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Newsletter 12

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's my first newsletter since we came back to school after Christmas. It's a bit late to wish you a happy new year but I do hope that 2022 has been treating you well so far. I thought my first letter of the new year would be a good time to remind you all of school routines which we need parents help with. I live and breathe Loxley Primary School so to speak, so it's very easy for me to have all this information at the top of my mind however I appreciate there's a lot to remember for parents with busy lives. The support we get from parents is absolutely vital and goes a long way to making Loxley the special place it is so I would very much appreciate you taking the time to read through the newsletter today even if it just confirms what you knew anyway. Thank you very much.

Home Learning (Focus on reading)



Both informal and structured learning at home is absolutely vital in maximising your child's academic success and the earlier this starts, the more impact this has. Many studies have shown this to be true such as the Education Endowment Foundation's work. Here's just one example:

https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Literacy_Development_Evidence_Review.pdf

Children spend many more hours at home than at school and are actively, or by osmosis, learning and developing all the time. Particularly in the case of reading and vocabulary development, how much children are involved in conversations, how books are valued and how often children read and are read to, have all been shown to significantly impact on children's opportunities in later life. We have a duty under the Ofsted framework to encourage home learning but it is something we would want to encourage anyway as we appreciate and value your contribution to your child's education so much.

Reading is certainly the most important aspect of home learning we set. I know just how much work is done by our teachers and teaching assistants to match reading material to each individual child's needs and in addition find ways for children to choose books they enjoy reading.



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Teachers will have at some point this school year communicated with you about how much reading needs to be done each week. The type of reading obviously varies but **the expectation is for your child to read five times a week and three times as a minimum.** We don't state which days your child should read as we understand different activities such as clubs etc happen at different times and we'd like reading to be a relaxed experience for both you and your child. **Please complete the reading records provided by the class teacher - they are checked by school staff and it helps us know how reading at home is going.**



In Reception, it is really important to record and upload your children reading the word time sheets on Seesaw. As your children become more independent readers, it is still crucial that you read with them (at least three times a week) to check for fluency and help with understanding of vocabulary and comprehension.

If you have any difficulties or questions about reading at home, we are here to help and want to help. Please get in touch with school in the usual ways. Thank you so much!

School Uniform





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Through our school uniform we aim to:

- Encourage a sense of pride and belonging to our school
- Have a smart yet practical uniform which establishes good habits and which helps put pupils in the right frame of mind for learning.
- Enable pupils to be easily identifiable on school trips.
- Provide an affordable uniform which discourages peer pressure & competitiveness for expensive or fashion items e.g. with designer logos.

We get fantastic support for our school uniform policy from parents at Loxley Primary School and we thank you very much for it. We occasionally make adaptations to the policy to meet very specific special needs a child might have or to work with families of different faiths. In these situations we ask that parents meet and work with us. For the most part however, for the aims of our school uniform policy to work, we need every child to comply with the policy. If standards fall, it becomes harder for parents who want to comply with the policy to encourage their children to follow school uniform rules. I have included the details from our policy below.

We want to make sure that our school uniform is affordable. We recently handed out a large amount of good quality nearly new uniform for a very small donation to school e.g. £1. If you have any good quality uniform your child has grown out of, we would be very grateful if you could donate it to school to help families in financial hardship. Thank you very much.

After consultation with parents, staff and pupils, the school's governing body has set the following expectations for dress at school:

Sweat shirts, Cardigans and Polo shirts

Navy blue sweatshirts or cardigans should be worn with the embroidered school logo from our school uniform providers – Logo leisure wear or Tesco's on-line. Alternatively, a navy blue sweatshirt can be purchased from another provider and a sew on school badge can be used.

Red polo shirts should be worn with the embroidered school logo from our school uniform provider. Alternatively, a red polo shirt can be purchased from another provider and a sew on school badge can be used.

Trousers, Skirts and Dresses

All trousers, skirts and dresses (apart from gingham summer dresses) should be black or grey. Gingham summer dresses should be red and have the school logo if possible. Please note that Gingham summer dresses and winter pinafore dresses are available from Logo Leisurewear with the logo already embroidered on. Any shorts (not worn for PE) should be of the smart, tailored variety and should be of a reasonable length. Neither sports nor skin tight shorts should be worn. Skin tight, jeans (or jeans-look) or sports type shorts or trousers should not normally be worn unless there is a special request by the school to do so. Leggings should also not be worn unless either for outdoor PE or worn as an alternative to tights under dresses or skirts. Skirts should also be of a reasonable length.



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Shoes and Boots

All school shoes and boots should be black. Boots can be ankle or calf length. Trainers can be worn but they should be black with no noticeable logos. Decisions on whether the trainers are suitable for school will be at the headteacher's discretion based on this policy. Platform, slipper style or high heeled shoes are not allowed. Closed toe shoes with a buckle or a strap **are** permitted as are lace up or velcro fastening shoes. Sandals are also not permissible for health and safety reasons. All shoes and boots should be firm fitting.

Socks and Tights

Any visible socks and tights should be black, blue, red, white or grey and should not be striped or patterned. Leggings can be worn under dresses/skirts as an alternative option to tights and also must be black, blue, red, white or grey and should not be striped or patterned.

Coats

All children should wear a coat in the winter months. Coats should be waterproof when rain is forecast and warm in the winter. Coats can be any colour or variety. Coats in school colours with the school logo are available from the school's uniform supplier. These are optional.

PE Kit

All Children should wear a navy T-shirt with the school logo. Children should also wear black shorts and black pumps for indoor PE. From Year 1, in the autumn and spring terms, children should have a pair of leggings or tracksuit/jogger bottoms provided by parents for outdoor PE. **Black shorts should still be provided for indoor PE.** Loose tracksuit type tops are now **permissible but optional** for outdoor PE (to be worn over school PE shirts) during these terms. In Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6), children can have a pair of trainers for outdoor PE. Children should keep their PE kit in a **draw string** bag. These should be hard wearing e.g. not plastic. This bag should be kept at school during every school day in case it is needed.

Kind regards,

James Connolly

