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Dear Parents and Carers,



Our New Sports Coach!

We would like to welcome Stephen Nuttall to our staff team at Loxley. Stephen will be our new Sports Coach and Active Learning Lead. He will start his role with us just before half term and will be attending our Sports Day alongside Faye Ruddleston – who has kindly offered to come back for the day as well as spending some additional time with Stephen in order to provide as smooth a transition as possible into the role. Stephen is already working in a similar role at his current school and has a wealth of experience. As well as teaching dance, gymnastics, fitness and sport, he has also had experience of working as a HLTA (Higher level teaching assistant) across the curriculum. He has trained pupil sports leaders, worked at a breakfast club, an after school club and has organised many events. We are really looking forward to Stephen joining our team and we know that the whole Loxley community will make him feel welcome.

NSPCC Online Safety Workshop for Parents

A date for your diaries! Parents are invited to the NSPCC Online Safety Workshop at **4.30pm on Thursday 4th May** at Loxley Primary School, in the school hall. As the content of the meeting will be to inform parents and carers about issues such as gaming, social media, online safety and parental controls, **this meeting is only for adults**. Thank you to all the parents who have already expressed an interest in attending however, the workshop is open to everyone. I remember attending a similar meeting when my own children were young and it was a real eye opener! We strongly encourage a representative from all families to attend. It is only likely to last approximately 45 minutes so it won't take too long. Please attend if you can!

Sheffield Young Artists Exhibition

Loxley Primary School have entered artwork from 35 children into the exhibition this year. It was a difficult choice making the selection but we feel that the entries provides a good representation of artwork across the year groups (Reception to Y6). Children whose work has been entered have been sent individual letters with more details. However, everyone is welcome to visit the event which exhibits hundreds of pieces of work from schools across the city from primary through to secondary school. If you would like to visit the exhibition, it is on Friday 28th April 10.00am – 7.00pm and Saturday 29th April 10.00am – 3.00pm at Central United Reformed Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB. There is an entrance donation of £1 for adults but there is no charge for children under 18.





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Thornbridge

Another week, another residential! This time, it was Year 4 and 5's turn to go on an adventure. For the first three days back after the Easter holidays, the two year groups went to Thornbridge Hall and participated in a vast array of activities that both challenged and delighted.

From the dizzying heights of abseiling off Monsal Head bridge, to disappearing deep underground in the caves of Carl Wark Cavern or Ashford Black Marble mine the children had a great time, learned lots and spent the evenings living together as part of a team. With campfires, chips in Bakewell, a nightline, and a film evening behind them everyone returned home tired but happy.

Several members of the public commented on our pupils' excellent behaviour and staff were also very impressed that the children settled so well at night and behaved so maturely throughout the whole trip. Many thanks go to Mr Fenn, Mr Eaton, Mrs Miller, Mrs Torrington, Mrs Barnett and Mr Bailey (who once again voluntarily came back to school to help us specifically for this trip!) for going above and beyond and leading such an enjoyable experience for our learners.



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Florence Nightingale Day in the Holly class (Y2)

The Y2s enjoyed a lovely Florence Nightingale Day last Friday! The children found out about life in Victorian times through lots of hands on experiences. Washing, ironing, sweeping and figuring out what items Florence might have used in her nurse training were all part of a very exciting day!



Peak Edge Chief Financial Officer Vacancy

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Y6 Hoodies

Thank you to Rachel Thornhill for organising Y6 Hoodies. They look fabulous and will be a lovely moment for the children. The Y6s can wear their hoodies from Monday 15th May onwards!

999 Emergency



Please consider, what would happen if you or a family member or friend needed an ambulance and it couldn't get through due to the parking around school.

Unfortunately there was an incident this week where due to double parking on a road close to our school, an ambulance couldn't get up to the house of an elderly resident who had been taken ill and needed to go to the hospital.

It took quite a while for the ambulance to get to the house and it was grid locked until parents came back and started to move their cars. The elderly resident's granddaughter

was upset about the incident and explained what had happened. She explained to the school that she is scared that if her grandparents (or any local resident) need an ambulance and if it were a life or death situation, an ambulance wouldn't be able to get through. She confirmed that only a short distance away, there were many better parking spaces available.

May Day Bank Holiday Next Monday – School Closed

Please remember that Monday 1st May is a bank holiday. We will return to school on Tuesday 2nd May.

Coronation Banner

Look out for the Coronation banner which will be going up soon to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. The banner has been sponsored by Bradfield Parish Council. Primary schools in Bradfield Parish were invited to contribute artwork for the design. Isobel in Y5 was the lucky person whose design was chosen. See if you can spot which one it is on the banner!

