



# LOXLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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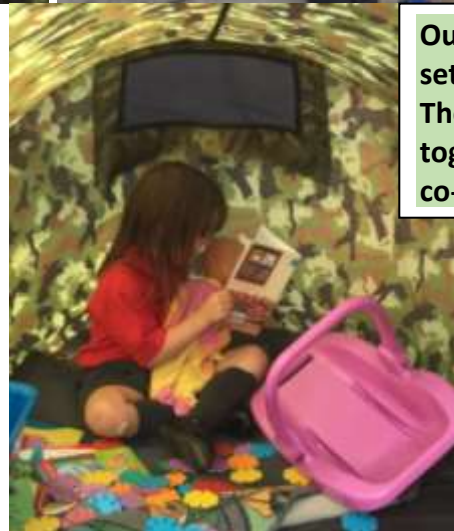
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## Newsletter 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's my first newsletter of the new school year and if I haven't managed to welcome you back in person already – welcome back to Loxley Primary School for the 2023-24 school year! We're so excited about this school year and feel that we've certainly hit the ground running. As always you are valued partners in ensuring that every child gets the most out of school life. We're really appreciative of the great support we get from you all. Thank you!

## Welcome to our new Reception class for 2023 – The Willows



Our new Reception class have settled so well in to school life. They've been learning and playing together showing great co-operation skills.





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## Lining up to collect Y2 and Y3 children from school

We would like to make collection times a little bit easier for children, parents and school staff and hope you can help us with this. We're asking parents to do something similar to the last two years which really helped the speed and safety of collecting children from school. Please could parents of Year 2 children make a queue on the right hand side of the drive as you are looking up the hill and Year 3 parents on the left hand side as shown by our very helpful assistants below. Please leave as wide a gap as possible between the two lines. By doing this, we hope children will find their parents more easily and it will make collection safer and quicker for everyone. If you have children in more than one class, please go to the line for your youngest child. Please do not queue any higher than the Y1 door as you will meet the Year 1 parents who will be queuing down the hill. We British are famous for our queuing so I'm sure we can sort it at Loxley! Thanks very much in anticipation.



**Diary Dates**  
Lots of new dates for the school year have been added to the school calendar. Please see the school website for details.



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## School Council Elections

We are electing our school councilors in the next two weeks. Children from Year 2 to Year 6, who would like to be councilors, need to do a short presentation to the class (no longer than 5 minutes – probably 2-3 minutes in all honesty) and tell the class:

1. What they would like to achieve as a school councilor for the school.
2. Why they would be a good school councilor.

We encourage children to vote on that basis and not just for friends. We prepare children for the fact that they might not get elected and that there will be chances in future years. We also say that the school councilors are there to represent all the class's views so all children get a voice whether they are in the school council or not. We don't read out the number of votes and make sure the ballot is secret. In the past the school council has succeeded in campaigning for new toilets and new football/basketball posts as well doing work in the local community. If your child would like to do a presentation and stand for election, you may wish to help them with their presentation at home especially if they are younger. Thank you.

## Packed Lunches

As you probably know, Children at Loxley can choose to have school dinners or bring packed lunches into school. We do not have strict rules on packed lunches but we like children to have a balanced diet and not to be over faced at school. We encourage all children to have a **portion of fruit or vegetables**.

We **do not** allow the following:

- **Large chocolate bars** e.g. 100g Dairy Milk etc. (Chocolate biscuits or small chocolate bars e.g. Freddos are allowed.)
- **Packets of sweets** e.g. Haribos
- **Large packets of crisps** e.g. Doritos. (25g packets of crisps that come in multi-packs are fine.)
- **Energy drinks** e.g. Red Bull

If your child has any special dietary requirements regarding their packed lunch that might not comply with our packed lunch guidelines, please let us know.

## School Uniform

Children have come back from the summer holidays dressed very smartly almost always in correct school uniform. Thank you to parents and carers for this. Please remember that:

- shoes, boots or trainers should be all black with no large logos,
- leggings (or any type of shorts) can be worn under skirts or dresses as an alternative to tights and for outdoor PE but not as an alternative to tailored, school trousers
- the only ear rings allowed are simple stud ear rings and we allow no jewellery except for watches (apart from smart watches)
- shorts are allowed but not PE style shorts for every day wear at school – just for PE. Thank you!

Kind regards,  
James Connolly

