



## Loudwater Combined School

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# LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents,

### Important Calendar Dates

Monday September 10<sup>th</sup> - Foundation Stage children start school  
Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup> - 11+ Practice Paper (Y6)  
Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> - 11+ Transfer Test Papers (Y6)  
Friday September 14<sup>th</sup> - Roald Dahl dress up day

Welcome back to the new term!

It has been lovely to welcome the children back at the start of the new term and hear all their news from the holiday. They have all come back to school looking very smart and ready to learn – thank-you. All staff, in their various roles, have worked hard to make sure that the school environment is clean and fresh and that classrooms are attractive and engaging learning environments and I would like to thank them for this.

### Value of the month

During September our value of the month is trust and our inspirational person is Barack Obama. During assemblies and PSHE lessons there will be stories and discussions to explore the importance of being trusted and trusting others; some of the key questions we will be addressing are:

- Who can we trust?
- What happens if you lose someone's trust?
- Why do people trust God?
- How do our parents or carers inspire our trust?

There will be a values assembly on 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9.05am led by Year 4 pupils.

### School Uniform

Our local school wear providers PMG are unable to stock our new coloured PE shirts. We recognise that there have been some supply issues with the new school PE t-shirts from Tesco; if you have not yet received your order children may wear a plain white t-shirt for PE in the meantime. Please could you ensure that children have their PE kit in school throughout the week; bringing in their PE bag on a Monday and taking it home on Friday. I hope the following uniform reminders will be helpful:

- Make sure that all items of uniform are named.
- Summer uniform may be worn until October half term.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Hair bands, clips, bows or ties should be blue, black or white.
- Pinafore dresses and skirts should be knee length or longer.

- Black sensible shoes should be worn – trainers or boots of any kind, including ankle boots, may not be worn. An exception to this would be boots worn to walk to school during particularly bad weather; shoes will be needed to change into.
- Plain white, grey or black socks or tights should be worn.
- PE shorts are needed for PE in the hall; these should be plain navy or black.

Children should also bring a water bottle to have in class, in addition to a drink they may bring with their packed lunch. Whilst fruit is provided for a mid-morning snack for Key Stage 1 pupils, Key Stage 2 pupils need to bring their own fruit for their mid-morning snack.

### **Swimming for Key Stage 2**

A separate letter was emailed regarding swimming days for this month yesterday.

Just to remind you of the day each class is swimming:

Tuesday – Year 3

Wednesday – Year 5

Thursday – Year 4

Friday – Year 6

### **Roald Dahl Dress-up Day**

Next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September is Roald Dahl Day and to celebrate this we are having a dress-up day. Children are invited to come to school as one of his characters or to come wearing yellow as this was his favourite colour. There is no charge for this event – it's just for fun!

### **After School Clubs**

We have once again organised a number of After School Clubs to start week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

For KS1 organised by U-Sports (please contact directly at [info@u-sports.co.uk](mailto:info@u-sports.co.uk))

- Multi-Sports - Tuesday
- Football - Thursday

For KS2 organised by U-Sports (please contact directly at [info@u-sports.co.uk](mailto:info@u-sports.co.uk))

- Football - Wednesday
- Gymnastics - Wednesday
- Tag Rugby - Friday

We also have our normal KS2 Home Learning Club starting on Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup> and Netball on Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contact school by email or in writing if you wish your child to be registered on either of these.

Finally, we have Smart Raspberry offering a Cookery Club for all age groups except Foundation Stage. The club will run on Friday and start on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Smart Raspberry directly at [info@smartraspberry.com](mailto:info@smartraspberry.com).

### **Music Lessons**

If you would like to arrange music lessons for your child, through the Bucks Music Trust, (not Guitar) please contact them directly online or request the required form and information sheet from the school office.

### **Guitar Lessons**

Guitar lessons are once again being provided by Little Strummers. Lessons will be held during normal school hours. If your child would like to have lessons please contact school either by email or in writing and we will be able to advise you of the cost. If your child has previously had lessons at school please confirm that they wish to continue.

### **Consent for Local Trips and Walks**

We have opened the Gateway for you to consent for your child to take part in local trips and walks. 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.

### **Contribution for Pencil Case Items**

Thank you for your contribution towards last year's stationery for your child. We still have the budget restrictions that are well publicised in the media. Gone are the days of a pencil and exercise book now each child makes use of a number of individual stationery items. In Foundation Stage and KS1 it is 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. Including:

Pencil	Whiteboard pen
Gluestick	Highlighter
30cm Ruler	Red Biro
Eraser	Black Biro
Sharpener	

And a Handwriting Pen once they receive their pen licence.

