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Dear Parents/Carers,

Spotlight on Y4 'The Birch class'!



In science, the Y4 children have been carrying out an investigation into the density of different liquids. We discovered that the denser a liquid is, the heavier an object that can float on it. We have also been exploring the structure of solids, liquids and gases, and finding out how different substances and materials can change between these states.



In PE, the children in Y4 have been working on partner balances. We have started out by using different balancing 'points and patches' individually, then moved in to working in twos. We have understood that we sometimes need to adapt partner balances if the pair are different heights and sizes, and are now moving in to creating sequences of balances to form a full routine. When the children have established how to confidently use balances and counterbalances in pairs, we will be forming more advanced balances with larger groups. Y4 have done a fantastic job so far and the teamwork I have seen has been wonderful.



In history, as part of their unit of work on 'Crime & Punishment', our class have been making Roman curse tablets! These were used by Roman citizens to ask the gods to intervene if they felt someone had wronged them – eek! In this unit, we will be taking a walk-through history, all the way from Roman Britain right up to the streets of Victorian cities, finding out how people through the ages were made to pay for their crimes! We are then comparing these methods with modern day justice and finding out what has stayed and what has (thankfully) been

consigned to the history books! The children have had great fun making these, not to mention finding out about some of the more sinister ways that justice has been delivered over the centuries.





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In DT, Y4 have been getting in the festive mood by making stockings. We have been experimenting with different stitching methods to find out which works best for different purposes. We have been testing materials to ensure that our products are tough enough, but also easy to work with. As with any product, nothing goes perfectly first time round, so we are also evaluating our products to decide what we would adapt or change next time. That said, we think they look pretty brilliant and very Christmassy!

Christmas Dates and Information for our 'Countdown to Christmas'!

Last Week of Term			
Carol Service (Year 2 to Year 6)	Monday 12 th December	Set off shortly after 9am and back for lunch	Service to be held at Wisewood Methodist Church. This event is only for school children (Y2 to Y6), staff and parent helpers. (Reception and Y1 will remain at school and will be doing other activities.) Please remember to send your child to school in appropriate clothing and footwear for walking to church on that day. If you are able to help walk the children to the church, please contact your class teacher.
Carols in the Woods (Everyone Invited)	Tuesday 13 th December	3.30pm	Please meet in the woods (Robin Wood) after school for Carols in the Woods – our annual sing with members from a local brass band. The Y5s will start the proceedings with some local carols.
School Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 14 th December	Lunchtime	Children having a school dinner will have a Christmas dinner on this day. Children should still be in school uniform on this day.





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Reception Nativity performance to parents	Wednesday 14 th December	2.15pm	Reception parents are allowed two 'tickets' per family. Tickets are virtual and need to be obtained via sQuid.
Reception and KS1 party (Reception, Y1 and Y2)	Thursday 15 th December	Afternoon	KS1 can come to school in their party attire! (KS2 can come to school in Christmas jumpers or non-uniform. No sportswear or football shirts please.)
KS2 party (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6)	Friday 16 th December	Afternoon	KS2 can come to school in their party attire! (KS1 can come to school in Christmas jumpers or non-uniform. No sportswear or football shirts please.)
Talent Show (Children from any class are eligible to take part)	Friday 16 th December	Morning	This is just for the staff and children at school. Children will be selected for the Talent Show on the run up to the event.



New baby!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Quinn! We are delighted to announce the arrival of Charlie George Quinn who was born at 3.30pm on 1st December weighing 8lb 3oz. Mum and baby are both doing well. Congratulations to the Quinns from all the staff, children and parents at Loxley Primary School!

Cover in Y3

We are also pleased to let you know that Mrs Thornhill will be covering for Mrs Quinn in Y3. She will be teaching the Y3s on two half days. As many of you will already be aware, Mrs Thornhill is a very experienced teacher and we are delighted that she can cover Mrs Quinn's maternity leave in Y3.





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Christingle Service

The children from Y1 to Y6 took part in the Christingle Service at Wadsley Church with Reverend Dan on Monday. Several children took part in acting out the Christmas story. Reverend Dan explained what the parts of the Christingle meant and then everyone made one. Thank you to Wadsley Church for hosting the service and for providing all the resources. Thank you to all the parents who kindly volunteered to help with the walk down to Church and thank you to the Y6s for helping the younger children!



Santa Dash

On Tuesday 6th December, we hosted our annual Santa Dash where all the children were invited to take part in running around a pre-planned course at school. The event was organized by Miss Ruddleston. The children had such a lot of fun running whilst listening to Christmas music and having snowballs thrown at them (they were very soft and not real!).



