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LOUDWATER UPDATE

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Dear Parents,

Important Calendar Dates

Friday 17th September – Roald Dahl Dress-up Day (see below)
Week beginning 20th September – Open House meetings (see below)
Thursday 23rd September – FOLS meeting 7pm

Value of the month

Our value of the month for September is pride. During assemblies and class discussion time we will be exploring the following questions and ideas:

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

Our inspirational person this month is Winston Churchill. We will be exploring key periods of his life when he encouraged the nation to work together and to be proud of the achievements of those involved in the Second World War. You can find out more about his life at: https://www.ducksters.com/biography/winston_churchill.php

News from the classes this week:

Year One

A busy and fun week settling into the new Year 1 routines!

The children all have their new reading books. Please look at the information inside the front cover of the reading record. At the back of the reading record we have put some of the words that the children are expected to read and spell by the end of the year. Please take some time to look at these and go through them with your children. We will be adding more when appropriate.

This week in English we have been looking at a variety of Nursery Rhymes. We have really enjoyed learning actions to go with them. We have been looking at some of the rhyming words in our rhymes and we loved identifying rhyming words by taking part in a class quiz. Our class author for this half term is Julia Donaldson and we have discussed the fact that lots of her books also rhyme.

In Maths we have been sorting objects in lots of different ways. We have also been counting objects. On Friday we learnt how to play a new number game. It was fun to work with a partner to play the game.

Our afternoons have been busy with PE. It was very exciting to have our first ever indoor PE lesson. We have also been drawing self-portraits. We used black crayons to create some very effective pictures.

Useful websites...

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/helicopter-rescue>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/3/pick-a-picture>

Year Two

In Year 2, we have had a wonderful first week! Everyone has settled into the new routines and has made a positive start to the year!

In English, we have been learning to read, perform and write riddles. We have learned that the clues should not be obvious to start the poem but the last clue should be very obvious. In Phonics, we have revisited spilt vowel digraphs. Learning to read these in

words is often tricky and will need practise. In Guided Reading, we have begun to read the story *Woolf* by Alex Latimer. We have practised wondering, prediction and retrieval skills.

In Maths, we have been practising numbers to 50, sequencing them and learning to build 2-digit numbers understanding tens and ones. Our Topic learning has focused on Art. In Art, we have been learning drawing skills, with particular focus on shading. In Computing, we are learning about e-safety and how to keep safe online. In PE, we are learning to balance and sequence different movements.

For Home Learning, we would like the children to read as often as possible but at least 3 times a week. Once they have read their school book, please record their reading of their own/library books in their diaries as well. We would also like them to use Reading Eggs and Numbots as often as possible too. Please let me know if you have any problems logging in. Thank you!

<http://www.readingeggs.com>

<https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login-type?>

Year Three

It has been lovely to start in our new class.

In English, we have been reading poetry and our focus has been Roald Dahl and his poems. We have discussed and performed some of his poems and have explored the language used in them.

In Maths, we have been learning about place value and using different resources to create numbers. We have used place value charts to identify numbers up to 1000.

In PE, we have started learning Badminton and have been swimming.

In RE, we have been learning about different religions and have identified similarities and differences.

Year Four

We have had a busy first full week in Year 4!

During our English lessons, we have been focusing on shape poems. We have looked at examples of shape poems written about different animals in order to learn from them, before writing our own shape poem about a snake. We have used powerful adjectives and verbs to describe the snake. Next week, we are going to be writing shape poems about an animal of our choice.

During our mathematics lessons, we have been revisiting three digit numbers. We have represented three digit numbers in different ways, for example using base ten blocks and on place value charts, as well as looking at the position of three digit numbers along number lines.

In our Art lessons, we have focused on sketching snakes and other animals, ready to publish our shape poems. We have learned how to draw a snake step by step, and thought carefully about the details such as the head shape, scales and patterns. In our PSHE lesson, we found out about individuality and what makes each of us unique. In our PE lesson, we learned about the rules of handball and learnt how to keep possession in a small sided game.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/266>

Year Five

Mrs Pierce Collinao is very proud of the way we have familiarised ourselves with the routines and expectations of Year 5.

In English and Guided Reading lessons this week, we have been learning about different forms of poetry and have compared and contrasted Spike Milligan's narrative nonsense verse with the descriptive Japanese Haikus. We have carried out a Haiku hunt in our beautiful school grounds, where we searched for forms of nature which may provide inspiration for a future Haiku (a 17-syllable poem, originally intended to be delivered in just one breath). We discovered that Mrs Inglis is a fantastic Haiku writer! It was lovely to hear her ideas.

