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Dear Parents/Carers,

## What's been happening in school?!

### French Day

Bonjour tout le monde! Everyone has had a great day of experiencing French culture and learning French language today at Loxley. From sampling French breakfasts to learning new vocabulary. There has been a big emphasis on conversational French this year. Thank you to Gina and Marc Medjekane-Mayolin, for helping in Y1 for adding a little 'je ne sais quoi' to the day! Thank you to all the staff at Loxley for making it such a lovely day. There were so many infectious smiles around school today!

Here are just a flavour of photos from today!



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## The Hazel Class (Reception) Chinese New Year The Year of the Rabbit

The reception children enjoyed playing Chinese music using pentatonic scales on chime bars. They also experienced cleaning up for the New Year with the dragon dance as the finale!



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## Reading Ditties (Read Write Inc phonics texts) in Reception



We are delighted with the progress that the Reception children are making with their reading. They have been busy reading 'Ditties' in school. These are some texts where the children can practice the phonics skills that they have been learning in school. Thank you to all the parents, carers, siblings, grandmas, grandads, aunts and uncles who have been helping the children at home! It makes such a massive difference to the children's progress!



## Sports Events and Festivals at Loxley school.

At Loxley School we value physical education and sports, and as a school we try our best to offer all our children the chance to try something new and be able to represent our school. Our ambitious sporting offer is to provide all children with the opportunity to represent school in at least one sporting fixture each year. I am sure you are aware that over the past few months more and more, many sports events and festivals have been happening. To make sure that we keep up with our offer, Miss Ruddleston keeps a participation tracker for every child. On this she will identify what events and festivals the children have attended; if they have been invited but not attended and what sport they would like to take part in. Miss Ruddleston is also careful to match the type of event up with the child. We spend a lot of time in school working on confidence and self-belief and wouldn't want to put a child in an event they wouldn't enjoy.

Since September at Loxley Primary School;

- Y6 – 83.3% of the class have either attended or have been invited to an event/festival so far this academic year
- Y5 – 93% of the class have either attended or have been invited to an event/festival so far this academic year
- Y4 – 96% of the class have either attended or have been invited to an event/festival so far this academic year
- Y3 – 66% of the class have either attended or have been invited to an event/festival so far this academic year
- Y2 – 100% of the class have been invited to an event/festival so far this academic year
- Y1 – 100% of the class have been invited to an event/festival so far this academic year
- Rec – 80% have attend a club so far this academic year





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I am sure you will agree these figures are outstanding for this time in the academic school year. In many schools around Sheffield participation for sporting events isn't tracked and it can often result in the same children attending the events.

We try our best to make sure all children will be able to attend an event/festival and understand that your child may feel upset if they haven't been picked for something but we hope this helps to explain what we are trying to achieve. Miss Ruddleston is always happy to talk to you about what is happening in school.

## Parking on double yellow lines and a near miss!

There has been a report of a near miss involving a child at the corner of Phillips Road and Chase Road. Parking on the corner makes it incredibly difficult for people to see and be seen when crossing the road. Please don't park near the top gate. We have noticed a lot of parents parking on the double yellow lines outside school. **Please do not park on the yellow lines at the front of school.** Please could parents and carers pass this information onto other family members who sometimes pick your child/children up?

### The Highway Code (Rule 238) states;

You **MUST NOT** wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby time plates (or zone entry signs if in a Controlled Parking Zone) – see ['Traffic signs'](#) and ['Road markings'](#). **Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time** even if there are no upright signs.

## World Book Day

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March we are going to celebrate World Book Day. This year, we are asking the children to dress up as a word! It can be as imaginative as you like! We are looking forward to the wide range of vocabulary that the children come up with. It's a really good opportunity to learn a new word and for other children at school to learn new words from classmates at school.

## Sports Relief Run

On 10th March we will be running a Sports Relief Run around our school grounds. This will be set up as a fun obstacle course for children to compete in whilst raising some money for Sports Relief. Children are allowed to attend school in their sportswear for the day (however no football kits or crop tops). A donation suggestion is £1 per child.



## Sports Day Café

It's a tradition now that we have a café in the Lodge on Sports Day, providing tea, coffee and some lovely bakes too! Unfortunately, as yet, we don't have anyone to run it. If you are able to give up some or all of your day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May to the run the café, it would make the event so much nicer! Please have a think and maybe gather a few troupes together if you can! If you are interested, please let either Mrs Helliwell, Mr Connolly or Mrs Thornhill know. Thank you!





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## Could you be a parent governor for the Loxley Primary School?

School governing boards are one of the largest volunteer groups in the country. Their main responsibilities are to support the Head teacher, and Senior Leadership Team at a strategic level to set the policies and targets for achieving the schools aims / objectives and to monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards achieving these.

All governors attend the full governing board meetings that take place once or twice per term and sit on one of the committees that focus on specific areas of the school such as Finance and Staffing or Buildings and Health and Safety. Each governor also has a link governor role, which means they take a lead on understanding a particular area of the school improvement plan to ensure it is progressing as expected. We are currently looking to elect a Parent Governor here at Loxley. If you are interested in joining and feel you have the skills/knowledge/experience that will contribute to the Governing body, then please contact the school office who can provide you with an information pack and discuss next steps.

Kind regards

James Connolly and Margaret Helliwell

