best possible learning experiences, by helping us to maximise the budget we have.

If you could donate an hour of your time to the school, perhaps to support poolside at swimming sessions; or could contribute to some fundraising - whether big or small, your support is always welcome. Please contact the office, one of the school governors or a member of FOLS for more information.

Pantomime

This year's pantomime at the Wycombe Swan is Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The date for your diary is Friday 14th December 2018 at 7pm. Tickets are priced at £21 each - we are now able to accept payment via debit/credit card along with cheque or cash. To reserve your tickets come and see us and collect a form. We will be back at the top of the hill every Friday morning from 8th June onwards.

Summer Fete

Our annual summer fete is set for Saturday 14th July. This is our annual and most profitable fund raiser of the year but sadly is under threat of being scaled down or cancelled unless we have more volunteers come forward. We require volunteers to help organise, set up, help during the day and clear away. So, if you can label a jar, fold a ticket or sizzle a sausage please, please, please see a member of FOLS to put your name down.

Governor updates

On Tuesday evening there was a meeting of the Governing Body, this was one of our termly meetings which all of the governors attend. The agenda included:

- **The strategic management of the school** – this includes a report about the work of the school written by myself and other members of staff with specific responsibilities, our progress towards our improvement priorities, the school budget and our self-evaluation of our strengths and areas to develop further.
- **Governor reports** – these are reports written by governors about their specific responsibilities and the information they have gathered when visiting the school and speaking with subject co-ordinators. The reports that were presented on Tuesday were from governors with the following responsibilities; English, Maths, Safeguarding, Sports Premium, Pupil Premium and Early Years.

There were also discussions around Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs), Health and Safety, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and changes to some safeguarding protocols.

Secondary School places

If there are any parents of Year 6 pupils who do not yet have a secondary school place for their child in September, please contact school admissions – admissions@buckscc.gov.uk as a matter of urgency.

For Year 5 parents there is a meeting regarding secondary school transfer on Thursday 7th June at 7pm in the school hall. Further details have been sent out on a separate letter.

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 2017-18

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
25th School Closed Training Day for teachers 28th – 1st Half term break	4th Children return to School 11th - 14th Residential Visit to Green Park Y6 21st Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 26th Whole School Legoland visit 28th Values Assembly FS 29th School Closed Training Day for teachers	3rd Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 6th Annual Reports 12th Sports Day 14th Summer Fete 17th Reserve Sports Day 19th Values Assembly Y6 23rd 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 24th 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly 24th School closes at 2pm for summer break

VARIOUS LOCAL EVENTS

Being a Positive Parent



The **Parenting Children Course** starting on **11 June** is a series of **five sessions** designed to help any **parents, step-parents, prospective parents or carers of children aged 0 – 10 years**

Each week we will look at one of the core values which will equip the child for life :

- ♦ **Building Strong Foundations**
- ♦ **Meeting our Children's Needs**
- ♦ **Setting Boundaries**
- ♦ **Teaching Healthy Relationships**
- ♦ **Our Long-Term Aim**



To book on to this course or for more information please
 email: Lallie at info@loudwater.org
 or phone 01628 526087

Starts on **Monday 11 June at 7.15pm** with refreshments

Venue: The Old Vicarage, St Peter's Church, Treadaway Hill, Loudwater, HP10 9QL

There is a nominal charge of £15 per family



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Hockey, Netball, Rounders, Lacrosse, Parachute Games,
American Football, Tag Rugby, Tri Golf, Nerf,
Bubble Football (7 – 12), Quidditch

Street Dance, Cheer Leading, Gymnastics, Arts & Crafts



Booking Details:

Dates: 29th May – 1st June

Standard day :	9.30am – 3.30pm	£18.75
Extended Day:	8.30am – 5.00pm	£23.75



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