



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

Loxley's Latest!



Dates for your diary:

Dear Parents and carers,



GOOD NEWS! I am delighted to share with you the name of the new Headteacher of Loxley Primary School who will take up his new post in January 2025, start of Spring Term. His name is [Mr. Tim Dale](#). I have already met with Mr. Dale and we have a number of further meetings in the diary. We are both keen for a smooth handover. Mr. Dale will be in the playground at the end of school on Tuesday 3rd December to meet with you. He will also be joining us for Worship on Friday 6th December when he will be officially introduced to the children.

NEW PRIEST IN CHARGE – I had the pleasure of meeting our new Vicar last week – Rev. Linda MacDermott is looking after several churches – Charlcombe, Alverston, Newbold Pacey, Hampton Lucy andLoxley! She will be receiving her Licence at Hampton Lucy Church at 7pm tomorrow, Tuesday 26th November. Welcome Rev. Linda to Loxley School!!! We will be joining Rev. Linda for our Nativity Service on Thursday 12th December at 2pm in church and she will also be leading our Christingle Service in church on Monday 16th December at 9.45am. In addition, we are very pleased that she will be leading our Worship in school on Tuesday 10th December at 9.00am. Parents, please come along to any/all of the festive events – check out the school calendar



SCHOOL DISCO – Soon, the end of term disco date will be confirmed – watch this space.

SWIMMING LESSONS – Details of lessons and voluntary contributions will follow shortly.

WET WEATHER - A little reminder, please, to send children in waterproof footwear when weather is snowy or very wet. A number of children wearing trainers had very wet socks and feet when it snowed last Tuesday and had to sit with bare feet while we did our best to dry them out.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our upcoming festive celebrations!

Sally Kaminski-Gaze

Tuesday 10th December – Festive Fair at The Fox (children will be singing) from 2:30 pm

Thursday 12th December – School Nativity at St Nicholas Church, 2:00pm

w/c 16th December – Christmas Jumper Week

Monday 16th December – Christingle Service at the Church 9.30am

Tuesday 17th December – Beauty & The Beast Pantomime, whole school, am

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner served in School and Party afternoon

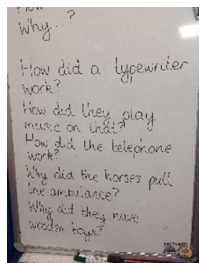
Thursday 19th December – Carols and Mince Pies in the Hall for Parents, 10:00 am and Film Night! (3:30 pm onwards, children to stay in school, details to follow)

Friday 20th December – Last day of term

ACORN CLASS (Reception and Year 1)

In English, Year 1 have been reading Dadaji's Paintbrush; discussing loss and feeling sad. We have written letters to help cheer someone up and are writing our own 'top tips for sadness'.

During History we have been thinking about past and present and sorted photos by looking at details within them e.g. black and white, typewriters and phone boxes. We then asked some 'how' and 'why' questions.



HORSE CHESTNUT CLASS (Years 2 and 3)

Strength of structures has been the focus for DT in Horse Chestnut Class. The children were surprised to discover that cylinders are stronger than prisms and cuboids because they do not have corners. They made and tested paper cylinders of different widths and heights.

The children started the Forces and Magnets Science topic with enthusiasm. They began by finding different ways to make a ping pong ball move - it was lots of fun!



SYCAMORE CLASS (Years 4, 5 and 6)

In science this term, we have been looking at the properties and changes of materials. Last week, we measured the hardness of materials by doing a 'scratch test'. We selected a material, wax for example, and scratched it with a nail.

We then viewed the scratch through a microscope. This week, we were testing the transparency of various materials using a torch. We grouped the materials into transparent, translucent and opaque.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Friday 22nd November

Each class received 'Star of the Week' for settling back into school so well!

ACORN CLASS

Friday 15th November - Hunter

Monday 25th November - Roo

HORSE CHESTNUT CLASS

Friday 15th November - Harriet

Monday 25th November - Saami

SYCAMORE CLASS

Friday 15th November - Hugo

Monday 25th November - Isabella

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 Julia and Evelyn C from Acorn Class, Isabelle and Seb from Horse Chestnut Class and Fliss and Ellie from Sycamore Class.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

On Monday 11th November, the children visited church for our Remembrance Service. They walked up to the War Memorial and listened to the 'Last Post' and all shared the one minute silence respectfully.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you all for your kind donations for Children in Need. The children looked amazing in their yellow, spotty and Pudsey outfits. We raised £24.00 which has now been paid into the bank.

