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Newsletter 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank You from Bradfield Parish Council

Last week, we gratefully received £100 in book vouchers from Bradfield Parish Council which was given in recognition of the school's work through the Covid pandemic. A certificate was presented by Stephen Bennett (Chair of Brafield Parish Council and our Chair of Governors) to two of our Year 6 pupils (see below). The vouchers will be used to supplement the school's reading scheme. Thank you Bradfield Parish Council.



Loxley Christmas Market - Request for gazebos:

This year we are hoping to hold our traditional Christmas fair with a more outdoor 'Market' twist! In order to attempt to weather proof the event, we are hoping to put up a number of marquees and gazebos. Before we spend a large amount of money on purchasing or renting either of these, we wondered if anyone had pop up gazebos at home (or access to relatives) that they would be willing to lend us for the event. We also need outdoor fairy lights so if anyone has any surplus ones that they no longer use, we'll happily take those off your hands too (on either a loan or donation basis!) If you are able to help with either of these things, please drop an email to rach.thornhill@gmail.com

















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Individual and Sibling Photos next Wednesday

Hair brushes and combs at the ready and smartest uniform on! Please don't forget that individual photos and those with brothers and sisters in school will be taken next Wednesday. If you would like photos taken with pre-school children, please come to the Loxley Lodge Building at 8.30a.m. Please consider if younger children are likely to become distressed at having their photo taken before you decide to bring them. I totally appreciate that sometimes you don't know if this will happen until you get there but we do have a short timeframe to work with and we want to reduce upset as much as we can. Thank you.

Census – Popular School Dinner – Next Thursday 7th October

In a change to the normal menu, we're having chicken nuggets and chips or pizza (as well as the jacket potato and sandwich options) on the menu next Thursday. We are doing this because more pupils having school meals on census day brings more money to the school and this menu choice proved to be very popular with children last week. Taylor Shaw do ensure that over the week school meals are balanced and nutricious and the ingredients in the chicken nuggets and pizzas are controlled for nutritional value. If your child could have a school meal on that day, we would be very grateful. We would also like to see more children choosing school meals overall too. Thank you.

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

We are **still** 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 <u>not</u> 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. The school is committed to equal opportunities in its recruitment processes.**Please contact enquiries@loxley.sheffield.sch.uk for an application form.**

Do you wanna build a scarecrow???

We have made the difficult decision not to hold this years Halloween disco but in its place we will be holding another trail in the local area. To try to keep things different this year, we will be holding a **SPOOKY SCARECROW TRAIL!** We are looking for families from school who would be willing to build a scarecrow to display in a garden that is visible from a public place or road. This could also be a local business, shop or pub if anyone knows anyone who would be willing to get involved. We are aiming to have around 10 scarecrows dotted around Loxley. Each one will be given a name that children will collect when they complete the scarecrow trail. If you would like to build and host one of our scarecrows and feel you have an appropriate place to display it, please email **rach.thornhill@gmail.com** and she will send you more details.

















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Sports Clubs at Loxley in Full Swing

So many children at Loxley have been benefitting from the clubs available this autumn term. Just this week in the rain, we had 33 children at football club and 35 at running club. You can see from the photo below just how popular netball club has been too. Rink Hockey Club will also be re-starting again soon too. In addition we have entered and arranged dozens of festivals and competitions which will take place out of school over the coming year. I want to say a massive thank you to Miss Ruddleston for her monumental effort and for all the other staff including Mrs Capper, Miss Village, Mr Eaton and Miss Torrington who are helping too.



















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Running Club

There's a great atmosphere at the running club and with parents attending too there's a great Loxley family feel to it. I must say though I don't envy the parents who go week on week as the children ran me ragged when I attended last week. I must get in training. Please remember the Saturday morning cross country fixtures which can be found on the school terms and holidays section of our website. This Saturday 2 October, 09:30 – 11:30, the event is at Parkwood Springs. All pupils are welcome.



















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Football Club

Our football club is very well attended and Mrs Capper and Miss Ruddleston ensure the children learn as much about sporting behaviour and respect as they do about football skills. We have both boys and girls fixtures coming up soon and there's some great ability on show from both teams. I will be involved in managing some of the games and I can't wait to get re-started in inter-school competition.















