



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Wednesday 20th September – Open House meetings 3.40 & 4.00

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

We have all had a brilliant first week at school, with very few tears and everyone looking smart in their new school uniforms. We are very excited about the things we are going to learn. This week we have sat and listened beautifully and have all answered the register. Our lining up after playtimes has been so good that other members of staff have complimented us! We have done drawings and paintings, built with bricks and lego, practiced writing, used numbers, heard stories, used computers, completed puzzles, used playdough, played with sand and rice and water, waited on tables in our cafe role play area, danced and sung on our stage and used our playground area to throw and catch bean bags and to run around. We have also shown that we are great at tidying up! What a wonderful start to our time at Loudwater School.

Year One

This week in English we have been busy thinking about what we would like to be when we grow up. We listed lots of different jobs and wrote sentences about some of them. In Maths we have been learning about more and less. We used number lines and cubes to help us to find 1 more and 1 less of numbers to 10 and beyond. We have also been working on writing all of our numbers correctly. Our topic this half term is Ourselves. We have drawn some super self-portraits which have been put on display in the class. We have enjoyed thinking about the jobs we want to do when we are older and thought about how we will change as we grow up so that we can do these jobs.

www.phonicsplay Picnic on Pluto, buried treasure, dragons den are great games to encourage the practice of sounding out words and blending them.

Year Two

Year 2 has settled well into the new school year and are happily engaged and focused in our learning! In English this week we have been focusing on a whole school project called "Big Me" in support of Action Aid. We have made posters about ourselves, role played travelling forwards in time to meet our future self and planned and written a letter to read in the future. In Maths, we have been revising partitioning 2-digit numbers and using partitioning methods to solve problems. In Topic we have created a collage of the person we would like to be when we are grown up. In Phonics we have revised the long vowel phonemes ai, ee, igh, oa, oo. It has been a busy first full week! Well done Year 2! <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/multiplication/play/>

Year Three

This week in English we have been talking and writing about what we want to be when we are older. To start the week, we used research skills to gather information and then wrote fantastic reports. Towards the end of the week, we wrote letters to ourselves explaining what we need to do in order to achieve our ambitions. In Maths we have been learning about numbers and place value. We have been representing different numbers by using base 10 and place value counters as well as adding numbers together using these apparatus. Towards the end of the week, we discussed how bridging works and how we can exchange 10 units for 1 ten and 10 tens for 1 hundred. We have been particularly enthusiastic about starting our new topic of Active Planet. We have created title page and have started researching about volcanoes and where they are situated in the world.

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/natural-disasters/volcanoes/>

Year Four

Year 4 has enjoyed settling back into our first full week of school after the break.

In English we have been looking at The Big Me and have completed research and a report on a career that we might like to do when we grow up. We have also written a letter to our future selves about our chosen jobs. In Maths we have been counting in threes, sixes and nines as well as finding the value of digits in four digit numbers. We have enjoyed designing and making shelters for our topic this week (when it hasn't rained!) and have also explored the true meaning of the word 'home'.

<http://www.ictgames.com/whackAMole/> for practising counting in multiples of 3, 6 & 9

Year Five

This week in English, Year 5 has been researching and writing about jobs we might like to have in the future. We have looked at the skills and qualifications we would need, as well as what subjects we would have to study at school and what the job role entails. Year 5 has then used this information to write non-chronological reports and letters to our future selves. In maths Year 5 has been practising and improving our knowledge of place value. We have made numbers in different ways and then used these to order and compare six digit numbers using inequality brackets. We have also been rounding numbers with up to six digits to the nearest ten, hundred and thousand. We have had an exciting start to our new topic Making New Materials. We have been revising their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases and have investigated freezing and melting. Year Five has also made a new material (salt dough!) and have created plaited harvest wreaths to decorate St. Peter's Church this weekend.

