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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back

It has been a delight to see the children back at school again and we very much look forward to welcoming our Reception new starters next week too. It's been a great start and with lots of new carpets, doors and other fixtures and fittings around school – the school is looking great. There will be more work to come in relation to the Horsa Hut (the building the nursery shares with us) and the area around it. The children have had a great start to the year overall and the feeling in school is one of purpose and optimism building on the work we have done so far. Because of my new role as Executive Head of Oughtibridge and Loxley Primary Schools this year, we are going to be working even more closely with Oughtibridge. The two outstanding schools will be learning from each other which will be to all children's benefit. As you will probably know from previous communications, Mrs Helliwell is now in an Acting Head of School role and has not got any regular teaching commitment and Mr Eaton is now the school's Assistant Head. I know you will give them, and the rest of the team at Loxley, your support to help them do the best job they can for the Loxley pupils. They are such a caring and conscientious team. Thank you.

HRH Queen Elizabeth II



As has been the case across the country and wider world, we were saddened to hear the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II yesterday. I delivered two assemblies for the children today (one for Year 1 and 2 and another for Years 3 to 6) to talk about the Queen, her reign and her passing away. I tried to be as sensitive as possible and the assembly focused on a celebration of her life. I mentioned to the children that not all grown ups believe in having a king or queen but almost everyone in the country respected her as a great leader and as a person. The children listened and contributed very sensibly and respectfully. The mood was lifted by us all watching the Queen and Paddington's tea party video clip. If anyone would like to know any more about how we dealt with this matter, please get in touch. Thank you.



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School Rules and How You Can Help

With the new school year now arrived and a full year's schooling behind us after the Covid disruption, it's a good time to make sure standards are being maintained at school so there are clear routines and a settled, orderly atmosphere for children.

Parents at Loxley are fantastic in terms of making sure children follow school rules. A good example of this is punctuality which is absolutely outstanding! Nearly all children are settled in class by 8:50a.m. every single day which means learning starts so smoothly. Uniform and homework are well supported from home too but we want to iron out (no pun intended) the few issues we have as much as possible. This is why we have now got new standard letters when homework and reading books are not returned and when aspects of uniform policy aren't being followed. **Please don't be offended if you get a letter – it's just meant to be a reminder more than anything.** If homework is being returned regularly – say reading books are not being read or returned - teachers will then get in touch with me and senior leadership team and we will try to work with families to get these issues resolved in the best interests of each child.

Your class teacher will be letting you know about reading and homework expectations for each class in class communication letters which will get to you before next Friday at the latest. **Please look out for them!** Again, thank you very much for your on-going support.

School Cohort Names and Signs

The children now have class names they'll keep all the time they are at Loxley Primary School rather than just being known by the year group they just so happen to be in at a particular moment in time. Their cohort names are on beautiful signs created by Miss Torrington in the holiday. Thank you so much to her. The School Council thought of the idea of having class names. They also thought of having tree names as these relate to Robin Wood. Here are some examples:



Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Hazel	Oak	Holly	Sycamore	Silver Birch	Rowan	Elm

Kind regards

James Connolly

