

<u>Welcome to the Spring Term</u>—well we did not expect snow last week! We really are seeing lots of challenges thrown at us, but in true Loxdale spirit we are doing our very best to keep all things normal for the children and where possible parents too. Our parent survey was overwhelmingly positive and we are working on some feedback from you, as to what we can do to get better. These will be published on the website under 'You asked, we listened'.

Our School Council are super at creating a two-way link between senior leaders and pupils in all classes. Our 'Pupil Voice' Sports Club has proved really popular and the hockey club has been a real hit!

<u>Parental Concerns:</u> 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).

<u>PE News Update</u> We are delighted with our recent sporting successes. Firstly, our football team have played their final league game of the season; they showed resilience during a 4-1 loss against Fieldview Primary School which saw them finish 4th overall in the league standings. Not to be outdone, our Year 3 and 4 basketball team also displayed their team spirit during a basketball tournament at Mosely Park—we finished 4th overall and even won the award for the most supportive team in the tournament. Well done to both teams—way to go!

Over the coming weeks, our cross-country team will build on their success from earlier on this year, when they compete in the regional cross-country heats at Bilston C of E on the 23^{rd} March. We are also pleased to announce our participation in the 'Wolverhampton City Hockey Heats' at Aldersley on the 23^{rd} March too.

Finally, the AFC Wolves Football assembly was an overwhelming success earlier this week. The children (and staff) had lots of fun and are now excited about receiving news of how to sign up for the AFC Wolves afterschool football club (not to be confused with our school football team). Watch this space for news on how to sign your children up for the AFC Wolves football coaching sessions.

EYFS are so pleased with our new outdoor equipment. We have really enjoyed balancing, weaving and jumping across the new stepping logs and crawling through and sliding down the hill! Thank you, Mrs Scott, Mr Brooke and Mr Bowles. We are currently in the process of training our own 'safety inspectors' to help check the equipment every day.

A polite reminder - the EYFS or any play equipment is not to be used before or after school. Thank you.

<u>World Book Day.</u> What a fabulous day! Everyone looked fantastic dressed up as their favourite book character even the staff! It was lovely to see Mrs Fenton the Literacy Governor in school to award the best dressed characters in each class in our special World Book Day

Assemblies, she was dressed up too! Across school the children were immersed in book activities including virtual sessions with authors. We can't wait for 2024! Remember to spend your book token before the end of March.



Online Safety Parent Meeting

Thank you to the parents who attended our online safety parent meeting on Friday 3rd March. I think you will agree that a lot of the content that was discussed was eye-opening yet very worthwhile.

We will be holding another meeting on Monday 24th April which will be an evening session. We are really hoping that more parents/carers will be able to attend this session as it is imperative that we work together to keep our children safe when they are engaging with the online world.

We will send further correspondence out regarding this meeting closer to the time.

For further information regarding online safety, please take some time to have a look at our online safety updates:

https://express.adobe.com/page/99hHMW7TsVaX1/

Easter will soon be upon us and as per the letter a few weeks ago we have lots of activities planned. Our Easter raffle is always a successful event—please support this if you can by buying raffle tickets. Any monies raised will be spent on your children.

Non-uniform day Friday 24th March - please 'pay' in Easter chocolates or Easter eggs (see overleaf for all dates).

Reminder: We break up for Easter on Friday 31st March at 2.30pm. We return Monday 17th April to start the summer term.

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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Monday 20th March	Easter raffle tickets on sale from today until Friday 31st March
© Friday 24th March	Non-uniform day—please 'pay' in Easter eggs or Easter chocolates
© Wednesday 29th March	EY & KS1 Easter Activity Day
☺ Wednesday 29th March	KS2 Easter Disco (please send in a change of clothes for the disco)
☺ Thursday 30th March	Easter bonnet competition—entries to be brought into school today
© Friday 21st April	Reception Maple and Willow Class Assembly – 1:45pm
© Friday 21st April	Spring Term Winners House Afternoon
☺ Monday 24th April	All after school clubs start including AFC Football Club.
© Wednesday 26th April	Year 4 - Viking Workshop
© Friday 28th April	Year 3 - Visit to Bishops Wood
☺ Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday - School closed
☺ Friday 5th May	Year 1 Ash and Elm Class Assembly - 1:45pm
☺ Monday 8th May	King Charles Coronation - School closed
© 9th -12th May	**KS2 SATS week**
© 15th -18th May	**KS1 SATS week**
☺ Wednesday 17th May	Year 6 - Army Enrichment Day
☺ 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
☺ 5th -16th June	Year 4 Multiplication check testing window
☺ Tuesday 6th June	Reception visit to Sycamore Green
© Friday 9th June	Loxdale's Summer Fair
© 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
© Friday 30th June	Year 5 Cedar - Class Assembly - 1:45pm
© 3rd-7th July	Year 5/6 Residential Visit to Borreaton Park
© Friday 7th July	Year 2 Oak and Sycamore Class Assembly - 1:45pm
☺ Tuesday 11th July	Reports to be sent to parents
☺ Tuesday 11th July	Meet the Teacher morning for Year 1 - Year 6
☺ Thursday 13th July	13th July Summer Term Winners House Afternoon -COJOE
© 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
	Year 6 - Leavers Assembly and Prom
□ Tuesday 25th July Break up for the summer holidays at 2.30pm	
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<u>Children being collected at the end of the school day:</u> 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 <u>not</u> want a certain individual to collect their child then please could you inform school in writing. Brothers or sisters sent to collect children <u>must</u> be of at least secondary school age.

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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If you are later than 3.45pm, your child will be put into teatime club and a charge will be applied.