Solids, liquids and gases videos on BBC Education

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zkqg87h>

Year Six

It has been lovely to welcome all the new Year 6 pupils in to class and they have all made a very positive start to this year. In English, we have been focussed on our whole school project, 'Big Me'. We have thought about what job/career we would like to have when we are older. We have researched these occupations and used that information to write non-chronological reports (information texts). We have also written letters to our future selves, telling them about our future aspirations as well as details of the life as a 10/11 year old. In Maths, we have been exploring place value. Our activities have included: recognising the position/value of digits in a number, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and working with number in the millions. Our topic for this half term is The Holiday Show. We have been revising their geography skills by locating continents and oceans and popular cities and countries around the world. Year 6 have also completed our 11+ tests this week.

www.bbc.co.uk > Bitesize > KS2 > Geography

This term's House and Vice captains are:

| | Elgar | Beethoven | Tchaikovsky | Mozart |
|---------------|---------|-----------|-------------|--------|
| House Captain | Oscar | Luke | Maia | Maddy |
| Vice Captain | Jessica | George | Skye | Tia |

The School Council members are:

| Year One | Year Two | Year Three | Year Four | Year Five | Year Six |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Emy Tyler | Lily Blake | Oscar Grace | Lara Dominic | Eleanor Max | Leah Mackenzie |

Achievement Award Winners

| | Foundation Stage | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 15.9.17 | | Shayley | Logan | Jack | James | Miguel | Aayda |

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 |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 15.9.17 | | Mason S Mason W | Ellie Khamarion | Keira Lucy | Harrison Teyha | Macy Kyle | Mackenzie Tia |

The **Head teacher's Award** this week goes to; Maia of Year 6 for such a well written application letter including a reference for the position of House Captain – Well done!

Attendance

| | Foundation Stage | Year One | Year Two | Year Three | Year Four | Year Five | Year Six |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 15.9.17 | 100% | 94% | 99% | 98% | 99% | 100% | 93% |

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

| | Foundation Stage | Year One | Year Two | Year Three | Year Four | Year Five | Year Six |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 15.9.17 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

House points for this week

| | Elgar | Beethoven | Tchaikovsky | Mozart |
|----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 15.9.17 | 235 | 180 | 228 | 254 |

Big Me

It has been a super day today seeing all the children wearing the clothes of their future career. Thanks for your support in helping them to do this. The total collected today currently stands at £138 – for those who have not yet contributed please send in your donation next week. The cause that we are supporting is, "Action Aid".

Open House Year 1 – Year 6. Wednesday 20th September

As we have done in previous years, we will be providing opportunities for you to meet your child's new teacher. We are going to organise this in a different way to previous years to enable each teacher to make a short presentation to parents to provide more information about the curriculum, key differences between the current year group and the previous one and any other useful information. The presentations will be made at 3.40 and 4.00 so parents who need to attend for two children in different year groups can do so. Staff will be available to supervise children on the Key Stage 2 playground if required whilst the presentations are in progress.

Harvest Festival

The service at St Peter's Church this Sunday is a Harvest Celebration; the service starts at 10am. Afterwards from 11.30am – 3.00pm there are a range of stalls, a bouncy castle, face painting and refreshments including a barbeque in the church grounds. I know that families from Loudwater School will be warmly welcomed to this community event.

Some reminders

The children are looking very smart in their school uniforms. Please can you help us by making sure that:

- all items of uniform are named particularly coats, sweat-shirts and cardigans.
- long hair is tied back using a simple hair band rather than a large "Jo-jø bow".
- children in key stage one bring only a PE kit and their book bag to school – please do not send them with rucksacks or large bags as there is not enough space to store these in cloakrooms.
- PE kits are brought into school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday.

Swimming

As you are no doubt aware, the weather this week has not been conducive to swimming, this combined with the fact that our renovation work has been unfortunately delayed means that we are realistically now not going to be able to swim this year. A big disappointment but we will have a great new facility ready and waiting for next summer – thank you all for your understanding.

Hot Lunches

For those parents new to the school, we have now set up your individual links to our school meals provider – Dolce Live Kitchen. You will have by now received an email to the address that you have already supplied and this will confirm that you have access and gives you a user and password – just follow the instructions as it will outline the order process.

Please be aware that should you not see the email in your regular inbox, check your spam as it may well have found its way there.

