



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th July 2017

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Thursday 20th July: Year 6 Leavers Production at 7:00pm
Friday 21st July: Year 6 Leavers Presentation Assembly at 9:30am
Friday 21st July: School closes at 2pm for summer break

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

This week in Foundation Stage we have been making treasure maps and writing directions to help find the treasure. We have been counting money and have focused on counting in 2s to help us count 2ps. We have also learnt about odd and even numbers.

We all had a great time at Sports' Day although we were all very tired by the end of it!

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Use any of the Phase 2, 3 or 4 games to recap phonics.

Year One

In English this week Year 1 have enjoyed making their own books of happiness. They wrote sentences about what makes them happy and also added illustrations. They have also been sorting words into nouns, verbs and adjectives.

It has been a multiplication week in Maths. We have been learning our 2 and 10 times tables. We have also been writing multiplication sums to match pictures.

In topic we have been looking at the painting 'The Graham Children' by the English artist William Hogarth. It was painted over 250 years ago. We looked at the clothes that the children were wearing and compared them with the clothes we wear today. We had to decide whether we preferred the past or present clothes and give a reason why. We had lots of good ideas!

www.topmarks/maths (Age 5-7)

Year Two

This week Year 2 has been enjoying the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. They have created a plan of how to scare away the naughty seagulls and penned this in a letter to Mr and Mrs Gringling. Also, they have designed and made a poster to display at the harbour warning fisherman of the greedy seagulls. Then they wrote a recount of the events from the perspective of the Lighthouse Keeper's cat, Hamish! In Phonics, they have been revising the spelling rules for the 's' sound spelled with a 'c' and the sound 'tion'. In Maths, they have been revising telling the time, including intervals of 5 minutes. They then used this knowledge to solve time problems for different journeys. In Topic, they built their sailing boats (thank you for the plastic bases!) and they have also completed observational drawings of toy transport. In addition, Year 2 enjoyed the Music Concert at St. Peter's church on Wednesday and they had an enjoyable sports day on Thursday!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/multiplication/play/>

Year Three

In English, Year 3 has watched a clip of the Hobbit. They have written character descriptions on both Bilbo Baggins and Gandalf as well as writing diary entries. Towards the end of the week they wrote the conversation that the two characters had by punctuating dialogue with inverted commas

In Maths, Year 3 started the week applying their understanding of shape and perimeter. They then moved onto solving worded problems involving addition and subtraction. Towards the end of the week, the children carried out an investigation involving money.

In Topic we have been looking at the difference between Stone Age homes. We have had a very busy week with the fantastic Music concert on Wednesday and Sports day on Thursday.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zjbg87h>

Year Four

This week Year 4 finished their description of an Egyptian god/goddess. They have also researched a Pharaoh of their choice and have planned then created an information poster about him/her. In maths we have been discovering that shapes made from the same number of squares can have different perimeters; the children have also been finding the area of shapes by multiplication. We enjoyed the music concert on Wednesday morning; the class all sang well and there are some talented instrument players in the class. The children continue to find out about life in ancient Egypt, discussing how and why the pyramids may have been built.

www.globalegyptianmuseum.org

Year Five

This week in Year Five have been looking at different images as the inspiration for their writing. They have used an image called 'Homecoming' and one called 'Lost'. The class have focused on scene setting and descriptive writing using a range of devices such as metaphor, expanded noun phrases and using modal verbs.

In maths Year five have been focusing on perimeter and area. They have calculated the perimeter of rectilinear and compound shapes, and have applied their skills in order to measure different shapes on the playground.

In topic, Year Five have been investigating the force of gravity, and how the mass of an object affects how hard it hits the ground. Year Five worked really hard on Sports Day and showed some excellent sportsmanship and resilience. Well done!

