



## Loudwater Combined School

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# LOUDWATER NEWSLETTER

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents,

### Calendar Dates for the coming week

*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Big Me dress up day*

*Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Open House for Years 1 – 6*

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to their new classes this week. 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.

During September our value of the month is pride and our inspirational person is Winston Churchill. During assemblies and PSHE lessons there will be stories and discussions to explore the importance of being proud and taking pride; some of the key questions we will be addressing are:

- 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 importance to take pride in our appearance?
- Which of your achievements are you most proud of this month?

There will be a values assembly on 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9.05am led by Year 1 pupils.

### Big Me

The children's writing this week and next week is focused on their future ambitions and aspirations. They will be researching their ideas for future careers and writing a letter to their future self. This is part of Action Aid's fundraising to improve the lives of children in other parts of the world. We want to help with this fundraising by asking the children to come to school next Friday (15<sup>th</sup>) wearing the clothes or uniform which they would wear in their chosen career and to bring a donation of £1, which will be donated to Action Aid.

### E-safety

We know that this is an important topic for parents as well as for us in school. We have arranged for Alison Watt of CEOP to visit our school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September to deliver a number of workshops to provide up to date information about what we can all do to ensure the safety of our children when they are online. During the day there will be workshops for Key Stage 1 and for Key Stage 2 children. There will be presentations for parents at 9.15am and 7.00pm. I really would urge all parents to attend one of these sessions to ensure that everyone is aware of how we can ensure that the children's safety is promoted and their enjoyment of using technology is maximised.

### **Open House Year 1 – Year 6. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

As we have done in previous years, we will be providing opportunities for you to meet your child's new teacher. We are going to organise this in a different way to previous years to enable each teacher to make a short presentation to parents to provide more information about the curriculum, key differences between the current year group and the previous one and any other useful information. The presentations will be made at 3.40 and 4.00 so parents who need to attend for two children in different year groups can do so. Staff will be available to supervise children on the Key Stage 2 playground if required whilst the presentations are in progress.

### **Year 6 Secondary School Transfer Test 11+**

During next week our Year 6 pupils will be completing an 11+ preparation paper on Tuesday followed by the test itself on Thursday. Both of these will take place in the school hall. If any parents still wish to withdraw their children from this process please let me know in writing. In the event of your child being unwell on either of these days, please do not send them to school. We will be able to reschedule either the preparation or the test when they are well.

### **Hot Lunches**

The website is now up and running for the autumn term with a new menu – as before, please visit the site to place your orders.

### **Clubs**

All clubs for the autumn term will start the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> September and a letter has already gone out detailing the various choices (see below). We will follow with individual club letters for the external suppliers which will detail the various web-links for you to visit in order to process payment.

### **School Patrol**

We are currently without a School Patroller at the moment due to unforeseen sickness but please be assured that we will ensure that alternative arrangements are in place as quickly as possible.

### **Harvest Festival - St Peter's Church in Loudwater**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September: Barn Dance @ 7pm with live Ceilidh band – tickets £10

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September: Celebration Church service @ 10am  
11:30am – stalls, bouncy castle, face painting, tea room, displays and BBQ

### **FOLS**

Congratulations to Jonathan Tate who was the winner of the FOLS Lottery August draw. Now is the time to renew your lottery membership or join up for this year. As advertised at the end of last term this will be processed through the school gateway.

### **Newsletter, consent forms and payments**

By way of reminder, we are now only sending out the newsletter via email so do please ensure that you inform the office of your current email address if you have not already done so – contact: [office@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@loudwater.bucks.sch.uk)

This also includes all future consent forms and payments for school activities as these will all be sent and collected electronically together with payments through the school gateway.

Yours faithfully,

*Clare Cunningham*

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Headteacher

### **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.

### **Clubs for the Autumn Term 2017**

All clubs will start the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> September

<b>Day</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Year Groups</b>	<b>Any other information</b>
Monday Lunchtime	Top Trumps	1, 2, 3 & 4	Children will be collected from the playground at 1.00. With Miss Weston in the Y1 classroom.
Monday Lunchtime	Recorders	3, 4, 5 & 6	In Foundation Stage with Miss Harris.
Monday 3.30-4.30	Dance Club	3, 4, 5 & 6	Max. 20 children. Takes place in the hall, PE kit needed. Forms from the office with online details.
Tuesday Lunchtime	Art & Drawing	3, 4, 5 & 6	Max. 20 children. With Miss Brown in the Y5 classroom at 12.30.
Tuesday 3.30-4.30	Netball	4, 5 & 6	Max. 20 children. PE kit, trainers, sweatshirt and joggers for cold weather.
Tuesday 3.30-4.30 Starting on 26/9/17	FAB Academy Multi-skills	1 & 2	Max. 20 children. Takes place in the hall, PE kit needed. Forms from the office with online details. <b>First half of the term only</b>
Tuesday 3.30 -4.30 Starting on 26/9/17	FAB Academy Football Club	3, 4, 5 & 6	Max. 20 children. Takes place on the field, PE kit and warm clothing needed as necessary. Forms from the office with online details.
Tuesday 3.30-4.30	Radio Club	6	Year 6 children continuing from last year.
Wednesday 3.30-4.30	Gym Club	2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Max. 20 children. Takes place in the hall. PE kit needed. Forms from the office with online details.
Thursday 3.30-4.30	Choir	4, 5 & 6	Max. 30 children. With Mrs Heard.
Thursday 3.30-4.30	Home Learning	3, 4, 5 & 6	Children need to bring home learning set by class teacher and a reading book. With Mrs Cunningham in the Kitchen area & IT Suite.

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Thursday 3.30-4.30	Fencing Club	3,4,5 & 6	Max. 20 children. Takes place in the hall. PE kit needed. Forms from the office with online details.
Thursday 3.30-4.30 Starting on 28/9/17	FAB Academy Football Club	1 & 2	Max. 20 children. Takes place on the field. PE kit and warm clothing needed as necessary. Forms from the office with online details.
Friday 3.30-4.40 Starting on 29/9/17	Active Gamerz	3, 4, 5 & 6	Max. 20 children. P.E. kit needed. Forms from the office with online details.
Friday 3.30-4.30	Smart Raspberry	1,2, 3, 4, 5, & 6	Max. 12 children. Forms from the office with online details.

Please make your choices from the above list and return the completed form to the office.

We will then issue the online details for the outside clubs and tally the numbers of required places.

Letters from the individual club organisers will be issued next week – please note for all external clubs you will need to contact them directly through their various web-links in order to process payment.

Your child will be allocated a place in their chosen club/s. If for any reason this is not possible we will inform you by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

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### Lunchtime and After School Clubs

I would like my child ..... In Year ..... to attend  
(Please insert name of club/s).....

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and agree to collect him/her at the end of the session (for after school clubs).

Signed ..... Date .....