We would rather purchase all the items for your child as then we are able to be consistent but as you will be able to see it would cost a lot more from W H Smiths or Tesco. We do of course replenish and renew items as needed. The Gateway is now open for your contribution of £4.50. (the same amount as last year).

### **Cards**

Miss Harris still has plenty of greetings cards for sale. The image on the cards is of the collage that all of last year's Key Stage One and Foundation Stage worked together to produce in Art Week. The cards are blank inside and so could be used for any occasion. If you would like to purchase some they cost 50p each. Please see one of the Foundation Stage staff in the morning or after school.

### **CD Orders**

If you haven't yet picked up your ordered CD then please do so as soon as possible. We a small number of CD's remaining to sell at £7.99 – If you wish to purchase then please do visit the office.

### **Tesco Blue Tokens**

Thank you to everyone who collected a blue token on the school's behalf. We are eagerly awaiting the outcome of the ballot.

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 2018-19

<b><u>September</u></b> <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> Foundation Stage children start school <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> 11+ Practice Paper (Y6) <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> 11+ Papers (Y6) <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> Roald Dahl dress up day <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> Open House 3.30 -4.30 Week beginning <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> – Clubs Start <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> Rabbi Visit Y4 –Y6 <b>28<sup>th</sup></b> McMillan Coffee Morning	<b><u>October</u></b> <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day ( 9.00 -10.00 & 2.00 – 3.00) <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> 11+ Results <b>16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Consultations <b>22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup></b> Half term break <b>29<sup>th</sup></b> Return to school <b>31<sup>st</sup></b> Last day to apply for secondary school places (Y6)	<b><u>November</u></b> <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 & 2.00 - 3.00) <b>5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup></b> Remembrance Week <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> Children in Need <b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 & 2.00 - 3.00)
<b><u>December</u></b> <b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Bazaar <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 2pm & 7pm <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> Pupils' Christmas Lunch <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Service am Christmas Activities pm <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> School closes at 2pm for Christmas break	<b><u>January</u></b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Children return to School <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 & 2.00 – 3.00)	<b><u>February</u></b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Science Week</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 13<sup>th</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Consultations <b>18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Half term break <b>25<sup>th</sup></b> Return to School
<b><u>March</u></b> <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 - 3.00) <b>18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup></b> Shakespeare Week <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> Red Nose Day <b>26<sup>th</sup> &amp; 28<sup>th</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6	<b><u>April</u></b> <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> School closes at 2pm for Easter Break <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> Training day for teachers <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> Children return to School <b>30<sup>th</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)	<b><u>May</u></b> <b>30<sup>th</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5) <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Bank Holiday <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> Year 6 SATs Week <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> Year 5 Assessment Week <b>20<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup></b> Residential Visit to Green Park Y6 TBC <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>School Closed</b> Training Day for teachers <b>27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>th</sup></b> Half term break
<b><u>June</u></b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Children return to School <b>6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup></b> Science Week – Kew Gardens visit <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 - 3.00) <b>28<sup>th</sup></b> School closed training day for teachers	<b><u>July</u></b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup></b> Assessment Week Y1, Y3 & Y4 <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> Annual Reports to Parents <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> Sports Day – Greek Theme 17 <sup>th</sup> Reserve Sports Day <b>23<sup>rd</sup> 7.00pm</b> Y6 Leavers Production <b>24<sup>th</sup> 9.30am</b> Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> School closes at 2pm for summer break	<b><u>Class Assemblies</u></b> <b><u>Spring term</u></b> All start at 9.05am 24 <sup>th</sup> January - Year Six 31 <sup>st</sup> January - Year Two 7 <sup>th</sup> February - Year Five 7 <sup>th</sup> March -Year One 14 <sup>th</sup> March - Year Three 21 <sup>st</sup> March - Year Four 28 <sup>th</sup> March - Foundation Stage

### **Values Assemblies**

All Start at 9.05am  
27<sup>th</sup> September - Trust Y4  
24<sup>th</sup> November - Peace Y6  
30<sup>th</sup> January - Responsibility Y5  
28<sup>th</sup> February - Empathy Y3  
27<sup>th</sup> March - Compassion Y2  
30<sup>th</sup> April - Kindness Y6  
23<sup>rd</sup> May - Collaboration Y1  
27<sup>th</sup> June - Respect Y5  
18<sup>th</sup> July - Happiness FS