Year Six

This week, Year 6 has been focused on the rehearsals for their leaver's play of 'An Inspector Calls' ready for the performances to the rest of the school and parents next week. In English, they have been writing letters to their future selves to be opened on their 18th birthday. They have included information such as hobbies, best friends, aspiration/ambitions, future career and any advice they want to give themselves for the future. In Maths, Year 6 has been using shape knowledge, percentages, Roman numerals and multiplying decimals to solve 'The mystery of the missing sports day medals'. In Topic, Year 6 has been exploring light, looking at natural and man-made light sources and investigating how light travels in straight lines. On Thursday, they all thoroughly enjoyed sports day.

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
7.7.17	Rayaan	Logan H	Ryan	Ibrahim	Aaminah	Tia	Mahlee
14.7.17	Whole Class	Whole Class	Rohan	Romisha	Jack Stanley	Freya	Whole Class

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
7.7.17	Stanley Louie	Logan S Ruby	Oscar Faith	Dominic Amelia	Breanna Shannon	Lilly Charlotte	Teagan Grace
14.7.17	Amy Emily	Logan Milla	Harry Amelie	Adam Oliver	Aaminah Alanna	Jessica Natalia	Ruby Nathan

The **Head teacher's Award** this week goes to; Nathan, Liam, Spencer and Remy of Year 6 for outstanding sportsmanship – Well done to all!

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
7.7.17	95%	96%	99%	98%	98%	95%	99%
14.7.17	99%	91%	99%	99%	93%	94%	93%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
7.7.17	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
14.7.17	2	2	0	1	1	0	2

House points for June

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
7.7.17	237	238	275	271
14.7.17	239	231	233	252

School uniform

I know that we are coming to the time of year where you will be replacing items of uniform ready for the autumn term, therefore I wanted to provide the following reminders about our school uniform:

All children need to have a sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo on. These need to be purchased from the school uniform shop in High Wycombe. They are the only items of uniform which need to be purchased from the uniform shop although we have a number of second hand items in school.

Other items of uniform needed are:

Children need to have a white plain polo shirt either with or without the school logo.

Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers

Black sensible shoes – trainers or boots of any kind may not be worn. This 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

In the summer (optional in the summer term and first half of the autumn term)

Checked blue summer dress

Grey shorts

For PE children need to have:

Plain white t-shirt

Plain dark shorts (navy or black). These are needed all year round for PE in the hall.

Track suit (winter only)

Trainers/Plimsolls (preferably trainers) – except in Foundation Stage where all children should have plimsolls.

These items need to be in a named PE bag.

Please note that in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 the only bags that the children should bring to school are their PE bags and book bags. There is not space to store any additional items.

In Key Stage 2 children may bring an additional bag but this must be of a suitable size that can be hung on their peg in the cloakroom.

Lost Property

We have amassed a large number of items recently. During next week these items will be displayed outside the front of school. Please look for anything your child may have mislaid as any remaining items will be disposed of at the end of term.

Sports Day

Thanks to the weather, a great day was had by all and the children certainly enjoyed the day. Thank you to all parents for their support on the day and special thanks goes to the FOLS team who provided the refreshment stand together with the children's assault course.

FOLS Summer Fete - a huge thank you!

The FOLS committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came and supported the summer fete last weekend. We are still finalising the numbers due to final invoices coming in, but we have raised in the region of **£2,500** for our school - an amazing effort! Many thanks also to our community supporters and those local businesses who generously donated prizes or offered support. Please do check your newsletter next week for a final number and also details of our fundraising at yesterday's sports day too.

Lucky programme number 33 is still unclaimed from the fete. If you hold this ticket, please make yourself known to a member of the FOLS committee or the school office. You have until Weds 19th to collect your prize!

FOLS School Disco, Friday 14th July - 6:00pm - 7:15pm (FS & KS1); 7:30pm - 8:45pm (KS2) TONIGHT!

