



Loxley's Latest!



Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderfully busy and productive Spring term, with the children (and staff) working extremely hard. We have also enjoyed some brilliant events, including World Book Day, Number Day, Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Week, as well as a residential trip and some First Aid training! Phew! We have squeezed a lot into a very short period.

We wish you all a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 8th April.

Best wishes,

Claire Woolley,

Head of School

Rockstars and Robots Day

We are going to take the opportunity to focus on our mental maths skills on Wednesday 17 April, when all of the children (and staff!) are invited to dress up as either one of the Numbots or a Rockstar to rival the rockiest of all the characters on TTRS. We cannot wait to see your creations.



Upcoming Events

11/4/24 – School Council's Hot Dog Sale

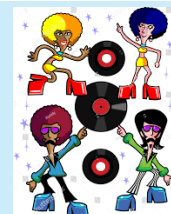
12/4/24 – Spring Disco 5:00 – 6:30pm

17/4/24 – Rockstars and Robots Day (dress-up) – focus on mental maths

14/6/24 – 150th Birthday Celebration 2:30 – 5:30pm

School Disco

Don't forget to practise your dance moves over the Easter holiday, ready for the Spring Disco on the first Friday back.



PE and Forest School

After the Easter Holiday, PE will return back to our usual days of Tuesdays and Thursdays for Horse Chestnuts and Sycamore, but Acorns will have PE on Mondays and Thursdays. Please make sure that your children bring raincoats because we do try to get outside whenever possible.

Next half term will be **Forest School** for **Reception, Yr 4 and Yr 5.**



Packed Lunches

Can we please remind all parents that **nuts must not** be brought into school under **any** circumstances. We have children on roll who are severely allergic to nuts. Please check the contents of any pre-made items before sending them in in order to help us to keep everyone safe.



Music Lessons



After Easter, **piano** and **clarinet** lessons will be delivered on **Tuesday mornings** rather than a Monday morning. Piano lessons will continue to be held on a Tuesday too.

Art Competition

We are holding a competition to pick a picture for a flyer advertising our school's 150th birthday celebration in June. The winning picture will be sent all around the local area to help advertise the event.

It **must have** 150 on it, the time and date of the party (Friday 14 June, 2:30 – 5:30pm) and the school's name. It could have the following ideas:

- A picture of the school
- Something to do with birthdays
- Something about the history of the school (Victorian schools)
- People welcoming children to school
- A party
- Something that represents our school – trees, flourishing and growing, learning

The entries need to be in by the end of the first week back – Friday 12th April

Hot Dog Sale

After school on Thursday 11th April, the School Council will be selling hot dogs on the playground to raise money for some new atlases. Further details about cost will be shared at the beginning of next term.



Homework

We would like to remind all of our families about the homework expectations for each year group.

Staff have carefully considered the most up-to-date theories about homework and its impact on children's progress. We feel that we have a good balance between supporting classroom learning and giving pupils the time to engage in other equally important activities outside the school curriculum, such as Brownies, sporting clubs, baking and simply spending time with family at home.

At Loxley, we have focused on the most important aspects of learning that will help to build a strong foundation from which they can build on in school, namely **reading** and **mental maths**.

It is really important that children develop their **reading** skills, to enable them to unlock the whole curriculum.

Strong **mental maths** knowledge of number facts, including times tables, will support pupils to focus on applying these skills in more challenging work, such as problem-solving and working with fractions or long multiplication.

Here is a breakdown of the homework for each year: **Reception** – daily reading, keyword practise and optional Numbots.

Year 1 – Daily reading and Numbots 3 x weekly

Year 2 – As year 1 and TT Rockstars when advised by the teacher.

Year 3 & 4 – Daily reading and TT Rockstars 3 x weekly

Year 5 & 6 – Daily reading, Mathletics activities set by the teacher and TT Rockstars 3 x weekly

Staff may sometimes set specific homework to support pupils in targeted areas – they will approach you directly.

Children can always do more homework if they wish to and there are many quality resources online and in bookshops that can be accessed. Teachers are happy to advise if you would like to do this but are unsure.





Stars of the Week



Last Week

Acorns: Acorn's star of the week is Evelyn, for sharing lots of her brilliant ideas in class discussions. Thank you for sharing your thoughts, Evelyn.

Horse Chestnut: Brooklyn is Horse Chestnut's star this week, for settling in so brilliantly into her class and our school. We love having you here, Brooklyn.

Sycamore: Remi is this week's star in Sycamore, as she has shown amazing attention to detail in her art and for focusing on her punctuation and presentation targets. Very well done, Remi.



This Week

Acorns: Star of the week in Acorn Class is Harriet, for her contagious energy and positive attitude towards learning, her support for her friends and for some excellent reading this week. Well done, Harriet.

Horse Chestnut: Olive is the star pupil in Horse Chestnut Class this week, for an excellent report on the Celts in History, using her knowledge of non-chronological reports. Great application of knowledge, Olive.

Sycamore: Star of the week in Sycamore this week is Freddie, for his focus and attention on his work this week and for being a super role model in assembly. Well done, Freddie.



TA-Tastic! Sycamore Class earnt a well-deserved extra play last Friday and **Acorn Class** were delighted to be announced the winners this week. Congratulations to both.