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KS1 Nativity



The Y1s and Y2s provided the school with a fantastic performance of their nativity 'Fireside Nativity' on Wednesday. The performed the play to family and carers on Thursday and Friday. There were lots of talents on show; delivering jokes in a timely way, projecting voices so they could



be heard, acting out their parts, performing dances, singing in parts, coming on and off stage at the right time...the list could go on! The best part with seeing so many children and parents smiling! Once we've arrived at the school nativity plays (remember reception's is next week!), it seems like Christmas has officially begun! Well done to all the Y1s and Y2s. A big thank you to all the staff who were involved in making this possible!

Here are a few photos to give you a taster of the event!





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Loxley Christmas Outdoor Market

What an amazing result! Around £3000 was raised at the Christmas Market last Friday! The final figures are yet to be totaled up but this is an amazing result! Thank you to all the LSFA and all the additional helpers who made this happen. Thank you to all the staff who became involved in some way or another. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, carers, children and friends who came along to support the Market and a massive thank you to Rachel Thornhill, Chair of the LSFA for the many, many months of planning, preparation, organization and hard work that made the event possible.

Christmas Market Stall for Ukraine

Thank you to everyone who bought items from the stall for Ukraine. The Laceys and the Tymchenkos collected £168 and sent it to the foundation "BF FUNDATSIIA IM PROF MS BAKSHEIEV". This weekend Serhii Bakshiev along with other doctors went to the Kherson. They helped civilian people in de-occupied territories of Ukraine, provide medical assistance and give presents for children.



Lunchtime Recorder Group

If anyone would like to join the lunchtime recorder group it is £15 a term. There are two clubs, one for the Y1 and Y2 children and one for the Y3-Y6 children. Please contact Linda Doherty (linda.doherty@hotmail.com/07914789797) if your child is interested in attending.

Prams and Buggies

Please remember that for health and safety reasons, prams and buggies are not allowed in the building. They can be left outside the main doors or in the undercover area if parents have children in reception. Thank you for your understanding.





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Online Safety - Useful Links for Parents

Advice by age

As it's quickly approaching Christmas, we realise that many children may be receiving devices such as computers, tablets or even phones as well as using computer games and apps. Younger children need different advice and guidance than older children. Older children need different advice and guidance than teens. It can be really difficult keeping up with everything that is online and what risks and issues may affect children of different ages, so please use the links below to find out some age-related advice and guidance for parents and carers:

- Pre-school - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>
- 6 - 10 year olds - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>
- 11 - 13 year olds - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/11-13/>
- 14 plus - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/14plus/>

In the Event of Bad Weather

Just a reminder that as we are in the season of potential snow falls, if we need to make an announcement regarding late opening, early pick-ups or (as a last resort) school closures, we will do so via sQuid text/email or our Facebook page.

Be prepared!

Going outside to play is always our aim – it also helps to keep the germs at bay too by having some fresh air. As the weather gets colder, please make sure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing, footwear, hats, scarves, gloves and hats.

Do I Need to Keep My Child off School?

Please see the poster from the Public Health Agency regarding whether or not to send your child to school. It was sent out on sQuid email today.



Next Week

Thursday and Friday are non-uniform days. On Thursday, Reception, Y1 and Y2 children can come to school in their party clothes/Christmas jumpers (please still make sure they wrap up warm for when they are outside at playtime!) and on Friday, KS2 can come in party clothes/Christmas jumpers. When it's not their party day (on Thursday or Friday), children can come in Christmas jumpers or any non-uniform. However, as always – no football shirts, crop tops etc thank you.





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Back to school in January

We have a training day on Tuesday 3rd January 2023. Therefore, the first day back for children is Wednesday 4th January.

Last But By No Means Least!



Next week, we say a fond farewell to John Lillyman. Many of you may not know John very well but he has been our cleaner and standby caretaker/building supervisor for six years. John always wears a smile and nothing is too much trouble. He has a wide skill set and is a true problem solver. John Lillyman and John Miles (building supervisor) have been such an incredible double act at Loxley, completing many jobs such as painting, moving furniture etc over the holidays and always completing them in time for the children to come back to school. We will miss his wry smile, his conversation and his great sense of humour. John has always come on time and has rarely had a day off – even coming into school when he's felt poorly or been hobbling due to a knee injury.

John is finally hanging up his bucket, leaving his cloth to dry and wrapping up the flex on his Hoover. We wish him all the very best in his retirement. He is one of those people who are sometimes referred to as 'the salt of the earth' and Loxley Primary School has been privileged to have him on board as part of our fabulous team.

We would like to wish all our families a fantastic Christmas and New Year!

Kind regards

James Connolly and Margaret Helliwell

