



## **Loudwater Combined School**

*Learn, Create, Succeed*

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# LOUDWATER UPDATE

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents,

### **Important Calendar Dates**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 6 to visit Flackwell Heath Library

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 6 Class Assembly - 9:05

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 2 Class Assembly - 9:05

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Year 4 Class Assembly - 9:05

**Week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Parent Teacher Meetings

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – School closed to pupils – teacher training

### **Happy New Year to you all!**

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and to hear all their news from the Christmas break. As well as having enjoyed their break the children also appear to be pleased to be back at school, enthusiastic to see all of their friends and continue with their learning.

### **Value of the month**

The value of the month for January is Responsibility. During assemblies and discussion times in class we will be finding out more about what being responsible entails. We will be focusing on the following questions during each week:

- What does it mean to be responsible?
- How can we be responsible learners?
- How can we take responsibility for the environment?
- What are our responsibilities and rights?

Our inspirational person for this month is Greta Thunberg and during January we will be finding out more about how she has campaigned for everyone to take greater responsibility for the environment.

You can find out more about her work at:

<https://www.beano.com/posts/greta-thunberg-facts>

[https://kids.kiddle.co/Greta\\_Thunberg](https://kids.kiddle.co/Greta_Thunberg)

### **House and Vice House Captains**

The following children have been chosen to represent their houses this term.

	House Captain	Vice Captains
Elgar	Ayaan	Lisa and Joshua
Beethoven	Kristina	Alfie
Mozart	Ciaran	Andreea and Emy
Tchaikovsky	Mason W	Methuli

## **Flu and Coronavirus Information**

It has been quite some time since we received an update from government about flu and coronavirus but we were provided with a number of reminders this week as flu and coronavirus are currently circulating at high levels and, as a result of social mixing and along with the return to school, cases are likely to increase in the coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever which is caused by group A streptococcus also continue to be reported.

This reminder comes from Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the US Health Security Agency (UKHSA):

- It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.
- Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.
- Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.

As a school we will be following this advice to try and minimise any increase in numbers of infections at school as far as we practicably can. We know that parents will be keen to send their children to school as many of them have missed time at school last half term, but it is very clear that children with a fever, that is a temperature that is **37.8°C or higher** should remain at home until their temperature returns to normal. If your child has a cold and runny nose, please could they bring tissues to school with them.

If your child did not have the flu vaccination at school this is still available for all primary aged children and is the best protection against the virus. There has been good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

You can get more information [getting your child vaccinated against flu](#) on [NHS.UK](#).

**News from the classes will be back next week.**

## **Family Support Adviser update**

Gemma's contact details:

Work mobile number: 07792 142825.

School email: [gnortheast@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:gnortheast@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk)

Please find attached three documents from the Buckinghamshire Family Learning Schools Team which provide information about FREE courses which will be running throughout January and early February. These courses are available to all families and help you, as parents and carers, to support your child with their emotional well-being as well as their academic progress.

You can simply follow the instructions on the documents to book the courses online and you can attend as many of these courses as you wish. We hope that these prove to be

beneficial. If you would like any support with attending one of these courses, then please contact me.

Attached is also the Action for Happiness calendar for the month of January. This month, the focus is on doing things which make you and others happy! You could see how many you could tick off throughout the month or focus on each new idea one day at a time.

### **Flackwell Heath Library Visits**

We have resumed our visits to Flackwell Heath Library. These visits enable the children to choose books from the library that they can enjoy in class. These are the dates for visits:

9 <sup>th</sup> January – Year 6	20 <sup>th</sup> February – Year 4
16 <sup>th</sup> January – Year 2	27 <sup>th</sup> February – Year 3
23 <sup>rd</sup> January – Year 1	6 <sup>th</sup> March – Year 6
30 <sup>th</sup> January – Foundation Stage	13 <sup>th</sup> March – Year 2
6 <sup>th</sup> February – Year 5	20 <sup>th</sup> March – Year 1
	27 <sup>th</sup> March – Foundation Stage

### **Update from Mrs Heard**

Nessy

It was lovely to see the enthusiasm for Nessy last term. Sessions will resume from next week on Monday. Children should have their login details now and can log on at home if they wish to. Nessy Club will be on Monday at lunchtime, Wednesday and Friday at 8.30am.

### **Phones/ Devices**

Please can all parents/carers ensure that any phones/devices are not brought in or worn by the children when coming to school. Any children that do have these with them will be asked to leave them in the School Office and collect at the end of the school day.

### **Reporting Your Child Absent**

If your child is absent from school, please either call the school office on 01494 524919 or send an email to [office@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk)

There is the option to leave a voicemail when calling the office and we will always call you back if we need further information.

### **FOLS Lottery**

The December winner has now been picked and congratulations to **Evan in Year 5**.

### **Sierra Sports**

Please view the attachment for this term's flyer.

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.

### LOUDWATER COMBINED SCHOOL Calendar of events for 2022-23

<b><u>January</u></b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Children</b> return to School	<b><u>February</u></b> <b>Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup></b> Parent /Teacher Consultations <b>10<sup>th</sup> School Closed</b> – Training Day for teachers <b>13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup></b> Half term break <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> Return to School	
<b><u>March</u></b> <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Notification of Secondary School Places <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> World Book Day <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Book Character Dressing up day <b>9<sup>th</sup></b> Parents' Forum 7pm <b>18<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day</b> (Comic Relief) <b>21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup></b> Shakespeare Week <b>Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup></b> Parent /Teacher Consultations Y6 <b>30<sup>th</sup></b> Y5 Hispanic Evening for parents <b>31<sup>st</sup> School</b> closes at 2pm for Easter Break	<b><u>April</u></b> <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> Children return to School <b>Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup></b> Parent /Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)	<b><u>May</u></b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Bank</b> Holiday <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> National Sports Week <b>8<sup>th</sup></b> Year 6 SATs Week <b>15<sup>th</sup></b> Year 5 Assessment Week <b>22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup></b> Year 6 residential <b>29<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup></b> Half term break
<b><u>June</u></b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> School Closed</b> Training Day for teachers <b>6<sup>th</sup> Children</b> return to School Art Week <b>12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup></b> Assessment Week Y1, Y3 & Y4 <b>20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Art Exhibition <b>30<sup>th</sup> School Closed</b> Training day for teachers	<b><u>July</u></b> <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> Sports Day <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> Reserve Sports Day <b>20<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm</b> Y6 Leavers Production <b>21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am</b> Y6 Leavers Assembly School closes at 2pm for summer break	<b><u>Class Assemblies</u></b> <b><u>Spring term</u></b> 9.05 Start 19 <sup>th</sup> January - Year Six 26 <sup>th</sup> January – Year Two 2 <sup>nd</sup> February – Year Four 2 <sup>nd</sup> March - Year One 9 <sup>th</sup> March – Year Five 16 <sup>th</sup> March – Year Three 23 <sup>rd</sup> March - Foundation Stage

#### **Values Assemblies**

All Start at 9.05am

25.1.23 – Weds – Responsibility – Y5

28.2.23 Tues – Empathy – Y6

25.5.23 – Thurs – Collaboration – Y1

28.6.23 – Weds – Creativity – Y3

18.7.23 – Tues – Happiness - FS