



*'I have set you an example that you should do as I have done'*  
John 13:15

# Loxley's Latest!



Dear Parents and carers.

We are at the end of the Autumn Term and Christmas is nigh upon us! Since September, we have achieved so much. Loxley's vision has been lived out by everyone, children and adults in the everyday working of the school. It is a 'golden thread' throughout the school. Primarily, this is in the relationships between everyone, adults and children. Our vision has been underpinned by our 6 values, **Respect, Community, Forgiveness, Hope, Perseverance & Trust**, through which children demonstrate their behavior, attitude and responsibilities. Every child has their name on a leaf hanging on the 'Tree of Values' either for sharing respect or community, the two focus values for the Autumn Term. Next term, the focus will be on Forgiveness for Spring Term 1 and Hope for Spring Term 2.

Loxley Primary has welcomed our new Vicar, Reverend Linda MacDermott into our school community. Reverend Linda has met the children several times already at our Nativity and Christingle Services, shared a Worship in school and led another. The children have connected with her. They know she loves art and sweets! Earlier in the term, we held our Harvest celebration and special Remembrance services in St Nicholas Church and the village memorial.

Just before the Half Term holiday, we successfully recruited and appointed Mrs Luci Rawbone – our new Office Manager. We welcomed Mrs Rawbone into the staff team; she has settled in amazingly well and is meant for the job! We have also welcomed Miss Becky Tuckey, Teaching Assistant into Acorns Class from September.

Governors undertook the successful recruitment and appointment of a permanent Headteacher, Mr Tim Dale. He will take up his post from the beginning of the Spring Term in January 2025. Since his appointment, Mr Dale and I have met regularly to ensure a smooth transition. The Governors have also successfully appointed a new Parent Governor, Dr Vivienne Madden who will take up her new position in January 25.

From January, all Key Stage 2 children will be going to Stratford Leisure Centre for their Swimming and PE lessons. This will begin on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January and continue throughout the Spring Term. Their last session will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Arrangements have been made for children to have their lunch earlier, ready for the coach to pick them up at 12.30pm.

The last week or so, we have enjoyed a number of Christmas activities including a party, film night, carols at The Fox, carol singing for family members and special stories. The Friends of Loxley School (FOLS) provided a much enjoyed Christmas cookie decorating session. Huge thanks must be given to the FOLS for raising £4620.00 at the annual Bonfire Night event. The fund have enabled the school to purchase much needed laptops and Ipads. The order has been made and hopefully should arrive early next term.

Lastly, my thanks are extended to the whole of Loxley community, who have made me so welcome. It has been a privilege and pleasure to be the Headteacher of this small but very special primary school, albeit for a short time. May I wish you all a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year. *Sally Kaminski-Gaze*

## Dates for your diary:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Teaching training day – School Closed

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Terms starts

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (12 weeks exc half term) – Swimming & PE Horse Chestnut/Sycamore only (See ParentPay for details)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Chinese Dance Workshop – details to follow

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day – Yr 5/6 workshop – details to follow

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Year 1 Stratford Fire Safety Talk – details to follow

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 Stratford Fire Safety Talk – details to follow

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Last day of term

ACORN CLASS (Reception and Year 1)

Acorn class were very excited to receive a new jigsaw puzzle this week for Christmas and loved testing their problem solving skills to put it together!

We have also made Christmas photo frames using glitter and sequins and Christmas baubles.



HORSECHESTNUT CLASS (Years 2 and 3) DONE

In Science this week we have been learning about the north and south poles of a magnet and observing what happens when opposite poles and same poles are near each other. We then predicted and tested materials to find out whether they are magnetic or non-magnetic. To complete the topic, we looked at everyday uses of magnets and had fun with a range of toys.

We have also completed our Music topic with a group composition. We showed our understanding of timbre and dynamics and worked very well together.



SYCAMORE CLASS (Years 4, 5 and 6)

In art this term, we have been studying the idea of 'Retrofuturism'. We studied some retro pieces of art, that showed what they thought the future would look like back in the 1960s, during the space race. We looked at a 'Moonwalk' by Teis Albers, and used it as inspiration to create our own futuristic art. We first created a callograph printing plate, with a variety of materials to create a textured background. We then experimented with futuristic images, and chose our favourite to repeat across the page. The finished results are so effective!



## STARS OF THE WEEK



### **ACORN CLASS**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Evelyn W

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Hunter

### **HORSE CHESTNUT CLASS**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Saami

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Toby

### **SYCAMORE CLASS**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Olive

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Wren

## THE TREE OF VALUES

We have great joy announcing the children who have all been photographed next to our 'Tree of Values' and hung their named leaves on our tree!

They have particularly stood out for showing 'Community Spirit', which is our value for this half term.

Congratulations to Eli & Julia from Acorn Class, Evie & Saami from Horse Chestnut Class and Hugo from Sycamore Class.



## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE/ CHRISTMAS AT THE FOX



## NATIVITY

