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LOUDWATER UPDATE

Friday 27th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Tuesday October 1st – Year 1 Football Tournament (small named group) **Thursday September 3rd -** Open Day (9.00 - 10.00 & 2.00 - 3.00) Thursday September 3rd - Parents' Forum 7pm

Value of the Month

The value of the month for October is Friendship. During assemblies and class discussion times we will be exploring questions linked to friends and friendships:

- What would you put in your 'friendship soup'?
- What could you do to be a better friend?
- How can you rescue a friendship that has hit a rocky patch?
- Who are our neighbours?

Our inspirational person this month is Mother Theresa. The children will be finding out about her life and achievements and what we can learn from these.

During October we will also be celebrating Black History Month and the children will be researching the achievements of black astronauts and scientists.

News from the classes this week: **Foundation Stage**

This is the first week that we have all stayed all day. We have coped with it very well and are learning the school routines and expectations.

This week we heard the story of the Little Red Hen, and how she had to make bread all by herself because none of her friends would help her. We decided to make bread, like the Little Red Hen, but unlike the story, we all helped make the bread and worked as a team, so we all got to eat the bread, too! It was delicious. We have also been ordering the story, using pictures to prompt us. We have started phonics and have learnt the sounds s, a, t and p. We are using these sounds to start to build words. In number time we have been learning to recognise and write our numbers. https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories

Year One

This week in English we have been thinking about pets! We had an exciting visitor on Tuesday; Penny from the Blue Cross. She talked to us about what pets need to be happy and healthy. We have written sentences about pets and made a poster so that we could share information about the pets that we have or the pets we would like.

It has been a busy addition week in Maths. We have been adding up using cubes, pictures and even a number line! We have talked a lot about the importance of being accurate.

Our topic this term is Family and Friends. We have been looking at the differences between ourselves and the family of Peter Rabbit. We have also been trying to perfect our mouse control skills in ICT!

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/coconut-ordering

Year Two

In Year 2 we have been enjoying the story of 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. We have been helping George to learn how to write instructions. Firstly, we read many different recipes and identified their features. Then we practised reading and following instructions to make jelly and our grape caterpillars. We then sequenced a set of instructions which were muddled! At the end of the week, we spent time exploring appropriate ingredients for a marvellous medicine and developed our vocabulary to describe the ingredients.

In Phonics, we have been learning the 4 different rules for adding suffixes to root words: just add the suffix, double the consonant, drop the 'e' and change the y to an i. In Maths we have learned how to represent 2-digit numbers in different ways e.g. using base 10, straw bundles, ten frames and place value counters. We have been revising the value of the tens digit, so that we understand the 2 in 25 equals 2 tens and not 20 tens!

In Topic we have been practising our Harvest poem and exploring the story of The Great Fire of London through Music and Drama.

Have a go at following a recipe at home. I would love to see a picture of your food! https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/kids-cooking

Year Three

This week in English, we have started learning from our new text 'The True Story of The Three Little Pigs'. We have written recounts from different perspectives as well as hot seating. In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting mentally using multiples of 10,100 and 1000. We have also answered related word problems. In PE, we have started learning Jive for indoor PE. In art we have been looking at how artists can use colours to express different emotions. We looked at works by the abstract artist Mark Rothko and created our own emotion pictures using watercolours. In History we have continued to learn about the Roman Emperors Julius Caesar and Claudius. We discovered how Caesar was unable to conquer Britain but Claudius was successful and rode through Colchester on a horse to celebrate! In Science we have been learning how fossils are formed. http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Romans.html

Year Four

During our English lessons this week, we have continued to read 'The Spiderwick Chronicles'. In the story, Jared discovered a riddle which he had to solve in order to find a mysterious book. We had great fun writing our own riddles for Jared to solve! We have also read about the creature that is causing mischief in the Spiderwick house, and have begun writing information reports about this creature.

In our maths lessons, we have looked at ordering and comparing four-digit numbers. We have used place value counters to discover which column we should look at first when ordering numbers, before ordering these numbers in ascending and descending order. We have also begun to look at negative numbers.

