



The Loxdale Local



Working in a Winter Wonderland

The performances have now taken place. Children have sung, read, partied and now, we think, they're ready for a well-earned rest. Thank you for your support this term—as always, it's been a busy one, but there have been a few highlights... The new Commando Joe curriculum has taken off; Team Nytro and Team Dynamo are neck-and-neck in their times tables as we get ready for Spring Term (it's still anyone's game!); and lots of new learning has taken place too! On behalf of Loxdale, we hope you have a good holiday and look forward to seeing the children refreshed in January.

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 our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Wright-Jones, or one of our Assistant Headteachers; either Mr Sheard (KS2) or Mrs Mould (KS1). If the problem is still unresolved, Mrs Scott (Headteacher).

Happy Techy Christmas

Whether we are celebrating Christmas Day, or not, lots of us have smartphones, tablets, gaming devices and Smart TVs. Some will be new and some that we have had a while and haven't got to grips with yet.

The Loxdale Digi-Ambassadors would like to remind you that these can all give us access to fantastic things but also of some of the challenges and possible risks we may face when we use them. With this in mind, we thought you might like to see take a look at *Safer Internet's* Parent's Guide to Technology (which can be found by searching 'Parent's Guide to Technology', or at www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology). We hope that whatever the technology is that we're using, you can help to make us aware of how to use it safely.

Coming up on Tuesday 5th February, we also have *Safer Internet Day*. In the morning, parents will be invited in to attend a short presentation and a parent/child workshop in school; The Learning Technologies Team will be coming in to help with this and there will be tea and coffee too!

We look forward to seeing some of you in February and hope you have a great Christmas and happy new year!

From the Loxdale Digital Ambassadors.

PE kits

Indoor: t-shirt (house colours), green shorts, pumps.

Outdoor: t-shirt, jogging bottoms and a jumper/jacket, trainers (especially approaching Winter!).

The school has introduced a sanction for children who do not have kit with them. It is vital they always have appropriate clothing in school!

Homework

We really want homework to help the children in what they have to do day-to-day. After speaking to a few parents and thinking about what we want the children to be able to do, we've come up with a plan...

Spellings, times tables and reading. These are all things that support our children throughout the curriculum. They are also things that lots of our children find difficult to do, probably because they don't always get enough practice.

Starting from January, we would like each child to complete just half-an-hour of homework each day: 10 minutes spelling, 10 minutes reading and 10 minutes times tables.

Teachers will be using SPaG.com to set some of the spelling work and TT Rockstars for their times tables! (If the children can't access the internet at home, please let the class teachers know in advance.)

Other than that, it will be other straightforward ways to get the spellings and times tables into the children's memory; these facts can then be used in maths, science, literacy... pretty much every subject area!

Thank you in advance for your continued effort with the children's homework and the time you spend encouraging and supporting them with this!

School Uniform

The uniform is a green polo-shirt, bottle green sweatshirt, grey skirt or trousers and grey socks. A white ankle sock may be worn with a checked summer dress, or grey skirt.

Hair bows/bands must be green and should not be large.

It is school policy that black shoes should be worn as footwear and not trainers. Pupils will be asked to change into black pumps in school if appropriate footwear is not worn.

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





Loxdale Diary Dates



☉ Thursday 20th December	KS2 Christmas Party (PM)
☉ Friday 21st December	Break up for Christmas holidays—2.30pm
☉ Monday 7th January	Children back to school 8.45am
☉ Wednesday 9th January	Group Photographs
☉ Friday 11th January	Commando Joe Mission Day
☉ Tuesday 15th January	Towers Meeting 5.30pm
☉ Wednesday 16th January	Dick Whittington Pantomime in school
☉ Wednesday 23rd January	Year 4 Music School concert 1.30pm
☉ Monday 21st—Tuesday 22nd January	Reception Health Checks
☉ Tues 5th February	Parents Safe-Internet meeting (first come, first served)
☉ Wednesday 13th February	Year 4 Music School concert 1.30pm
☉ Thursday 14th February	Parents' evening 3.45—8.30pm
☉ Friday 15th February	Break up for Half Term—normal time
☉ Monday 25th February	Children back to school 8.45am
☉ Mon 25th Feb—Fri 8th March	Fairtrade Fortnight in school
☉ Friday 1st March	Terrific Topic Arts Day
☉ Monday 1st—Friday 5th April	Towers residential visit
☉ Wednesday 10th April	Year 4 Music School concert 1.30pm
☉ Friday 12th April	Break up for Easter holidays—2.30pm
☉ Monday 29th April	Children back to school 8.45am
☉ Friday 3rd May	Reception visit to Tanglewood Cannock Chase
☉ Friday 10th May	Year 1 class assembly
☉ Monday 13th May	KS2 SATs week (Year 6)
☉ Friday 17th May	Year 3 class assembly
☉ Monday 20th May	KS1 SATs week (Year 2)
☉ Friday 7th June	Year 5 class assembly
☉ Monday 10th June	Year 1 Phonics Tests
☉ Tuesday 11th June	School Nurse Body Changes Years 5 & 6
☉ Friday 14th June	Year 4 class assembly
☉ Monday 17th June	Reception Sports Day
☉ Tuesday 18th June	KS1 Sports Day AM & KS2 Sports Day PM
☉ Wednesday 19th June	Reserve Sports Day KS1 & KS2
☉ Wednesday 19th June	School Nurse Relationships talk Year 6
☉ Thursday 20th June	Nursery Sports Day
☉ Thursday 20th June	New Reception parents' meeting — Nursery @ 5.30pm / Reception @ 6.30pm
☉ Friday 21st June	Reserve Reception Sports Day
☉ Monday 24th—Friday 28th June	Enterprise Week
☉ Wednesday 26th June	School Nurse Body Changes talk Years 5 & 6
☉ Thursday 27th June	Reception class assembly
☉ Friday 28th June	Summer Fair
☉ Wednesday 3rd July	Year 4 Music School concert 1.30pm
☉ Thursday 11th July	Nursery Graduation & Nursery Finish
☉ Friday 12th July	Classes meet the teacher @ 9.30am
☉ Thursday 18th July	Year 6 Leavers Production, Graduation Day & Prom
☉ Friday 19th July	Break up for Summer holidays—2.30pm

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.

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.

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

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