



## Loudwater Combined School

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# LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents,

### Important Calendar Dates

**Thursday & Friday November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 and Year 6 – Bikeability**  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Y6 Values Assembly (9.05) (change to date originally notified)  
**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 5 Sing-a-long at Wrights Meadow  
**Friday December 7<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Bazaar (more details to follow)

News from the classes this week:

### Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage this week we have found a lot of food missing! We think that maybe the Tiger who came to Tea has eaten all our food, but now he has disappeared so we can't ask him. We have made Wanted posters, describing the tiger and hope that someone may have seen him and can get him back to us so that we can sort the mystery out. We have made lots of "Tiger Food" so we will be able to give him a decent meal if he is still hungry! We have used our sketch books to draw some of the plastic tigers and other wild animals that we have in our classroom.

In Maths we have been finding the number that is one more than a given number and looking at numbers on a number line.

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

Revise Phase 2 sounds and High Frequency words.

### Year One

English – Year 1 have loved the story 'Aaargh Spider!' by Lydia Monks. We read the story in pairs and as a whole class. We loved the sparkly illustrations and we also found out why there are so many exclamation marks in the book. Spiders then became the theme for the rest of the week. We found out lots of information by reading books and watching video clips. Year 1 then wrote some amazing spider information and also labelled pictures.

It was lovely to hear that some children had even been researching spiders at home!

Maths – A busy 2d shape week! We have been naming shapes and describing their properties. We found 2d shapes around our school and made our own super shape pictures. We also sorted shapes and labelled the ways that we had sorted them. Another busy and fun week!

Topic – On a very chilly afternoon we went for a walk around our outdoor area to look at seasonal changes. There were lots! The trees looked very different, except the evergreen ones! We talked about the difference in the weather and also the fact that some animals were now busy hibernating.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns>

[www.phonicsplay](https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) sentence substitution phase 3

### Year Two

This week, in Year 2, we have been continuing to enjoy the story of 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes. We have planned and written our own narrative story about a lost toy. We are

learning how to structure stories and how to edit our writing once we have finished. In Phonics, we are learning the w special rule. When the sound is 'o' after a 'w' sound, then the spelling is 'a' e.g. was, want, squash. In Maths, we have been learning to add two 2-digit numbers using partitioning and the empty number line. There are still some children having difficulty adding 10 to a 2-digit number. This would be a good area to focus on at home. Call out any 2-digit number and ask your child to respond with the number that is 10 more. This recall needs to be done speedily!!! In Topic, we have been learning about different materials and their properties e.g. why is fabric a good material for Teddy? Why do you think coins are made of metal? Etc. Also, this week, we enjoyed a trip to Barrowcroft to share songs and our learning with the elderly residents. This was a very positive experience for us all!

<http://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/funkyMummy/index.html>

### **Year Three**

We have linked our Topic of the Romans to our English this week. On Monday we described what Roman soldiers used to wear. We then started talking about what life was like in Roman times – especially the conditions if you were building Hadrian's Wall. Towards the end of the week we wrote letters to Emperor Hadrian about these conditions.

In Maths this week we have been looking at ways to multiply and divide by 8. The children have completed Bar Modelling, Arrays and have seen questions in different representations. Towards the end of the week, they looked at applying their understanding of their tables to problem solving and reasoning questions as well as completing a game to end the block.

In Topic we have planned and written our own chronological report on the Romans. We particularly focused on Hadrian's Wall, Roman armies and Gods that they worshiped. The children used their Home Learning to help them write this week – next week, we will be looking at Gladiators!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zpc2wxw>

### **Year Four**

In English this week, we have continued to write the next chapter in the story 'The Firework-maker's Daughter'. We have written the different parts of the chapter including the opening, build-up, action and resolution. We then edited and improved our writing before publishing our work into neat.

In maths this week we have looked at written methods of multiplication. We have found out how to multiply a two digit number by a one digit number, first using place value counters and the grid method, before moving onto the expanded written method. We have also looked at solving two-step word problems involving addition and multiplication.

During our topic lessons, we have continued to focus on the topic of sound. We have found out how sound travels to the ear and found out what happens inside the ear that allows us to hear. We have also carried out an investigation into the pitch of a sound, and found patterns between pitch and the object that has created the sound.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

### **Year Five**

This week in English, Year Five have been looking at the short animation 'The Piano' by Aiden Gibbons. They have started to explore the character of the old man, and have written some excellent setting descriptions of the piano at the beginning of the film. They are now starting to explore the use of flashbacks in narrative writing.

In Maths, Year Five have been continuing their work on multiplication and division. They have been working hard to use the formal written methods of column multiplication and short division to answer calculations, and deciding when this would be the best method to use. They have also been using the inverse operation to check their answers.

In Topic lessons, Year Five really enjoyed a visit from John Gurney from the Loudwater and Flackwell Heath History Group. They found out about the role of Loudwater and the local area in World War Two, and some about some of the super secret operations going on! They have also started researching the D Day Landings and have been doing some map work to find the locations of the beaches in Normandy and the ports where the fleets left Britain.

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/what-you-need-to-know-about-ve-day>

## Year Six

In English this week we have been completing our non-chronological reports on the planet of Pandora. Our report has focused upon the features of the planet and one of the creatures that lives there, its diet, habitat and life cycle. Our grammar focus has been parenthesis and the use of commas to separate clauses. Our spelling focus this week has been words with the letter string 'ough'. In Maths, we have been reviewing and consolidating our learning on long multiplication, division and mental strategies. We have also revised our understanding of the area of rectilinear shapes. In Topic we have been observing and recording phenomena related to light and how we see. On Wednesday, eight of the class represented the school at the Mini-Enterprise competition at Cressex School. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Website:- <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zvhhvcw> - Great pre-reading for next Topic.

## Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
02.11.18	Kelci	Kata	Kristina	Ruby	Lucy D	Romisha	Max
09.11.18	Kendall	Jack	Isabelle	Logan W	Jacob	Oliver	Pia
16.11.18	Denise	Eleithyia	Harry	Natasha	Jack	Harrison	Jennifer
23.11.18	Evalyan	Taaha	Louie	Ellie	Rohan	Lily	Macy

The following children have been recognised in achievement assembly for their good behaviour:

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
02.11.18	Isla Matilda	Emily Sulaymaan	Jasmin Harley	George Blake	Grace Jacob	Riley Isabelle	Stanley Breanna
16.11.18	Jenson Evalyan	Leo Charlie	Ella Mason W	Rachel Logan S	Henry Romilly	Ayaan Lexie	Louie Ell
23.11.18	Molly Mannan	Elizabeth Nathaniel	Jacob P Maya	Chloe Hollie	Afia Amber	Teyha Thomas	Gabrielle Kami

## Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
02.11.18	95%	98%	99%	99%	100%	92%	96%
09.11.18	97%	98%	95%	93%	98%	96%	93%
16.11.18	94%	96%	99%	97%	96%	94%	96%
23.11.18	97%	94%	98%	97%	98%	91%	95%

## Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
02.11.18	0	1	2	4	1	2	1
09.11.18	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
16.11.18	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
23.11.18	0	1	0	1	1	1	1

## House points for this week

	Elgar	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	Mozart
02.11.18	100	97	122	130
09.11.18	89	83	81	71
16.11.18	171	141	131	160
23.11.18	91	95	84	125

### **Phone Communication**

When leaving an 'option one' absence message on the school answer machine please be aware that due to a technical error the machine will start recording straight after the double beep. Absence messages require you to leave your child's name, class and reason as to why they are off school. If your child is absent due to an illness please give a brief explanation such as cough or vomiting.

### **Flu Vaccinations**

The School Health Team will be in school on Monday December 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 to administer Flu Vaccinations to all children from Foundation Stage to Year 5. We forwarded the School Health Team letter again, by email, on Thursday of this week. Please take the time to read this information and use the link to give or, if necessary, withdraw your consent for your child's vaccination. The deadline for using the link is December 5<sup>th</sup> 2018.

### **Gateway**

Please note that there are a number of items on the Gateway that require your attention, including:

Year 2 – Wycombe Museum Visit	Whole School - Pencil case Contribution
Year 6 – Green Park Residential (deposit ASAP)	Whole School - Local Walks and Trips Consent
Years 1-6 World War One History Workshop	Selected Pupils - Guitar Lesson Payments
Year 5 & 6 Bikeability	Years 4, 5 & 6 – RE Workshop

### **One Can Trust**

The School Council is organising the One Can Trust reverse advent calendar – more details will follow next week.

### **Mini-Enterprise**

On Wednesday, eight pupils from Year 6 represented the school at the Mini-Enterprise competition at Cressex School. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, as did the adults.

### **Bikeability**

A reminder that the Bikeability training, for children in Years 5 & 6, will be running at the end of next week (November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>) and the following Monday (December 3<sup>rd</sup>).

### **PE Kit**

As we now move into the colder months we would like to remind parents that the children require warmer wear for their outside PE lessons. We try to give the children time in the fresh air even through the winter months. A plain, dark coloured track suit is ideal.

### **Year 5 Sing-a-long at Wrights Meadow**

For the Year 5 children not involved with Bikeability on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November we have arranged another Sing-a-long at Wrights Meadow. We are sure that this will be a positive and enjoyable time for the children.

### **KS2 Christmas Play**

As you are aware, this year we are involving all Key Stage 2 children in the Christmas play. Their performance is entitled 'The Stars Come Out For Christmas'. Each class will perform a section of the production with Year Five children taking a role in linking all the sections together. All rehearsals will take place in school time, so after school clubs will be unaffected. Performances will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm and 7.00pm with tickets available nearer the time.

### **Singing at Barrowcroft**

On Wednesday November 21st Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Barrowcroft to share songs with the elderly residents. This was a very enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

### **School Council**

We have a reminder from our School Council that we are able to help the UK Air Ambulance Services by recycling your used postage stamps.

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**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>November</u></b></p> <p><b>29<sup>th</sup></b> Year 6 Values Assembly  <b>29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup></b> Bikeability</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>December</u></b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Bikeability  <b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Bazaar  <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> 9.30am FS &amp; Key Stage 1 Christmas Production  <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> 2.30pm FS &amp; Key Stage 1 Christmas Production  <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 2pm &amp; 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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>January</u></b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Children return to School  <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 &amp; 2.00 – 3.00)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>February</u></b></p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup></b> Science Week  <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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>March</u></b></p> <p><b>14<sup>th</sup></b> Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 &amp; 2.00 – 3.00)  <b>18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Shakespeare Week  <b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> Red Nose Day  <b>26<sup>th</sup> &amp; 28<sup>th</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>April</u></b></p> <p><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)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>May</u></b></p> <p><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>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>June</u></b></p> <p><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 &amp; 2.00 – 3.00)  <b>11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup></b> Year 6 Green Park Residential  <b>28<sup>th</sup></b> School closed training day for teachers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>July</u></b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup></b> Assessment Week Y1, Y3 &amp; 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  <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> Reserve Sports Day  <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production  <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> 9.30am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly  <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> School closes at 2pm for summer break</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Values Assemblies</u></b></p> <p>All Start at 9.05am  29<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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Class Assemblies</u></b>  <b><u>Spring term</u></b></p> <p>All start at 9.05am  24<sup>th</sup> January - Year Six  31<sup>th</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</p>	