During our topic lessons, we have begun looking at the tropical rainforests of the world. We have found out the location of these rainforests in relation to the equator and named the continents in which they can be found. We have looked at the different layers of the rainforest and what conditions are like here.

http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/rainforest.html

Year Five

In Maths this week we have practised counting forwards and backwards in whole numbers through zero, and been introduced to negative numbers. After placing negative numbers correctly on a timeline we progressed to solving problems involving thermometer scales. We had fun unwrapping our class novel, 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo, and read the first two chapters. We developed an understanding of one of the main characters by writing a recount of their day in the first person. In Topic we published our non-chronological reports about aspects of life in Britain during WWII. We were introduced to Gracie Fields' marching song 'Wish me luck' and thought about who would have sung this, where they might have been and who may have joined in. We

practised our Spanish harvest poem and are getting to grips with some key pronunciation rules.

Top Marks negative numbers game:

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?a=activity04

Year Six

In English we have continued our unit of work based on Roald Dahl's autobiographical book, 'Boy – Tales of a Childhood'. We have read about Mrs Pratchett, the horrible owner of the sweet shop in Llandaff, which Roald Dahl used to spend his pocket money in. We have then written character descriptions of Mrs Pratchett. We have also read the chapter where Roald Dahl and his friends find a dead mouse and they place it in the Gobstopper jar to get their revenge on Mrs Pratchett. We have written our own versions of 'The Great Mouse Plot' from the point of view of Mrs Pratchett or Thwaites, Roald Dahl's friend. In Maths we have been rounding any whole number and decimal number to a required degree of accuracy, comparing and ordering fractions and simplifying fractions. In Topic we have continued our exploration of the circulatory system and have started an investigation into the impact of exercise on our heart rates.

Website: - A range of English games and activities.

http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year
	Stage	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
13/09/19	Did not attend Assembly	Isabella	George	Tegan	Ellie	Romilly	China
	7.000				Reece		
20/09/19	Did not attend Assembly	Matilda	Taaha	Alfie	George	Grace	Riley
27/09/19	Did not attend Assembly	Charlie	Sidney	Ciaran	Lily R-C	Zach	Harrison

The Head teacher's award this week has been awarded to Esme in Year 1

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

	Foundation	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year
	Stage	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
13/09/19	Did not attend	Paige	Layla	Isabelle	Liyana	Xandros	Oliver
	Assembly	Samuel	Sameer	Ayaan	Natasha	Faith	Amaya
20/09/19	Did not attend	Darcy A	Kata	Emily	Ellie	Amelie	Isabelle
	Assembly	Max	Esa	Mason S	Logan S	Oscar	Thomas
27/09/19	Did not attend	Azhaan	John	Caitlin	Adna	Poppy	Lily
	Assembly	Jenson	Elizabeth	Mason W	Rachel	Mason B	Joshua

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	Foundation	Year One	Year	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
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13/09/19	98%	95%	100%	95%	99%	97%	100%
20/09/19	100%	98%	98%	100%	100%	100%	99%
27/09/19	98%	96%	99%	99%	99%	97%	97%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after 9.00am.

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
13/09/19	0	0	1	2	0	1	0
20/09/19	0	0	1	0	2	0	1
27/09/19	4	0	2	0	4	0	3

House points for the week

	Beethoven	Mozart	Tchaikovsky	Elgar
13/09/19	145	158	150	162
20/09/19	117	159	97	115
27/09/19	163	150	137	116

Emy, Emily, Tegan, Shayley, Andreea, Freya and Amy in Year 3 have all earned their Pen Licences this week. Keep up the good work.

September - Citizens of the Month

Our Citizen awards for September go to Year 1 - Amirtaa, Year 2 - Layla, Year 3 - Ayaan, Year 4 - Amber, Year 5 - Poppy, and Year 6 - Lily. Well done.

Book Recommendation

Our book recommendation this week comes from Mrs Pierce Collinao. We have added her review to the end of this newsletter.

Battery Collection

Our School Council members would like to remind you that we are still collecting your used batteries for recycling. We are able to provide collection boxes you only need to ask.

Gateway Texts

We are still receiving text via this system and we must once again remind parents that the text message service is not monitored and they should not reply to texts or send new texts to school in this way. **Our only means of contact are by telephone or email**.

Consent for Local Trips and Walks including Flackwell Heath Library

If you have not already done so, we would ask you to visit the Gateway to give your 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.

Throughout this school year we plan to take each class to visit Flackwell Heath Library and borrow books for their class. We will always let you know when your child's class will be visiting the library and would like to add this to the nearby consents to avoid you needing to give permission each half term.

