



*'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,

**WELCOME BACK** - November seems to hover somewhere between Autumn and Winter. There still can be a few crisp, sunny days, but they are slowly being replaced by misty, damp and gloomy mornings.

Last half term we celebrated 'Harvest' in the church. It was good to share this with a number of parents who attended. Each class enthusiastically shared their special words, and the children and staff sang with gusto!

**NEW TO OUR COMMUNITY** - We welcomed Derralina into Horse Chestnut Class this week and are looking forward to another pupil joining our Sycamore Class next week. A number of prospective parents have visited or are due to visit, hoping for a Reception place in September 2025 for their child.

**SCHOOL VALUES** - This half-term break, our value is 'Community'. Have a look at the photograph of the children who have demonstrated showing community spirit. Well done boys. During our worship time, our thoughts and prayers have been focussed on different aspects of how 'community' is important to us all. Children shared their ideas during worship and said that unless we are able to forgive each other, our school community would not be such a happy and comfortable place to spend each day, learning, playing and working together. We have also thought and talked about being a 'good neighbour' to all in our community. **'Live in harmony with one another' Romans 12:16.** The story of the 'Good Samaritan', illustrates this really well. During worship, at the start of the week, we re-called the story, 'Feeding of the Five Thousand'. Jesus provided for everyone in his community family.

**PARENTS EVENING** - It was good to see so many of you at Parents Evening before half term. For those of you unable to join is, do not hesitate to contact the school and make another appointment.

**DATES TO REMEMBER** - On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, it is 'World Kindness Day' and of course, Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024. There will be a voluntary donation link on ParentPay and we will confirm once this has been set up.

**DODGE BALL** - On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, Mrs Ballantine and myself will be taking some of the children to a 'Dodge Ball Tournament' where the emphasis is on 'the spirit of the game', where each team demonstrates associated values.

**DWALI DANCE** - The children will be enjoying the skills of the Diwali Dance Education Group on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and having a go themselves!

**CONCERNS** - If anyone has any concerns, please do come and talk them through with me, before 'mole hills become mountains'.

**HEAD UPDATE** - Unfortunately we still unable to share the name of the new Head Teacher - employment and safeguarding checks take time. Hopefully I will be in the position to confirm next week.

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** - On Monday, we will be at the church again for our Remembrance Service at 10.30am. Providing the weather is dry, we will walk up to the War Memorial to listen to the 'Last Post' and share the one minute silence. Please do join us.

***I hope you all enjoy Bonfire Night!***

***Kind regards***

***Sally Kaminski-Gaze, Interim Headteacher***

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November - FOLS Bonfire Event

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Service,  
10:30 am at Church Memorial

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Festive Fair at The Fox  
(children will be singing) from 2:30 pm

w/c 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Week

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - School Nativity at St  
Nicholas Church, 2:00pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Beauty & The Beast  
Pantomime, whole school, am

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner  
served in School and Party afternoon

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term

## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO

### ACORN CLASS

Some of the children in Acorn Class made some beautiful poppies using red leaves. These are now part of our Remembrance Display. In Design Technology the children tasted some fruit and vegetables to see which they liked or disliked.



### HORSE CHESTNUT CLASS

The children in Horse Chestnut Class completed their Science unit on life cycles by creating posters to show the development of eggs to caterpillars and then butterflies. They have benefitted from seeing objects up close using microscopes on loan from the British Microscope Society.

In English, they have been inspired by a 'global explorer's rucksack' and have written about places and environments they would like to visit. This marks the start of our latest book, 'Dear Earth'.



### SYCAMORE CLASS

Sycamore have settled back into school fabulously well after their week off. In English they have been learning about how to write both informal and formal text, and in maths they have been simplifying fractions. Our PE sessions this week were fantastic and the children are really showing their determination and enthusiasm in lessons. We had a particular fun starting our new dodgeball unit! This term we started to focus on our new value of 'community'. The children have really embraced this value in the way they have welcomed our new year 4 pupils to the class. They also contributed to our Remembrance Board. They wove wool around twigs that they found in the field and produced some amazing poppies.



### 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 Raafi from Acorn Class, Saami from Horse Chestnut Class and Rayyan from Sycamore Class.



### REMEMBRANCE DISPLAY

All children and staff have made a poppy and have written the name of someone they would like to remember. We have added these to our display board in the hall. You are all welcome at the end of the school day to come and have a look. I am sure you will all agree, what a meaningful display indeed.



## STARS OF THE WEEK



### **ACORN CLASS**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Evelyn Wigglesworth

### **HORSE CHESTNUT CLASS**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Toby Madden

### **SYCAMORE CLASS**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Molly-Rose