Additional Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May will be the additional bank holiday in celebration of the coronation.





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Coronation Celebrations

In school, we will be celebrating the coronation on of King Charles III on Friday 12th May in the form of a garden party (weather dependent)! Children are invited to wear smart non-uniform on that day and to come to school in clothes suitable for a party. This could be smart clothes or clothes on a red/white/blue theme. **There is no need to buy anything special!** However, the usual rules apply – no football shirts, no sports clothes, no crop tops etc. Please also make sure your child is properly dressed for the weather; coats, suncream, sunhats – whatever the weather brings on that day!

The coronation garden party will consist of some light bites followed by some outdoor garden party activities led by the Y6s. Please could you look out for the sQuid offer next week in order to make a contribution of £1? The school will then buy a selection of nibbles and bites for the garden party.

Thank you!

End of SATs and Coronation Celebration Arrangements for Y6

Y6s are asked to come to school in their uniform on the morning of Friday 12th May (their last SATs test) then they will be able to get changed into their smart clothes straight afterwards (see the information regarding non-uniform above). Mrs Taylor will be sending information regarding the Y6s SATs party lunch in a separate communication.

Health Week

Just a reminder that Monday 22nd May is the start of our Health Week. This is a combination of lessons where the children learn about keeping healthy as well as fitness and sport activities. Children are able to wear clothes suitable for sport all week (no football kits thank you).

Sports Day

Sports Day is on Friday 26th May. The morning is for junior classes (Y3 to Y6) and the afternoon is for infant classes (Reception to Y2). The junior event will start with races at about 9:15 a.m. and will finish with a circuit of activities. The infant event will start with a circuit of activities at about 1:15pm with races starting at about 2pm. Please check with your child's class teacher if you need a reminder of their colour team. We ask children to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their team (or as close as possible to that colour) on Sports Day.





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Netball Finals!

Sheffield Federation for School Sports Netball Finals

Our amazing netball team has gone from strength to strength! Not only by qualifying for the Netball Finals but by coming 4th out of nine teams! Overall, throughout all the leagues, this means that they came 4th out of 24 schools! The girls were up against some exceptional teams and yet provided some tough competition. Thank you to Miss Ruddleston for attending - this competition is one that is particularly close to her heart and it was lovely that she was able to see the girls play. Thank you to all the parents who provided the transport, supported the girls and cheered them on throughout the matches. Mia was voted 'Player of the Match' and Ellie was voted to have made the most progress overall, throughout the tournaments. The girls were highly resilient and managed to continue even whilst battling through injuries.



The team were presented with their certificates today and it was great to hear their report of the competition. The girls were a credit to the school and to themselves and looked very professional in their kit. Thank you to the LSFA for providing the new skorts. Keep up the fabulous work girls! We hope you continue to play netball for many years to come!

Loxley Cemetary Open Day

As some of you may remember, some of the children and staff at Loxley have been involved with Loxley Cemetary regarding its history and the clearing of the cemetary in order for people to be able to access the site.

Loxley Cemetary are having an Open Day at Loxley Cemetary on Bank Holiday Monday, 1 May, from 10am to 4pm. The Lord Mayor will be visiting the cemetary at 1.45pm and they are also running tours of the Flood graves and the War graves, at 11am and 2pm. Please see the posters below for further details.



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Bank Holiday Monday
1st May 2023
10am - 4pm

Loxley Cemetery OPEN DAY

with guided tours at 11am & 2pm
Come & rediscover Loxley Cemetery.

Looking increasingly lovely after decades of neglect, Loxley Cemetery was a hidden, forgotten part of the community. Come and see how it is being transformed and meet the people making it happen.

Would you like to find out more? Or enjoy exploring? Perhaps you can help our volunteers or support the Friends Committee? Maybe find your relatives' graves?

On Monday 1st May we invite you to celebrate the cemetery with us. Find us from either the Long Lane or Loxley Road entrances S6 6RL or contact us 07879075619



National Federation of CEMETERY FRIENDS

Once a year the National Federation of Cemetery Friends puts the spotlight on the work of voluntary groups in local cemeteries. Visitors learn how Cemetery Friends support keeping cemeteries tidy and safe and the many other aspects of their work including: conserving and managing the natural features and encouraging the appreciation of cemeteries.




Loxley Cemetery OPEN DAY

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

1 MAY 2023

11am Tours of the Flood Graves & War Graves

1.45pm Lord Mayor's visit

2pm Tours of the Flood Graves & War Graves

Please book ahead for the tours:
Email Loxley.secretary@yahoo.com
Phone: 07879075619

Kind regards

James Connolly and Margaret Helliwell



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