A quick reminder that payments for the school discos are now being made via School Gateway, as indicated in the letter last week. Entrance is £3 using School Gateway, but £5 on the night. Unfortunately we have needed to increase prices slightly, to reflect an increase in set up costs. Please do use School Gateway to make your payment, as this reduces the amount of administration our team of volunteers need to manage. Please also ensure that you do leave your contact phone number / details when you register your child as this is essential in case of emergencies.

FOLS LOTTERY

The new FOLS lottery will start in September 2017. Still only £12 per annum to enter the monthly draws, new this year is the option to pay via School Gateway. Quick and simple to do, you will be asked to confirm if you wish to participate and consent for the funds to be taken from your account in the usual manner, direct from your bank account. Winners will receive 50% of the monthly prize fund and the remainder will go directly to FOLS, to help support activities and equipment for our children at the school. Winners will be notified via the school newsletter and winnings can be collected from the school office.

For those not on School Gateway, FOLS will be issuing paper forms too. This is an easy way to support our school and a chance to win a great cash prize! Please encourage your friends and family to enter the lottery too.

You can sign up for the lottery at any time before the 27th September by logging onto School Gateway, or, if you do not have access to this (or want to invite friends & family to take part), by paper form. Good luck!

Best wishes - FOLS committee

Reminder: Vote, vote, vote! – Project Loudwater Pool Renovation!

Miss Weston has been successful this year in securing funding from Tesco's to assist with our pool renovation. The level of funding (£1,000 up to £4,000) is dependent upon Tesco's customers voting in store at each visit with a token registering which they feel is the most worthy cause. Please would you encourage all family and friends to support us.

There are 12 stores within the local area where voting for our pool project can be registered. We would like to thank Tesco for their support in choosing to sponsor our school.

Urgent Group Communications

When sending urgent messages to the whole school or large groups, we use the School Gateway system. If you have the app installed on your phone then a message will automatically be sent to the app. As some of these messages may be urgent in nature (for example, a cancelled after school class) we would ask you check that you have "push notifications" enabled on your phone for the School Gateway app to ensure you receive message alerts when they are sent. Please can you follow the steps below:

For Apple devices:

- On your phone go to Settings
- In here scroll down to the "Notifications Centre"
- Select School Gateway
- In here ensure that under the heading "Notification Centre" it is switched on
- Close the screen; you will now receive notifications when new app messages come through

For Android devices:

- On your phone go to Settings | Applications Manager
- Scroll down your list of apps until you find School Gateway and select it
- In here there will be a tick box that says "Show notifications" ensure this is selected
- Close the screen; you will now receive notifications when new app messages come through

Please note if you do not have the School Gateway app installed, then the system will send a text message, however this does incur a cost for the school.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunningham

Mrs C Cunningham
Head teacher

Please be aware that we will be moving to an electronic version of the weekly newsletter from September. For those still receiving a paper copy, please ensure that you inform the office of your current email address – 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.

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Calendar of events for July 2017

July

20th 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production
21st 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly
21st School closes at 2pm for summer break

New items in green

Values Assemblies 9.05am start

19th July – Happiness FS

For interest over the summer



HOLIDAY WORKSHOP
31st JULY to 4th AUGUST

TIME TO ENTER A NEW WORLD

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Summer Holiday Workshop

Stagecoach Performing Arts High Wycombe

Join us for a fun-filled week of Drama, Dance and Singing! Put on a professional show, work with experienced teachers & make new friends. No experience is necessary and you don't have to be a Stagecoach student to attend.

Ages: 4 to 6 years	Ages: 7 to 18 years
Dates: 31 st July to 4 th August	Dates: 31 st July to 4 th August
Times: 9:30am to 12:30pm	Times: 9:15am to 4:15pm
Performance: Friday 12:30pm	Performance: Friday 6:00pm
Cost: £90 (£65 for siblings)	Cost: £160 (£130 for siblings)

Venue: Wycombe High School, Marlow Hill, High Wycombe, HP11 1TB

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