



Loudwater Combined School

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LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Monday December 3rd – Year 5 and Year 6 – Bikeability

Friday December 7th – Christmas Bazaar

Value of the month

From Monday our new value of the month for December, to link with Christmas time will be thoughtfulness. The children will be exploring a range of questions linked to this which will include:

- How could you take time to help someone?
- How could you be generous at Christmas time?
- What gifts would you give to a new baby?

Our inspirational person this month is Tim Peake; the children will be finding out about his life and achievements.

News from the classes this week:

Foundation Stage

This week Foundation Stage has been reading non-fiction books to learn about tigers. We have used what we have learnt to write our own non-fiction pieces. We have also learnt some new words relating to tigers, which include "habitat", "carnivore" and "climate". In phonics we have learnt the sounds "y, z, zz, and qu". In Maths we have been estimating and counting and learning about 1 more and 1 less. We have also started to learn some songs and dances for a special performance in a couple of weeks.

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

Phase 2 activities

Year One

'Little Robin Red Vest' by Jan Fearnley has been our focus text in English this week and we have really been enjoying it. It tells the story of a very kind robin. We thought about the ways that Robin Red Vest showed the value of kindness to his friends and how he was rewarded. We thought of adjectives to describe both his appearance and his personality. We then looked at real robins and we used the internet to research lots of facts about them. This was very interesting! We did some non-fiction writing about robins which really impressed Miss Weston. This week in maths we have been finding missing numbers in addition and subtraction sentences. This was tricky and challenged us all! We also enjoyed learning about position and directional words and working together to move in different directions and to follow instructions. This week we have been very busy getting ready for our Christmas play, we have been learning songs, poems and dances!

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/blast-off> (useful for identifying 2 digit numbers)

http://coolsciencelab.com/math_magician_addition.html (quick fire addition questions)

Year Two

This week, in Year 2, we have begun to read 'The Man Who Wore All His Clothes' by Allan Ahlberg. We have been using clues in the text to make predictions and understand the story. We have really focused on using the author's words and not our own interpretations! Also, we have created a Wanted Poster to describe the Robber in the story. Then we wrote instructions about how to escape from the Robber using events from the text. In Maths, we have been focusing on subtracting two 2-digit numbers using the empty number line method. In other curriculum areas we have put our time and energy into preparing for our Christmas Production which is less than 2 weeks away!

If your child requires a costume, we are happy for you to send the costume in to school as soon as possible, but Wednesday 5th December is our deadline. Thank you.

<http://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/hundredHunt/>

Please select either 10 more or 10 less when playing the game above.

Year Three

This week in English, we have been looking at Roman Gladiators. To start the week off, we looked at our Home Learning to get some ideas about different types of Gladiator. We discussed how they might be feeling before a fight and what the Colosseum would have looked like with thousands of people filling the stands. Towards the end of the week, we used the Gladiator Soundtrack as inspiration in order to write fantastic battle scenarios involving chariots and tigers. In Maths, we have looked at shapes and angles. To start the week, we explored these using different pictures and discussed what we could see in the environment. We have described 2D and 3D shapes using Mathematical vocabulary along with categorising shapes to create a set of data. Towards the end of the week we constructed skeletal models of shape out of modelling clay. This week in Topic we have investigated the strength of a variety of materials and how good they would be as Roman helmets. We found out that steel and brass would be the most effective, even though they would be heavier. We have also discussed the Roman Empire and its impact upon Britain as they introduced roads, religion, towns, language, writing and numbers. We then discussed the fall of the Roman Empire. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zpc2wx>

Year Four

In English this week, we have begun writing first person recounts using events from the story that we are reading. We have imagined what it would have been like to attend the Ceremony of the Full Moon and written a recount from the perspective of a villager at the time. In Maths this week, we have been looking at angles and shapes. We have identified the three types of angles: right-angle, acute and obtuse. We have also identified and classified different types of triangles based on their sides and angles. We have learnt the names of the different types of triangles including scalene, isosceles and equilateral. During our topic lessons we have been learning about light. We have discussed different light sources and learnt that light travels in straight lines. We have used this to help us find out how shadows are made and how shadows can change depending upon the position of the light source.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0119853>

Year Five

This week in English, Year Five has been planning and writing flashbacks, based on 'The Piano'. We have had to think carefully about our setting description, the details in the build-up and main event, and then link our flashback back to the present time. We have worked really hard on this and have started to produce some excellent writing.

In Maths, Year Five has been learning about perimeter and area. We have found the perimeter of composite rectilinear shapes, included finding missing side lengths, and have used our knowledge of factors to help us find the area of different rectangles and compound shapes. We are now beginning to use these skills to solve problems. We have been working hard to rehearse our parts for the Christmas play and the songs to perform at Wright's Meadow this afternoon. We have also really enjoyed working with our coach Charlie in gymnastics, and have made some really good progress.