Sickness - 48 hour rule

Given that we are entering in to the autumn, we have noticed already that there seems to be various bugs circulating. In order to minimise the risk of infection please ensure that should your child become infected with a sickness bug then please observe the 48 hour rule; meaning that they should remain away from school for 48 hours from the last sickness incident. Refer to the general sickness policy on the website or in the case of new starters – in the guidance notes in the starter pack.

Clubs

All clubs are due to start week beginning September 25th. We have today sent out, with pupils, the information letters from our outside organisers. If you have not received an expected letter please check with your child that they have given their teacher the request slip. We do have spares in the office if required. We are able to confirm that if you requested a place in an internal club, both lunchtime and after school, your child will be able to attend.

FOLS News

Welcome back to the new school year and especially to our new foundation stage parents. As you may recall from your introduction session, FOLS (Friends of Loudwater School) is our equivalent of a PTA. We already have some ideas for fundraising in the autumn term, but any new ideas are always welcome.

2nd October: Bag2School collection - please start saving your good quality, pre-loved but unwanted clothing to bring into school for collection. It's very simple: more bags = more cash for our school. More details to follow in book bags.

5th October: FOLS AGM (evening) - details to follow, all welcome. Come along and find out more about fundraising for our school!

The school lottery deadline is fast approaching - don't forget to make your payment via school gateway. If you don't have access to School Gateway (or you have family/friends who would like to take part) then paper forms can be obtained from the school office or FOLS committee members. It is just £12 per year and is drawn monthly, if your number is selected 50% of the monthly prize draw is yours!

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunningham

Mrs C Cunningham
Head teacher

Newsletter, consent forms and payments

We are now only sending out the newsletter via email so do please ensure that you inform the office of your current email address if you have not already done so – 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 2017-18

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>September</u></p> <p>6th Children return to School 11th Foundation Stage children start school 12th 11+ Practice Paper (Y6) 14th 11+ Papers (Y6) 15th "Big Me" dress up day 20th Open House 3.40 & 4.00 Week beginning 25th – Clubs Start 21st Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 27th Values Assembly Y1 28th Parents' meeting re Internet Safety (9.30am and 7pm) 29th McMillan Coffee Morning</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>October</u></p> <p>2nd Bag 2 School collection 5th 7.00 pm FOLS AGM 13th 11+ Results 18th & 19th Parent/Teacher Consultations 20th FOLS – Spooky Cake Sale 3.20pm 23rd – 27th Half term break 30th Return to school 31st Last day to apply for secondary school places 3.00pm deadline.(Y6)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>November</u></p> <p>9th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 17th Children in Need 23rd Values Assembly Y6</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>December</u></p> <p>1st Christmas Bazaar 7th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 12th Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 2pm & 7pm 13th 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 14th 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 18th Christmas Service am Christmas Activities pm 19th School closes at 2pm for Christmas break</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>January</u></p> <p>3rd Training day for teachers 4th Children return to School 31st Values Assembly Y3</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>February</u></p> <p>7th & 8th Parent/Teacher Consultations 12th – 16th Half term break 19th Return to School 28th Values Assembly Y2</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <p>22nd Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 23rd Red Nose Day 27th & 28th Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6 28th Values Assembly Y5 29th School closes at 2pm for Easter Break</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>16th Children return to School 25th & 26th Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>3rd Values Assembly Y4 7th Bank Holiday 10th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 14th Year 6 SATs Week 21st Year 5 Assessment Week 24th Values Assembly Y5 25th School Closed Training Day for teachers 28th – 1st Half term break</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>4st Children return to School 11th -14th Residential Visit to Green Park Y6 21st Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00-3.00) 28th Values Assembly FS 29th School closed teacher training day</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>3rd Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 6th Annual Reports 12th Sports Day 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</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Class Assemblies</u> <u>Spring term</u></p> <p>9.05 Start 18th January - Year Six 25th January – Year Two 1st February – Year Five 22nd February - Year One 8th March – Year Three 15th March – Year Four 22nd March - Foundation Stage</p> |

