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Dear Parents and Carers,

New Part Time Reception Teacher from September

We are delighted to tell you that Miss Alex Newell will be working with Mrs Nash as the Reception teaching staff from September. Miss Newell will be replacing Mrs Benson who, as we mentioned a few weeks ago, has decided to retire at the end of the academic year in July.

Many of you will already know Miss Newell, who has been teaching in Year 1 as Mrs Quinn's maternity cover since last autumn. Prior to this, she has spent many years working in the Early Years and key stage 1, both nationally and internationally, and brings with her a wealth of experience to the school. We hope you will join us in congratulating her on her new appointment. More news will follow in future newsletters regarding staffing for other classes.

Spotlight on the Oaks (Year 1)

Year 1 have had a great start back after half term. They've been working really hard in their individual phonics checks this week but have also had a great time in their learning too. As part of their Science topic on plants they've been planting seeds to compare and monitor their growth. They've also had a brilliant time making scones!



Clarinets after school group for Y5 or Y6 in September

As you will be aware, the Y4's and Y5's have been having clarinet lessons with Mr Martin for the past year (or two if your child is in Y5). From September onwards, we would like to offer an after school session for pupils who wish to undertake additional clarinet lessons (next years' Y5s) or those pupils who wish to continue learning the clarinet after the standard curriculum lesson has finished (current Y5s moving into Y6).

The sessions will be for 30 minutes after school on a Tuesday (3.20-3.50pm). We anticipate the cost to be around £2 per session. In order to see if we will have the minimum numbers required for this to be feasible, we would appreciate it, if you could speak to your child to see if they would be interested and let us know if they would be, by emailing the school office on enquiries@loxley.sheffield.sch.uk





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Coronation Tea Towels – UPDATE

Tea towels of classes art have been delivered this week. Since then, there have been several requests for tea towels for individuals; Mrs Thornhill has contacted the manufacturers to request if it is possible to order additional copies but as of today (Friday 16th June) we have not had a response yet.

Individual and Class Photos

Many thanks to everyone who has already purchased class and individual photos- we've already raised over £600, all of which goes directly back in to school to spend on things that benefit the pupils.

Purchase Options:

Option 1: Digital download of the class photo sent via email £6

Option 2: Digital download of the individual photos of your child. £6

Option 3: Receive the class and individual photos digitally. £10

As in previous years, you are able to download and print the image as many times as you like but we would ask that you don't share the class image on any social media sites or in public forums as not all parents have given permission for children on the photograph to be shared in this way.

If you would like to purchase the image, there are two ways to do this.

1: Electronic via Paypal

Please make the £6 or £10 payment to the LSFA paypal account using the email address loxleyschoolfundraising@gmail.com.

When you have made this payment, please email rach.thornhill@gmail.com to confirm payment has been made and include the name and year group that your child is in and which photos you would like to purchase. I will then email the image across to you. This does not need to be separate emails or payments if you have multiple children in school.

2. Cash and paper order form.

Please complete the order form that came out and return to the school office with cash by Friday 14th of July. Please be aware that in order to be compliant with GDPR regulations, the images will be deleted soon after this deadline so you will be unable to purchase after this point. Please enclose exact change if at all possible and print the email address very carefully so we can make sure the photos get over to you.

Many thanks again for your support with this, as always.

LSFA Summer Fair 2023

Please make a note in your diary of the upcoming Summer Fair, which is on **Friday 30th June** from the end of the school day. Hopefully you will have received sQuid communications regarding donations and requests for help. This is always an amazing event, with fun for all, and an important fund-raising opportunity to help benefit our learners. Hope to see you there!





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'Signs for Change' BBC Documentary

At 9pm on Monday 26th June a BBC One broadcast is due to be shown that features one of our Year 1 pupils – Lola – and which is presented by Rose Ayling-Ellis. It discusses the move to challenge and improve attitudes towards the deaf in our country, and how deaf individuals' lives are impacted daily. Lola has been in the media before discussing her life with cochlea implants, and the remarkable obstacles she has overcome to be the girl she is today; we look forwards to seeing more about this a week on Monday.



New basketball nets

Many thanks must go to the LSFA for funding our new basketball nets next to the Adventure playground, which have now been installed and secured in place. The children have been taking every opportunity to use them throughout their breaks and lunch and are proving to be an exciting and enjoyable activity for all years to use.

Sun safety

It's lovely to see the sunshine back again in Loxley but please could we remind parents to ensure your child is properly equipped for the weather – water bottles and sun hats should be sent in daily and sun cream applied before school. *Pupils may bring their own sun cream to 'top up' throughout the day but please note that staff are not able to apply sun cream for children.*

Free Online Safety resources For Parents and Children

As much as we do in school in relation to online safety, it is important that this continues at home. An understandable concern from many parents is that they don't know where to start, what conversations to have etc. Internet Matters have made available a series of 'things to do together' which includes things like, 'am I ready for a social media account', 'is it okay to.....' activities, an online safety agreement, 'what-if' scenarios and much more.

All of these are free and you can see the full range <https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/things-to-do-together-to-help-young-people-connect-with-others-safely/>

The Cyber Helpline - Parent and Student Guides

The Cyber Helpline are a charitable organisation in the UK who are focussed on helping and supporting victims of cyber crime. There is a lot of useful information on their website, including a page full of guides and a wide range of topics from malware, cyber bullying and harassment, unauthorised access (e.g. if your gaming account has been hacked) and much more. All the guides are free at <https://www.thecyberhelpline.com/guides-2>





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JOB OPPORTUNITY: Whole school and administration assistant – applications now being taken

Main Scale Pay Range Grade level 1; 16 hours per week; Established (permanent) contract actual salary £7542.27 - £7852.64 term time 38 weeks per year.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 8:30am to 12:30pm (4 hours per day)

We are seeking to appoint someone with experience or ambition to work in both a whole school and office role. This is a great opportunity for someone who would like to be part of a busy, friendly and ambitious school to help contribute towards and support other staff in achieving the best outcomes for our pupils. We are seeking a reliable person who is fanatical about tidiness and organisation, enjoys helping others (both adults and children) and can contribute to a welcoming and positive school ethos. We are at the heart of a vibrant and supportive community and have a reputation for innovative practice and staff development.

Closing date for the applications: Wednesday 5th July

Short-listing: Friday 7th July

Planned Interview date (subject to change): Tuesday 18th July

Dates to visit the school: Please arrange by contacting the school

Kind regards

James Connolly and Margaret Helliwell



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