

Dear Parents,

The highlight of the week was being able to see our school filled with parents once again. I know that the children loved being able to take you on a trip around the building and were able to show you how hard they have been working since we returned to school. I hope that you found it useful to meet your child's teacher in person properly. We certainly are very relieved to see a sense of normality returning.

As you have now heard I will be leaving at the end of this term. Although I will be very sad to leave Loxwood staff, children and parents I am excited for the challenges ahead. I am very grateful to have the whole term to work hard and ensure that the school is back to normal and ready for anything!

## Harvest

In the first week of October the children will be celebrating Harvest Festival with a special assembly led by our wonderful Year 6 children. We will be sure to share lots of photos with you in the following Up to the Minute so you can see what we got up to! As part of our celebration, we would like to invite the children to bring in contributions for HORSHAM DISTRICT FOODBANK. This foodbank supports many people in our local area and it would be wonderful to deliver a lovely food parcel from Loxwood School to the foodbank, ready to be distributed to those in need. From Monday 20th September there will be a collection box in the main entrance. Please make sure all items are **in date and unopened**. Items they are in short supply of: Squash, sponge puddings, cereal bars, toilet rolls, shampoo and conditioner, shower gel, vegetarian options (tinned), toothbrushes, toothpaste, washing up liquid, chocolate spread, cat food, washing powder, deodorant. We look forward to receiving your donations, thank you.

More information or if you require some support: click this link - [Horsham District Foodbank](#) | [Helping Local People in Crisis](#)

## Year 6 Buddy System

Year 6 have begun the term with a very important role. We were aware that Year 3 children have often felt a little bit unsure about lunchtimes in the hall now that they have joined the Juniors. We buddied up the Year 6 children with the Year 3 children so that they had someone who would take care of them and make sure that lunchtimes were less overwhelming. This has been a great success. Year 3 children are now much more confident about playtime and lunchtime in the Juniors and Year 6 have responded magnificently to the responsibility.



## Volunteering at the school

Don't forget that we are inviting volunteers back into the school. There are a few requirements for volunteers prior to starting; All volunteers must:

- Have a DBS check - if you have volunteered previously then please bring your check in for us to see
- Receive safeguarding training - **everyone** must attend safeguarding training even if you have volunteered previously. Group training will be provided and the dates available are at the back of this newsletter. Please book a space via the office.
- Receive training and information for the area that you wish to volunteer

You may already have spoken to your child's class teacher or we can find a role/class for you. If your child does not respond well to you being in their class we do reserve the right to ask you to help out elsewhere.

Training dates for volunteers are on the back of this newsletter. We will add further dates as we go through the term.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

## General dates

20th September—24th September	Year 6 Residential
27th September	Safeguarding training for volunteers
2.00—3.00pm	
6th October	Year 5 & 6 Talented Athlete (1)
7th October	Individual photos
2nd October	Safeguarding training for volunteers
9.00—10.00am	
20th October	Year 3 Multi skills festival
21st & 22nd October	Year 5 day trips to Sayers Croft

## INSET days for next Academic Year

Monday 1st November 2021

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

## Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2021/22

Friday 22 October	Last day of term
Monday 25th—Friday 29th October	Half term
Tuesday 2nd November	Return to school
Friday 17th December	Last day of term
Monday 20th December—Monday 3rd January 2022	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 4th January 2022	Return to school
Friday 18th February	Last day of term
Monday 21st February—Friday 25th February	Half term
Tuesday 1st March	Return to school
Friday 8th April	Last day of term
Monday 11th April—Friday 22nd April	Easter holidays
Monday 25th April	Return to school
Friday 27th May	Last day of term
Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June	Half term
Tuesday 7th June	Return to school
Friday 22nd July	End of term



This week's winning house is.....

**Drungewick**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

## Acorns

**Oak Class** Freddie for Perseverance and Kenny for Dedication

**Willow Class** Joey for Attitude and Alesha for Perseverance

**Rowan Class** Hugo for Dedication, Louis for Focus and Ned for Kindness

**Sycamore Class** Harry for Focus and Lyla for Independence

**Mulberry Class** Suzie for Conscientiousness and Arthur for Enquiry

**Chestnut Class** Kezia for effort, Lily for self-motivation and Sam for diligence