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## Newsletter 11

### Christmas at Loxley Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, where do I start? I think the most important thing to say, without meaning to get too soppy about it all, is that it's at times like these I think what a privilege it is to work for and with our school community. Yes, I think we've been relatively fortunate in terms of how Covid hasn't affected our school as much as in most other schools this term and I have the utmost respect for schools who have had greater challenges than ourselves. However, I am blessed with a highly skilled staff team who have a 'can do' attitude and a parent body and governors who work with and root for the school for the benefit of our pupils.

They say a picture paints a thousand words so I am going to say all my thank yous now, to the admin team, the teachers, the teaching assistants, our sports coach, our premises team, the kitchen staff, our LSFA and everyone else who has made Christmas 2021 such a special one at Loxley Primary School and leave you with some images (and sounds) from the last two weeks:



Our Reception class had a wonderful time on their visit to Longshaw.





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**Two of our Year 5 girls organised a campaign to donate toys to disadvantaged children at Christmas time.** The girls told me that the donation box was full to the top once they had put all the presents that had been donated from Loxley in. The box was empty when they arrived. Thank you to everyone who donated gifts.





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Our infant pupils performed fantastically in the Reception Nativity, The Year 1 Christmas Songs Performance and the Year 2s performance of The Innkeepers



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More images of the three Christmas performances.



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Our Talent Shows were back with comedians, musicians and magicians, singers, skippers, dancers and more. One highlight was Betsy singing 'All I Want for Christmas is You' but changing the word 'you' to 'school' which got a big laugh from everyone!



In addition to all these events we had Carols in the Woods, Christmas parties with a flying visit from Santa, The Santa Dash and our Carol Service at Wisewood Church. I'll try to share more about these events with you later.

Please don't think learning in the wider curriculum stopped either – I've seen excellent Reading, Writing, Maths, History, Design Technology, Art work and more in the last couple of weeks.

It's been a great term at Loxley, thanks so much to all involved in our school community and here's to continued success in 2022!





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## Loxley Advent Walk

In anticipation of Christmas day, each day through advent a different household in Loxley puts up an illuminated advent number for that date. They then keep it illuminated each evening thereafter, until Christmas day. Together they form a giant community sized advent calendar.

Many families have a walk to see if they can spot them in the run up to Christmas. If you would like to do this as well, then please follow this map. Merry Christmas to you all,

Families in Loxley

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yY8SzZDTNMI5Yctv7qW8pPybSeN6tGSZ/view?usp=sharing>

## Preparing for All Eventualities in January

First and foremost, it's very important for me to state that **we are planning to re-open school as normal on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

The school has been given no other indication that we may have to move to remote learning other than what can be gleaned on the media. However, after last year's short notice change to arrangements for children's learning and in light of the recent rapid increase in cases and action being taken in Wales, we want to make sure that we are ready for all eventualities.

It is with this in mind, that all children will be taking home an exercise book and Seesaw login codes today. (Some parents may already have been given the login codes by their class teacher.) Your class teacher may also be sending home other key materials they believe your child would need should there be enforced school closures. All these items may also be useful if your child has to isolate due to Covid 19. In addition, your child may be taking reading books and homework for home learning over the Christmas holidays that may also be useful should there be school closures in the new school term.

I whole heartedly hope that we do open as normal after the Christmas holidays.

Have a very merry Christmas everyone and a happy, healthy, peaceful and prosperous new year!

Kind regards,

James Connolly