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

Year Six

In English this week we have started a new unit of work. We have been approached by Sir Matthew Floyd Weaver from S.P.R.E.A.D (Society for the Protection and Relocation of Extra-terrestrial Alien Dwellers) to join his organisation as researchers to investigate usual sightings around the planet Saturn. We have had to write persuasive letters of application detailing our strengths and why would be suitable for this position. We have also prepared and practised our values assembly on peace which we performed to the rest of the school and parents on Thursday morning. In Maths we have been finding the area of triangles and parallelograms. In Topic we have continued with our observations and recording of phenomena related to light and how we see. This week we also completed assessments in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading and Maths.

<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
30.11.18	Jack	Charlie	Shayley	Munopa	Oscar	Zion	Kami

The Head teacher award last week went to Joshua in Year2 for his super explanation for calculating a missing number sentence in maths and this week goes to John in Year 1 for linking our learning values to a character in our assembly story - well done to both of you!

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
30.11.18	Max Imogen	Freddie Callum	Alfie Kristina	Ruby Lilly W	Zahra Nathan	Grace Nayah	Jennifer Ashley

Our Good Citizens awards for the month of November go to Amirtaa in Foundation Stage, Kata in Year 1, Benjamin Year 2, Amaaya in Year 3, Rohan in Year 4, James in Year 5 and Shannon in Year 6. Congratulations to you all.

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%
30.11.18	95%	98%	98%	94%	99%	95%	95%

With 98% attendance this month, Year 4 has earned their class a Mufti Day on Friday 7th December. Keep it up!

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
30.11.18	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

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
30.11.18	159	134	121	173

FOLS Lottery Winner

The lottery winner for the month of November is ticket number 23, Matilda. Your cheque is available from the school office.

Christmas Lunch

This year's Christmas Lunch will be on Monday December 17th. If your child is in Foundation Stage, Year 1 or 2 please order their hot meal online as usual. We would like all our children to be involved in this annual event but if you would prefer to provide a packed lunch it needs to be sent to school, in the morning, in the normal way.

Lunch for **all** Key Stage 2 children needs to be ordered through the Gateway **not** Live Kitchen. We have made arrangements with FOLS to cover the cost of the Key Stage 2 children's meals – thank to FOLS for once again supporting this.

If your child is in Key Stage 2 and you have already ordered food for December 17th please cancel it or you may be charged. Again, we would prefer all children to be involved even if they normally have a packed lunch. Dolce are providing a Turkey dinner and a vegetarian alternative with dessert. If your child requires a packed lunch please send it into school in the morning as usual. We will be unable to accept delivery of lunches at any other time due to the logistics of the day. We would also like to clarify that, if providing a packed lunch it is a healthy lunch and not fast or hot food of any kind.

Christmas Bazaar and Mufti-day next week

As part of Enterprise Week, Year Two are requesting donations for their Tombola in return for children wearing their choice of clothes next Wednesday. The type of donations they are hoping for are any unopened items such as shower gel, bubble bath, tins, jars or bottles (no alcohol please), chocolates or sweets. We also plan to run a cake stall and would like to ask for donations for this to be brought in to school next Friday morning.

The Christmas Bazaar will take place after school on Friday December 7th from 3.00pm.

Each class will be selling items they have made during Enterprise Week. Parents are welcome to join us from this time; if you are not able to join us until later, please send your child with some money (ideally in change) to spend! As well as each class stall there will be a barbeque and refreshments. Children will be able to leave the Bazaar from 3.20 but must be accompanied by an adult and signed out as they leave.

We are looking forward to seeing you all.

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 - Important Reminder

The School Health Team will be in school on Monday December 10th 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 last week. Please take the time to read this information and use the link (also below) **to give or, if necessary, withdraw your consent** for your child's vaccination. The deadline for using the link is December 5th 2018.
<https://www.buckschildimmunisations.co.uk/flu>

Gateway

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

Year 2 – Wycombe Museum Visit
Year 6 – Green Park Residential
Years 1-6 World War One History Workshop
KS2 – Christmas Lunch Order

Selected Pupils - Breakfast Club
Whole School - Pencil case Contribution
Whole School - Local Walks and Trips Consent
Selected Pupils - Guitar Lesson Payments
Years 4, 5 & 6 – RE Workshop

We would once again remind you that although the Gateway is used for school to send messages and texts it is not monitored for school to receive texts. Please either email or phone with your queries or messages.

One Can Trust

The School Council is organising the One Can Trust Christmas Countdown Calendar appeal. All children have now been given their number, which is the day they can bring in their donation, and a list of the items that the One Can Trust would like; they are currently short on stocks of toilet rolls, tinned meat, cooking sauces and coffee. Thanks in advance for your support of this very worthwhile charity helping local families. The link below gives further details about the charity and a list of items is also attached to the newsletter.
<http://onecantrust.org.uk/>

Parking and Turning in School Way

Once again we need to mention our ongoing parking and turning problem. We have on many occasions requested that cars do not drive up School Way at any time of the day; this includes dropping off at Breakfast Club. It also means not driving into the road and turning as this causes problems to other road users; please also be aware that cars which park fully on the pavement at the bottom of School Way obscure the road for other users making the area between the pinch-points particularly hazardous. We issue these reminders as we are concerned for the health and safety of all our children.