In Maths this week we have been talking about Place Value and extending our knowledge of reading, writing, rounding and comparing numbers. In Art, we have learnt more about the risk-taking artist and print maker, Katsushika Hokusai (1760 – 1849). We have all made a collagraph (a simple printing block/tile) print where we experimented with different patterns and textures. In RE, we have explored important milestones and rites of passage in our own life journeys, considering both our past, present and future dreams. In PE, we broke down the steps of a successful cartwheel and thought carefully about

warming up key parts of our body before attempting bunny hops, balances and the cartwheel itself. We were lucky to have some experts in our class who were happy to demonstrate technique and support others.

Practise your mental arithmetic and select more challenging number bond games involving decimals and halving here: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Year Six

We have had a great first few days as the new Year 6 class and have worked really hard. In English we have been using the poem Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll. We have read and analysed the poem. We were particularly interested in some of the nonsense words that were used such as frabjous, brillig and frumious. We worked with a partner to try and understand what these words might mean eg frabjous = fabulous and joyous. We have also created a timeline of the events within the poem in preparation for our writing next week.

In Maths, our focus has been on place value and we have been representing numbers up to 10,000, 100,000 and 1 million using place value counters, bar model and number lines. We have also been working hard on our arithmetic. Our Art unit of learning is linked to the Jabberwocky poem. We have researched other artists interpretations of what the Jabberwocky might look like and have created our own version.

In Computing, we have begun to discuss online safety by exploring the similarities and difference between bullying and cyberbullying. In PSHE, we have been learning about mental health and what it means. It was brilliant to be able to swim this week and we all thoroughly enjoyed our lesson. Each week, in Year 6, we listen to a different genre of popular music and record our thoughts and impressions. This week, we listened to the music of Sister Sledge. At the end of each day we have been enjoying our class novel which is Holes by Louis Sachar.

Open House Meetings Year 1 – Year 6

Our annual Open House meetings are an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher and find out about the organisation and expectations in the new year group. This year we will be holding these events virtually during the week beginning 20th September. Next week the class teacher will be in touch to let you know when the meeting will be held 'live' and we will endeavour to record these so they will be available to you later, if needed.

Achievement Award Winners

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
10/09/21	Attending part-time	Eesa	Miley	Whole Class	Leo	Andreea	Faith

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
10/09/21	Attending part-time	Arina Marley	Thomas Scarlett	Darcy A Azhaan	Kata Callum	Mason S Caitlin	Ellie Logan S

Attendance

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
10/09/21	Attending part-time	97%	100%	100%	99%	99%	90%

Punctuality

Number of children arriving after their class start time.

	Foundation Stage	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
10/09/21	Attending part-time	0	0	0	0	0	0

House points for the week

	Beethoven	Mozart	Tchaikovsky	Elgar
10/09/21	174	177	174	201

House Captains

The house captains for the autumn term are:

	Beethoven	Mozart	Tchaikovsky	Elgar
House Captain	Ellie	Keira	Isobel	George
Vice Captain	Logan W	Rachel	Leah	Faith

Roald Dahl Dress-up Day

We plan to celebrate the life and works of Roald Dahl on Friday 17th September by having a dressing up day. This is an opportunity to come to school either dressed as one of his characters or to wear something yellow, which was his favourite colour. Please do not feel that your child needs a purpose bought or expensive costume – home-made is often best! This day is just for fun and we are not asking for any money on this occasion.

Parent Governor Vacancy

The term of office of one of our parent governors has come to an end and we would like to give parents the opportunity of nominating themselves for the role. If you are interested, please see the attached letter for more information. If you have any questions about the role please see me or email the office.

Christmas Celebrations

We are optimistic that we will be able to celebrate Christmas at school this year. This will include a nativity play for Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils with all children having a role to play. Our traditional whole school service at St Peters where readers will be chosen from all classes in the school will be held again this year. We will also have a Christmas Jumper day for charity, a Christmas lunch and a disco and other activities during an afternoon.

For Key Stage 2 pupils we will be making some changes to our celebrations and the children's opportunities to perform for their parents. We are proposing that Year 3 and Year 4 children will perform a carol concert at St Peter's Church for their parents to enjoy.

Year 5 pupils will have their own event later in the year, probably towards Easter time when they will either perform or invite their parents into school to share an aspect of their learning. Year 6 will continue with their end of year leavers' production as they have in previous years towards the end of the summer term.

