



The Loxdale Local



May 2023



Hopefully the summer is here to stay! Please put sunscreen on your child before school and ensure that they have their water bottles (squash is allowed). Can children please ensure all clothes and sun hats etc are labelled.

SATs are all over for both Key Stage 1 and 2. We are busy preparing for our Coronation Celebrations on Friday 26th May (remember to wear red, white and blue) - look out for our amazing year group songs which we will share with you via our social media platforms on

Parental Concerns: Could any parent wishing to discuss any concerns regarding their child, please see their class teacher in the first instance. If any concerns cannot be resolved with the class teacher then please feel free to make an appointment to see one of our Phase leaders: Mrs Wright-Jones (Upper Key Stage 2), Mrs Mould (Lower Key Stage 2), Mrs Poole (Key Stage 1) or Mrs O'Sullivan (EYFS). If the problem is still unresolved then please see our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Wright-Jones, or if the problem is still unresolved, Mrs Scott (Headteacher).

Drop in - Coffee Morning! Thursday 15th June at 9am.

Parents, pop in to speak to Health Associates/NHS professionals regarding any concerns for children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities. (diagnosed or undiagnosed needs).



All Change at Loxdale

We will soon be undergoing some fairly large change to our computer information systems and this will mean that parents and carers can interact with us differently. From June onwards, we will be using a new system in school to record children's data, manage school meal payments and to send texts/emails. The new system, called Arbor, will be a lot more user friendly and will replace systems and apps that you may already be familiar with, bringing them together into one place. We expect to roll out the new app for parents to use ready in time for the start of the new academic year in September. **Very Important:** We have always encouraged parents to pay for school meals in advance and stress that this will be especially important during this transition period to ensure a smooth transfer of your account. Any unpaid/overdue balances may create difficulties when setting up accounts on the new system.

The Summer Book Fair is on its way!!!

School will be holding a Book Fair from Monday 12th to Thursday 15th June. The children will be taken to the Book Fair in school and will be able to view the books on offer. If they wish to purchase a book or books they will then be given the opportunity to select and buy them. For every book sold, school will also get a book for our children to use—they will be added to class reading corners or to the lovely libraries in school.



Internet safety This half-term the pastoral team invited our police Early Help Officers into school to work with Year 6 pupils on keeping safe online. Each class watched a video with a scenario and spoke to the officer about their use of the internet and their experiences online. Many pupils seem to be using social media freely and were unaware of the age requirements for many of these sites. Parents can find further information and guidance via the UK safer Internet Centre <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>

School Meals Price increase

The cost for school meals has always been heavily subsidised by the school. For at least the last 5 years, whilst supply costs have increased, other schools have increased their charges each year. However, at Loxdale, we have managed to keep the cost of school meals to only £2.20 per meal.

The school currently pays £3.32 per meal, having seen an increase of 17% over the last 12 months.

Unfortunately, Governors have agreed the difficult decision to increase the cost of school meals from September 2023. The new charges from September 2023 will be £2.40 per meal. This will mean that school meals for a normal 5-day week will be £12 instead of £11, representing a 9.1% increase.

The school will continue to subsidise each meal by 92p in order to maintain these prices.



Mental Health Champions- as you will recall, a selection of pupils from Year 5 & 6 have been trained as Mental Health Champions. Over the coming weeks they will be taking up duties at lunch time to support fellow pupils who made need a helping hand or somebody to talk to. They will be easy to spot in their bright yellow caps and we will be reintroducing them and their role across upcoming assemblies.

Please can we remind you that smoking cigarettes or vaporizers is not acceptable on, or near the gates of, school premises.





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PE News Update

AFC Wolves football coaching sessions after school have now begun - the children who are accessing this club are loving it! Mrs Wright -Jones and Mrs O'Sullivan enjoyed the club last week too.

Our cross-country team competed at the regional heats at Bilston C of E on the 23rd March and we were delighted that four of our children qualified for the Wolverhampton schools finals at Aldersley Leisure Village. The finals took place on the 30th March, which gave our runners the opportunity to compete against some of the best running talent in the borough. Over two hundred runners were competing in both the girls' and boys' races. Remarkably, two of our runners finished in the top fifty and all of our runners finished within the top 100. Well done to Ellie, Amelia, Lily and Charlie—you did us all proud!



Monty Pupdate- At the beginning of this half term Monty turned one! He had a lovely first birthday celebrating with the children and staff in school. His dog trainer, Lee, came into school and worked alongside Miss Hanley & Miss Hughes on further training. Since then, some of the pupils have also assisted with his training- which is all part of our children's learning about how to care for and behave around animals.