Contribution for Pencil Case Items

We thank everyone that has contributed to our stationery cost. We are once again asking for a contribution towards this year's stationery for your child. This is due to the continuing budget restrictions that are well publicised in the media.

In Foundation Stage and KS1 stationery is used on 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.

This includes:

Pencil Whiteboard pen Glue-stick Highlighter 30cm Ruler Red Biro Eraser Black Biro

Sharpener

A Handwriting Pen once they receive their pen licence.

Your contribution aids us to replenish and renew stationery items as needed, not necessarily a new pencil case each year. The Gateway is now open for your contribution, the same as last year, of £4.50.

School Safety

It has been brought to our attention that at the end of the day there are rather a lot of children in the playground on scooters. The playground is very congested at the end of the day with parents, younger children and KS2 leaving the building. Children must not use their scooters during this time in this area, for everyone's safety.

Loudwater School Football Team

Mr Hasyn would like to thank everyone who took part in the football trials last week. He would now like to invite all the children that attended to train after school on Wednesdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm. The School team will be picked each time a match or tournament is arranged.

Packed Lunches

Please can I remind parents that children's packed lunches **should not contain nuts or products that contain nuts.** This is because we have a number of children in school with nut allergies and other children eating products containing nuts in the same environment could cause an allergic reaction – thanks for your understanding.

Parents Forum Meeting

The first, 'Parents Forum Meeting' of the year will be held on, Thursday 3rd October at 7.00pm in the Year 6 classroom. Parents Forum (PF) is your opportunity to have your say or ask questions about any aspect of school life. At this meeting we will be confirming the class representatives for the year. The chair if the PF is Nicky Springle – should you have any item that you wish to include on the agenda then please contact Nicky or the school office.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Today we joined with Macmillan to hold our annual coffee morning. We welcomed quite a number of parents and acquaintances of our Loudwater School community. It has been a great opportunity to meet other parents and to spend a little time getting better acquainted. Mr Clarke did a grand job of asking for "volunteer" cake makers, so much so that we were able to have a cake sale at the end of the day. We are happy to announce that together we raised the princely sum of £247.87 aid of this worthwhile cause.

Board Game donations

We are in need of board games and/or construction sets to replace our depleting stock that we use at lunchtime and Breakfast Club. If you have any unused items available please bring them into the school office.

FOLS Update on Easy Fundraising

Changes have been made to the way you can collect money for the school using Easy Fundraising. Please read the information at the end of the newsletter to ensure you are up to date and that all valuable donations are finding their way to FOLS.

Harvest Celebrations

Thank-you to all those families who have already brought in their donations for the One Can Trust. If you have not already done so these can be brought in during next week. The One Can Trust is a High Wycombe based organisation which provides assistance to local people and families. There is a list of the items they would find particularly useful at the end of the newsletter. Next Wednesday we will be holding a whole school Harvest Assembly where each class will be performing a poem with a Harvest theme. Unfortunately for this assembly we are not able to invite parents.

Yours faithfully

Clare Cunnington

Mrs C Cunnington Head teacher

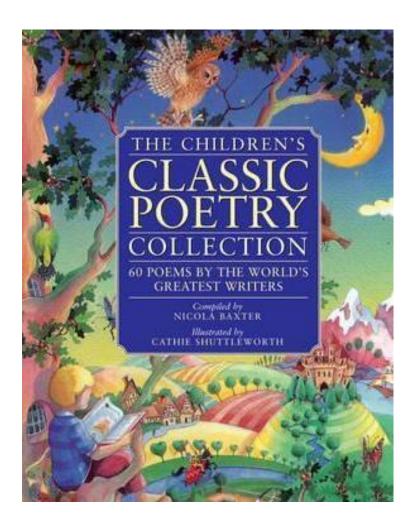
Update

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.

Book recommendation from Mrs Pierce Collinao



I love poetry! Reading poems takes me away to a special place. It may be I'm transported to the past when I have to read old-fashioned words like 'oft' or 'doth,' or sometimes a poem takes me to another country where I can meet exotic animals and imagine the smells and noises described so powerfully. This book contains some of the most famous poems ever written and one of my absolute favourites is 'My Shadow' by Robert Louis Stevenson. I know that there is a poem in here for every age and reading ability, and I would recommend this book to anybody who enjoys performing. Poems are written to be shared, whether that is on stage, in your living-room at home or in a classroom. Everyone should be able to recite at least one poem from memory - why don't you choose one from here and challenge yourself?

