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Newsletter 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Could You or Someone You Know be a Cleaner at Our School?

We are seeking to appoint a suitably experienced cleaner or someone with strong cleaning skills. We feel this would be an ideal job for someone who lives locally as the short, early hours would allow that person to have the rest of the day to use as they please.

The working pattern would be two hours per day (on school days) from 7.05a.m. to 9.05a.m. Monday to Friday however we also welcome applications from candidates who would like only to work from Tuesday to Thursday.

Although the successful candidate would **not** be responsible for managing other staff on a day to day basis, we are paying the higher cleaner in charge rate rather than the regular cleaner rate because there will be some extra responsibilities e.g. locking gates after all the children have arrived at school. The pay rate is Grade 2 £18,562 – 18,933 p.a. (**pro-rata**). *Please note that the £18,562-18,933 is the full time equivalent salary, the post would only be either 10 or 6 hours per week.* Loxley is a friendly, respectful and co-operative school and we have worked hard to make the school environment more attractive and easier to clean and maintain. We would love to have a conscientious, flexible, collaborative new cleaner who takes pride in the cleanliness and safety of the school environment join our team. The moving of some fold away tables would be part of the role. Candidates must be committed to adhering to health, safety and safeguarding practices. Specific qualifications, experience and training in relation to cleaning are desirable but not essential. **Closing date for applications is next Monday 27th September.** Interviews are planned for Friday 1st October but this day is subject to change. See link below for the application form.

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/job-vacancies/school-job-listings/loxley-primary-school---cleaner-in-charge->

Our New Year 6s Start Their Responsibilities



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The Loxley experience is not just about learning in the classroom. As part of our school "Aiming High Together" school offer (which can be found on our website) all children will have a chance to lead others positively. By Year 6, we try to give every child the opportunity to apply for and undertake a leadership role at a whole school level. The Year 6s take great pride and enthusiasm in their roles and are great with the younger children. The Y6s help plan, organise, liaise and develop high order inter-personal skills. It all helps add to that special family feel we have at Loxley. Unfortunately, Covid restrictions put a hold on much of this aspect of school life in the last couple of years so it's great to see the Y6s back in action. A big thank you goes to Mrs Taylor for all the organisation that goes into this. Miss Ruddleston has done several training sessions with our Sports Leaders and takes an active role at lunchtimes monitoring and coaching. Many other staff at Loxley, including Mrs Capper, Mrs Feather, Mrs Nash and Mrs Miller have also helped too.



Bikeability is Back

Bikeability is a cycling proficiency course run in Sheffield. Our Year 5s have had the opportunity to take part in the course this year. Qualified trainers have been in school helping the children develop control and co-ordination on their bikes as well as developing crucial road safety skills. The instructors on Wednesday said that they were very impressed with the children's ability and behaviour which they said was similar to what they would expect from older children. I have been very proud of them

all. Because the Year 6 class missed out in the last school year, children who want to take part will be able to do so in May.



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Year 5 and Year 6 Performance Postponement

In the past we have had our Year 5 and 6 performance in the autumn term. After consulting with both Mrs Taylor and Mr Eaton, I feel that this would not be a great time to choose. The children need a settled routine to their learning at this time and frequent rehearsals would not help this. Furthermore, if at all possible, we would like to be able to invite parents into the hall to watch but at the moment with Covid cases continuing to be high, this does not seem sensible. We will let you know when the rearranged date will be as soon as we have finalised plans. The date will be in the summer term. Before this, the Year 5s will be involved in the Signpost Carols Festival which in the past has taken place at Firth Hall, University of Sheffield. As soon as we receive a date for this, we will let you know.

Halloween Disco Cancelled

Unfortunately, we have made the decision not to hold our Halloween Disco this year. To have so many children packed together for a long period of time does not seem wise at the moment. We are planning to do the Halloween Trail instead. More details will follow soon.

Labelling Uniform

Please, please, please could all uniform be **clearly labelled** with your child's name. It's an on-going problem we don't seem to ever get resolved. Labels should be on the **collar** of jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts etc and the waist band of trousers, skirts and shorts. Sewn on printed labels are best. Written on names often fade or become blotchy and illegible and iron on labels often fall off. We try our best to hand lost property back to children but we have got a huge pile of jumpers (some which look next to new) with no names. Thank you.

All Parents Welcome to Our Next LSFA Meeting

The LSFA is a voluntary fundraising group set up and run by parents at Loxley Primary School with the aims of providing events to enhance children's experience here and raising money for projects the school would otherwise not be able to afford to do. The LSFA are a very friendly welcoming group made up of many parents who often never knew each other before they joined. Now lockdown measures have eased, we are able to hold our first meeting next Thursday at 7pm at The Admiral Rodney pub. New members as well as existing members (I won't say "old") are welcome. It would be particularly nice to see parents of Year 1 and reception parents come along who haven't had the opportunity before. At the meeting we will decide on fundraising activities and how we are going to spend money raised. Hope to see you there.

Kind regards,

James Connolly