While Monty is on duty, he wears his bandana, so children and visitors know not to stroke him, but at lunch time Monty is out on the playground and this is the time pupils can interact with him -it's Monty's favourite time of the day!

Monty has also been working with some pupils around school; he particularly enjoys his time in the library laying by the beanbags while pupils chat away to him. If you'd like to keep up with Monty's adventures over half term, please see our social media platforms.



Reflexions

We are proud to have been allocated as part of the next wave of schools selected to be a part of Reflexions Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST). This is a new service which will help increase access to mental health support for children and young people in schools. The MHST works alongside the school's Senior Designated Mental Health Lead (Miss Hanley) and school staff to identify, discuss and plan for the school's mental health and emotional wellbeing needs.

The team work closely with children and young people who may need support with:

- *Low mood
- *Exam stress
- *Problems with sleep
- *Low self-esteem
- * Anxiety.

They have already begun working with some of our children and their families and will be hosting a Reflexions introduction session for parents & carers in June.

A polite reminder - due to health and safety rules, the EYFS or any play equipment is not to be used before or after school by children. Please may we ask that parents/ carers supervise children carefully and do not allow them to run around and play on the equipment. Thank you for your support with this matter.





Loxdale Diary Dates



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| ☺ Friday 26th May | Loxdale's Coronation Celebrations |
| ☺ Friday 26th May | End of half term (normal finishing times) |
| ☺ 29th May - 4th June | **Half Term holiday ** |
| ☺ Monday 5th June | School starts for Summer 2 |
| ☺ Monday 5th June | Boreatton parents meeting 5.15pm (school hall) |
| ☺ 5th -16th June | Year 4 Multiplication check testing window |
| ☺ Tuesday 6th June | Reception visit to Sycamore Green |
| ☺ 12th - 16th June | Year 1 Phonics Screening Check |
| ☺ 13th June—16th June | Book Fair |
| ☺ Tuesday 13th June | Year 5 visit to Selly Manor |
| ☺ Friday 16th June | Year 3 Chestnut and Beech Class Assembly - 1:45pm |
| ☺ Thursday 22nd June | New Nursery Parents Meeting - 5:30pm New Reception Parents Meeting—6.30pm |
| ☺ Friday 23rd June | Year 4 Rowan and Spruce Class Assembly - 1:45pm |
| ☺ Thursday 29th June | EYFS Sports Day Nursery AM & Rec Maple AM/ Nursery PM & Rec Willow PM |
| ☺ Friday 30th June | Year 5 Cedar - Class Assembly - 1:45pm |
| ☺ 3rd-7th July | Year 5/6 Residential Visit to Boreatton Park |
| ☺ Friday 7th July | Year 2 Oak and Sycamore Class Assembly - 1:45pm |
| ☺ Monday 10th July | Sports Day Y1/Y2/Y3 AM and Y4/Y5/Y6 PM |
| ☺ Thursday 13th July | 13th July Summer Term Winners House Afternoon -COJOE |
| ☺ Friday 14th July | Meet the teacher morning for Year 1 - Year 6 |
| ☺ Tuesday 18th July | Reports to be sent to parents |
| ☺ Wednesday 19th July | Nursery Graduation and Picnic (last day for Nursery) |
| ☺ 24th and 25th July | Non-Uniform Days - Donations of clean, unwanted uniform to be brought into school |
| ☺ Monday 24th July | Year 6 - Leavers Assembly and Prom |
| ☺ Tuesday 25th July | Break up for the summer holidays at 2.30pm |
| ☺ Wednesday 6th September | School starts for the new academic year |
| ☺ | **INSET DAYS 2023-2024** |
| ☺ Monday 4th September 2023 | INSET DAY—school closed to ALL pupils |
| ☺ Tuesday 5th September 2023 | INSET DAY—school closed to ALL pupils |
| ☺ Monday 18th September 2023 | INSET DAY—school closed to ALL pupils |
| ☺ Monday 6th November 2023 | INSET DAY—school closed to ALL pupils |
| ☺ One other—to be confirmed | INSET DAY—school closed to ALL pupils |
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Children being collected at the end of the school day: If a responsible adult, who is known to your child, comes to collect them from school, then your child will be handed over to them, regardless of whether they are on the contact card. This is due to the number of issues with continued changes to contact details. If parents do not want a certain individual to collect their child then please could you inform school in writing. Brothers or sisters sent to collect children must be of at least secondary school age and judged to be competent by school. We reserve the right not to allow children to be taken home by other minors if there are any concerns around safety of the children at Loxdale.

Late collections: May we also please remind parents that children must be collected on time at the end of the day. If, for any reason you are going to be late, please inform the school in advance. As you will appreciate, persistent lateness will have an impact on the running of school.

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