Mrs Pierce Collinao

LOUDWATER COMBINED SCHOOL

Calendar of Events for 2019-20

	October	November
	3 rd Open Day (9.00 -10.00 & 2.00 - 3.00) 3 rd Parents' Forum 7pm 18 th 11+ Results (Y6) 21 st & 24 th Parent/Teacher Consultations 28 th - 1 st Half term break 31 st Last day to apply for secondary school places online (Y6)	4 th Return to school 7 th Open Day (9.00 - 10.00 & 2.00 - 3.00) 10 th Remembrance Sunday 15 th / 22 nd Children in Need TBC 28 th Y6 Values Assembly 28 th Open Day (9.30 - 10.30 & 2.00 - 3.00)
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December 6th Christmas Bazaar 10th 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 11th 9.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production, 2.00pm & 7.00pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 16th Pupils' Christmas Lunch 18th Christmas Service am Christmas Activities pm 19th School closes at 2pm for Christmas break	January 7th Children return to School 9th Open Day (9.00 – 10.00) 29th Y1 Values Assembly	February 10 th & 13 th Parent/Teacher Consultations 17 th - 21 st Half term break 24 th Return to School 27 th Y2 Values Assembly
March 9 th - 13 th Sport Relief	April 3rd School closes at 2pm for	May 8 th Bank Holiday
12 th Open Day (9.30 – 10.30) 16 th - 22 nd Shakespeare Week 30 th & 2 nd Parent/Teacher Consultations Y6	Easter Break 20 th Children return to School 27 th & 29 th Parent/Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5)	11 th Year 6 SATs Week 18 th Year 5 Assessment Week 20 th -23 rd Residential Visit to Green Park Y6 TBC 22 nd School Closed Training Day for teachers
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June 1st Children return to School 1st - 5th Art Week 4th Open Day (9.30 - 10.30 & 2.00 - 3.00) 15th - 19th Assessment Week Y1, Y3 & Y4 16th - 19th Art Exhibition 22nd - 29th Science Week	3rd School closed training day for teachers 6th – 10th Greek/Olympic Week 7th Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 9th Annual Reports to Parents 10th Sports Day 14th Reserve Sports Day 20th 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production	Values Assemblies All Start at 9.05am 26.09.19 - Thurs - Pride Y4 28.11.19 - Thurs - Generosity Y6 29.01.20 - Weds - Honesty Y1 27.02.20 - Thurs - Love Y2 31.03.20 - Weds - Forgiveness Y6 30.04.20 - Tues - Perseverance Y4 21.05.20 - Thurs - Self-belief Y3

One Can Trust Shopping List

- Rice (500g or larger)
- Pasta (500g or larger)
- · Baked beans/tinned spaghetti
- Tinned potatoes / instant mash
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned fish eg. tuna
- Tinned meats including meat pies, hotdogs, meatballs, chillies, curries, mince, stew, corned beef, tinned ham etc
- Drinks: coffee, tea, hot choc, squash
- UHT milk (cartons)
- Sugar (500g)
- Cereals: large packets and variety packs
- Bread spreads e.g. jam, honey, chocolate spread, peanut butter
- Puddings e.g. instant whip, tinned fruit, rice pudding
- Snacks e.g. chocolate, biscuits
- Toiletries e.g. shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, soap, toothbrushes and paste
- Sanitary items
- Nappies, baby milk/powder
- Household: washing up liquid, loo roll

U Sports at Loudwater School

'Wrap-around Child Care' - After School

Daily from: 3.20pm till 6pm

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

Contact: 01494 702107 - or visit the website:

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



As many of you will know Loudwater Combined School is registered with Easyfundraising.

Easyfundraising is a great website where you can help Loudwater Combined School raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,600 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too!



However, FOLS have recently become aware that the way that donations are raised on Amazon purchases has changed and we are losing out on valuable donations! If you link to Amazon via the Easyfundraising website or the Easyfundraising App then there is no issue, but if you go direct to the Amazon website or use the Amazon app on your smartphone/tablet, then this is where the change means donations are no longer being received.

