



Loudwater Combined School

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Loudwater Update

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Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Monday September 9th - Foundation Stage children start school
Tuesday September 10th - 11+ Practice Paper (Y6)
Wednesday September 11th - 11+ Transfer Test Papers (Y6)
Friday September 13th - 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

The value of the month for September is Pride. During assemblies and class discussion times we will be exploring questions linked to pride and feeling proud:

- How can we take pride in our school environment? How will this make our school a better place?
- How can we take pride in our learning? What difference will this make?
- Why is it important to take pride in our appearance?
- Which of your achievements are you most proud of?

Our inspirational person this month is Winston Churchill. The children will be finding out about his life and achievements and what we can learn from these.

At the end of the month our values assembly will be led by Year Four.

Curriculum and timetabling developments

I believe that in order to make sure that the education we are providing for our children is the best that it can be as well as being engaging and exciting, we need to challenge ourselves and make changes from time to time. One of the ways in which schools are currently being challenged is to make sure that their curriculum is broad and rich and that teachers have high levels of expertise and subject knowledge in the areas they teach.

To ensure that this the case we have taken the decision to teach Spanish in Years three to six. Mrs Pierce Collinao will be teaching Spanish to all the Key Stage 2 classes. We think this will be an exciting opportunity for the children and one which will prepare them for secondary school, as Spanish is increasingly becoming the language children learn in the next phase of their education.

Mr Hasyn and Mr Williams will be teaching PE across the school. This will enable children to make sustained progress in developing their physical skills throughout the school. During September Key Stage 2 classes will be swimming and after this time they will always have

two PE sessions each week. Our Open House event will provide further information and the opportunity to ask any questions.

Swimming for Key Stage 2

A separate letter was emailed regarding swimming days on Wednesday. We plan to swim throughout September, weather permitting. If any parents are available to help supervise children whilst they are changing this would be greatly appreciated – you will need to have a current DBS check with the school. Please see the class teacher or let the office know if you can help.

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

Monday – Year 3

Tuesday – Year 6

Thursday – Year 5

Friday – Year 4

Open House

For the parents of children in Years One to Six, we are holding our Open House Event on Monday September 16th. This is an opportunity to hear from the class teachers about their expectations of the children, the curriculum and timetable changes, as well as your chance to ask any questions you may have. Each teacher will make two presentations so that parents with two children may attend both presentations. We recognise that there are some families with children in three different classes and we will make arrangements to ensure that these families have all the information they need. Whilst parents are attending the presentations children will be supervised on the Key Stage 2 playground by school staff. The presentations will last approximately fifteen minutes and will start at 3.35pm and 4.00pm.

School Uniform

Children must 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.
- All school sweat-shirts and cardigans should now have the new school logo.
- 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 shirts should be in your child's House colour (only available from MyClothing online), shorts are needed for PE in the hall and 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.

We now have the new design PE Bags and Book Bags available for £5.00 each from the School Office.

Roald Dahl Dress-up Day

Friday 13th 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!

FOLS are organising an outfit swop during the coming week. Please check their poster in the school noticeboard or see a FOLS member for more details.

Breakfast Club

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that if you are making use of our morning Breakfast Club you do need to book your child's place through the Gateway. With our new Wrap Around Childcare facility we are expecting a possible rise in numbers and do not want to turn anyone away. The system has also been changed slightly to accommodate multiple bookings of sessions with a pay later option. The system also allows payments in advance. We would appreciate the balance due to be cleared at least monthly, we hope this will prove useful to our parents on a monthly salary. Any amount, paid or unpaid, left on last year's accounts has been transferred to this year's club balances.

After School Clubs

We have once again organised a number of After School Clubs to start week beginning 9th September 2019.

For KS1 organised by U-Sports (please contact directly at <http://usports.class4kids.co.uk/term/122>)

- Multi-Sports - Monday (This club is also available to our Foundation Stage)
- Football - Thursday

For KS2 organised by U-Sports (please contact directly at <http://usports.class4kids.co.uk/term/122>)

- Football - Wednesday
- Tag Rugby - Tuesday

We also have our normal KS2 Home Learning Club starting on Thursday September 19th and Netball on Tuesday September 17th. Please contact school by email or in writing if you wish your child to be registered on either of these.

Finally, we have Aqua Splash Club restarting on Tuesday September 10th for our years 3 & 4 and then years 5 & 6 will restart on Thursday 11th.

'Wrap-around Child Care' - After School

Launching Monday 9th September 2019
Daily from: 3.20pm till 6pm

As mentioned before the summer holidays, we are pleased to be working with uSports who will be providing daily wrap around child care after the school day (term time) until 6.00pm.

Bookings via the uSports website:

<https://www.u-sports.co.uk/loudwater-after-school-care>

Offering: Arts, crafts, games, puzzles, sports & more
A snack will be provided
Pick-up any time up to 6pm

Opening Offer: **2 Free 'Taster' sessions** per pupil available during the **first week** (Monday 9th to Friday 13th September 2019) Limited to 15 places per day – Bookings essential so don't delay!

Contact: 01494 702107 - or visit the website:
<https://www.u-sports.co.uk/loudwater-after-school-care>

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 is in Year 3, or above, and 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.

Pet owners

A reminder to our pet owners that should you bring your dogs on the school run, would you please ensure that in the interest of others, that you clean up after any incidents. Mr Clarke spent considerable time this morning cleaning up after two separate occurrences – your help with this is much appreciated.

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. 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
Glue-stick	Highlighter
30cm Ruler	Red Biro
Eraser	Black Biro
Sharpener	

A Handwriting Pen once they receive their pen licence.

We do of course replenish and renew items as needed. The Gateway is now open for your contribution of £4.50.

Typing Error

Last but not least, apologies to Matilda, now in Year 1, for missing her name off the end of term Silver Awards for Attendance.

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.