FOLS (Friends of Loudwater School)

FOLS have continued to meet regularly, albeit virtually, during the last eighteen months and have used innovative means to continue to raise money for the school. They too are hoping for a more normal year ahead and to resume some of their more traditional fund raising events. To explore what the coming year might look like they are planning to meet in the school hall at 7pm on Thursday 23rd September. If you would like to be involved in any way or have any great ideas to share, please join us for the meeting. Everyone welcome. Please note that if, due to coronavirus, we are not able to hold the meeting in person we will move to a virtual meeting and email details to parents.

McMillan Coffee morning

On the morning of Friday 24th September we plan to hold a McMillan Coffee morning. We all know that charities have had a particularly difficult time over the last eighteen months and our support is invaluable in enabling them to continue their vital work. I hope that we will be able to meet in the hall or outside depending on the situation with coronavirus at the time. We may need to adapt our plans so we will keep you informed. Donations of biscuits and cakes would be warmly welcomed and even if we were not able to meet these could be sold at the end of the school day. I thank you in advance for your support.

Year One and Two Parents Only

If you are bringing a buggy to school when collecting your child, please inform a member of KS1 staff at morning drop off. They can then arrange for your child to be brought out to you at home time so you will not have to wait too long.

Drop Off and Pick Up

When you are dropping your child off in the mornings and collecting them at the end of the day, can you please make sure they are not running up in to the woods at the top of School Way and that they do not go in to the residents gardens.

Can we also ask that, when waiting for your child on the main playground, children do not play on the web explorer.

Free Workshop

We have been asked by the Thames Valley Police to share details of an online workshop which may be of interest to you focusing on online exploitation of young people. Booking details are shown on the flier.

Girls Football

Please see the attached flyer for Pro Football Academy for girls.

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.

COMBINED SCHOOL Calendar of events for 2021-22

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
2nd Children return to School 7th 11+ Practice Paper (Y6) 8th Foundation Stage children start school 9th 11+ Papers (Y6) Week beginning 13th – Clubs Start 17th Roald Dahl dress up day Week beginning 20th - Open House meetings - virtual 23rd Open Morning 9.30-10.30 FOLS meeting 7pm 24th McMillan Coffee Morning 30th Open Morning 11.00 – 12.00	14th Open Day 11.00 -12.00 15th 11+ Results Week beginning 18th Parent /Teacher Consultations 21st Open Morning 9.30 – 10.30 25th-29th Half term break 31st Last day to apply for secondary school places (Y6)	1st – Return to school Virtual Parents' Forum this week 11th Open Morning 9.30 – 10.30 12th Children in Need 25th Open Morning 11.00 – 12.00
<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
9th 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production	5th Children return to School	Week beginning 14th Parent /Teacher Consultations

<p>10th 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 13th or 14th (tbc) Y3 & Y4 Carol Concert 7pm 15th Pupils' Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day 16th Christmas Service am Christmas Activities pm 17th School closes at 2pm for Christmas break</p>		<p>18th School Closed – Training day for teachers 21st - 25th Half term break 28th Return to School</p>
<p>March 1st Notification of Secondary School Places 18th Red Nose Day 21st - 27th Shakespeare Week</p>	<p>April Week beginning 4th Parent /Teacher Consultations Y6 Y5 Event for parents 8th School closes at 2pm for Easter Break 25th Children return to School</p>	<p>May Week beginning 2nd Parent /Teacher Consultations (FS-Y5) 2nd Bank Holiday 9th Year 6 SATs Week 16th Year 5 Assessment Week Year 6 residential – dates to be confirmed 27th School Closed Training Day for teachers 30th – 3rd Half term break</p>
<p>June 6th Children return to School 9th Open Day 9.30 – 10.30 13th – 17th Assessment Week Y1, Y3 & Y4</p>	<p>July 1st School Closed Training day for teachers 5th Secondary School Induction Day (Y6) New Parents Meeting 8th Sports Day 14th Reserve Sports Day 20th 7.00pm Y6 Leavers Production 21st 9.30am Y6 Leavers Assembly School closes at 2pm for summer break</p>	<p>Class Assemblies Spring term 9.05 Start 20th January - Year Six 27th January – Year Two 3rd February – Year Four 10th February - Year One 17th March – Year Five 24th March – Year Three 7th April - Foundation Stage</p>

Values Assemblies

All Start at 9.05am
21.10.21 – Thurs - Equality
25.11.21 – Thurs - Respect
1.2.22 – Tues – Honesty
8.3.22 Tues – Love
31.3.22 Tues – Forgiveness
5.5.22 – Thurs – Perseverance
25.5.22 – Weds – Trust
29.6.22 – Weds – Self-belief
19.7.22 – Thurs – Friendship