Bikeability

We would like to remind you that the Bikeability training, for children in Years 5 & 6, will also be running on Monday (December 3rd).

London Road Cycles, HP11 1EL

A big thank you to, 'London Road Cycles' for agreeing to help us out during Bikeability this week, kindly loaning us a bicycle for the entire three day course – again, many thanks.

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 tracksuit is needed which should include a warm top.

Foundation Stage and KS1 Christmas Production

This year's production for our younger children is arranged for 9.30 am on Tuesday 11th December and in the afternoon at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 12th December. Tickets will be available next week through the usual Eventbrite booking service, which will be available from 6.00pm on Monday 3rd December. In the initial allocation two tickets per family can be

reserved; if there are any remaining tickets these will be re-released on Monday 10th December at 6.00pm.

Please be aware that we are unable to authorise the taking of photographs and videos this year. We will be taking pictures during a dress rehearsal and a CD of these will be available at a small charge to cover our costs. There will also be a chance at the end of the performance for you to take photographs of your own child.

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. Rehearsals are progressing well and performances will take place on Thursday 13th December at 2.00pm and 7.00pm with tickets available through Eventbrite from 6.00pm on Monday 3rd December. In the initial allocation two tickets per family can be reserved; if there are any remaining tickets these will be re-released on Monday 10th December at 6.00pm.

Family Support Advisor – Jackie Boyce

I would like to introduce myself as the newly appointed Family Support Advisor at Loudwater School. I have been made very welcome by all the children who have been polite, friendly and interested in who I am and what I am doing.

I have worked with children and families for many years in Nurseries, Schools, Children's Centres and with CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) and have a grown up family of my own.

My job is to ensure that your children are ready and able to learn by addressing any problems or concerns that they or you might have throughout your time here at the school. I'm able to offer support and guidance when needed, on a wide range of issues as all families can experience difficulties from time to time and many are unaware of the help that is available to them. This can also have a huge impact on your children's wellbeing and their behaviour which in turn can affect their ability to do well at school.

I will be available at School to meet with parents on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday or if you would prefer I can meet with you at home.

Where further help is needed, I can make sure you receive the right support by referring or signposting you to targeted and specialist services.

If there are any circumstances at home which could affect your child at school please contact me. Any information received will be treated sensitively and in confidence.

If anyone has any questions or would like any further information please feel free to contact me through the School or on my work mobile 07792142825.

Loudwater Forum

Loudwater Forum will once again be running two Santa Sleigh runs on the following dates: **Saturday 15 December** outside Homebase Loudwater in conjunction with a Sausage Sizzle from 12 noon to 4 pm, then around the streets of Loudwater, giving presents to the children; and on **Friday 21 December** outside Tesco's Loudwater from 12 noon to 4 pm followed by the sleigh run around the streets of Loudwater, again giving presents to the children.

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;"><u>December</u></p> <p>3rd Bikeability 7th Christmas Bazaar from 3pm 11th 9.30am FS & Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 12th 2.30pm FS & Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 13th Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 2pm & 7pm 17th Pupils' Christmas Lunch 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 Children return to School 10th Open Day (9.00 – 10.00 & 2.00 – 3.00)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February</u></p> <p>4th – 8th Science Week 12th & 13th Parent/Teacher Consultations 18th – 22nd Half term break 25th Return to School</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <p>14th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00) 18th -22nd Shakespeare Week 22nd Red Nose Day 26th & 28th Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>5th School closes at 2pm for Easter Break 23rd Training day for teachers 24th Children return to School 30th & 2nd Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>30th & 2nd Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5) 6th Bank Holiday 13th Year 6 SATs Week 20th Year 5 Assessment Week 24th School Closed Training Day for teachers 27th – 31th Half term break</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>3rd Children return to School 6th – 10th Science Week – Kew Gardens visit 6th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30 & 2.00 – 3.00) 11th – 14th Year 6 Green Park Residential 28th School closed training day for teachers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>1st – 5th Assessment Week Y1, Y3 & Y4 2nd Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 5th Annual Reports to Parents 12th Sports Day – Greek Theme 17th Reserve Sports Day 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>Values Assemblies</u></p> <p>All Start at 9.05am 30th January - Responsibility Y5 28th February - Empathy Y3 27th March - Compassion Y2 30th April - Kindness Y6 23rd May - Collaboration Y1 27th June - Respect Y5 18th July - Happiness FS</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Class Assemblies</u> <u>Spring term</u></p> <p>All start at 9.05am 24th January - Year Six 31th January - Year Two 7th February - Year Five 7th March -Year One</p>	

	14 th March - Year Three 21 st March - Year Four 28 th March - Foundation Stage	
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Tinned pies

Tinned fish

Tinned meat meals (curries,
stews, mince, hot dogs)

Tinned ham

Tinned potatoes

Tinned vegetables

Rice

Pasta sauce

Tinned Fruit

Angel delight

Jelly

Long-life milk

Jam

Shampoo and conditioner

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