When you click to Amazon via Easy Fundraising it will take you to AmazonSmile website. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.co.uk The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to your chosen charity.

We have now registered the Friends Of Loudwater School (FOLS) charity on AmazonSmile to be able to collect donations. When you first visit AmazonSmile, please select Friends of Loudwater School as your chosen charity. After this all your future Amazon purchases will raise money for the school.

Whilst there is no AmazonSmile App, it is easy enough to make sure that you use the AmazonSmile website to make your purchases. Please see the instructions below how to change and select the school as your chosen charity and add the shortcut for AmazonSmile to your smartphone/tablet

How to use AmazonSmile on your iphone / IOS

- If you have the Amazon App installed, you should remove it. To do this, tap and hold
 the app icon until it starts jiggle. Tap the cross at the top left of the icon and confirm
 that you want to delete it. Don't worry, this will not delete your Amazon account or
 any of your settings.
- You now need to go online via Safari (the iPhone internet browser) and go to smile.amazon.co.uk. Select Friends of Loudwater School as your charity. If not prompted to do this, click the three lines in top LH corner



Scroll down to **Your AmazonSmile**, click change your charity, type Loudwater School in the search box and press search and select **Friends Of Loudwater School**



- 3. Now, tap the square shaped 'share' button on the bottom of the screen.
- 4. Tap the 'Add to Home Screen' icon. You may need to swipe to the left to see this:
- You will now have an AmazonSmile icon on your home screen which you can use in exactly the same way you used the Amazon App.

How to use AmazonSmile on your android phone

- If you have the Amazon App installed, you should remove it. Don't worry, this will not delete your Amazon account or any of your settings.
- You now need to go online and go to smile.amazon.co.uk. Select Friends of Loudwater School as your charity.
- Now, you need to click the three dots in the top right corner and 'Add to Home screen'
- You will now have an AmazonSmile icon on your home screen which you can use in exactly the same way you used the Amazon App.

Over £27million has already been raised for good causes in the UK by Easyfundraising shoppers so please help us get our share! We want to raise as much as possible, so please visit our Easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/loudwatercombined/ and click 'support us', if you haven't done so already.

At this time, we have raised just over £1,600 via Easyfundraising, and are currently in discussions with the school regarding our suggestion for a very worthwhile investment for this money.

Calm down and have some fun





Learn calm down, relaxation and breathing techniques you can use with your children to help them better manage their emotions.

Mindfulness delivered in a fun and accessible way.

Ideas and activities for helping children (and adults!) to calm down Stories, Craft, Songs, Music, Drawing, Imagination, Physical exercise, Nature

Where: Loudwater School

When: Wednesdays

What time: 3.30pm to 4.15pm

Next date: 2nd October 2019

For more information contact Jackie Boyce Family Support Advisor through the School office 01494 524919 You can't calm the storm, so stop trying.
What you can do is calm yourself.
The storm will pass.

Info us@orts.co.uk 0118 449 2641 www.usports.co.uk



Loudwater - Autumn 2019 Clubs

Dear Parents/Guardians,

uSports are pleased to announce that we will be delivering the following after-school clubs at

Loudwater Combined School for the Autumn term.

Football:

Year 1-6 | Thursday | 3.30 - 4.30pm |

Prices:

After school clubs | £5.25 per session

All bookings can be made by:

- 1. Going to 2019 https://usports.class4kids.co.uk/term/122
- 2. Scroll down to Loudwater Clubs
- 3. Click 'Book now' This will take you to our bookings page
- 4. Find the club for your child/children
- 5. Add your child's details
- 6. Pay (booking will not be confirmed until payment is made)

Twitter, Facebook and Instagram:

@usports.ltd

"Magical Maths is coming to: Loudwater Combined School!!"



Hi Parents,

"Professor Poopenshtinken" and his assistant Katherine visited Loudwater Combined School on Tuesday and showed the children just how much fun can be had with numbers!

This fantastic after school club helps engage children of all ages and abilities with the subject of Maths through really fun and challenging games, tricks and activities.

The six-week club begins on Tuesday 17th September so to sign up or find out more simply go to our website www.magicalmathsclub.com or call us on 01923 418019 but hurry as places are limited!

We look forward to seeing your children for lots more "Mathemagical" fun!!