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Newsletter 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ministerial Visit to Loxley

On Friday, we had a ministerial fact finding visit from Damian Hinds the new Minister for Schools and a representative from the Department for Education (DfE). We were selected as a high performing primary school - only one of seven to be chosen in the country I believe. I was told that the reason for Loxley being chosen was school performance data (including attainment and attendance data) and conversations the DfE have had with Jim Dugmore (Peak Edge MAT's CEO). It was a great opportunity to showcase some of the work we have been doing at Loxley in order to help other schools and to have access to the minister to discuss government actions we think would help primary schools across the country.

I could not have been any more proud of all the children at Loxley during the visit; their excellent learning behaviour, enthusiasm and interest shone through. The minister saw first hand, local history learning in Y5 where the children sang a song about the Sheffield flood brilliantly, times table learning in Y4, Reading Buddies work in Year 2, continuous provision and phonics in Reception and much more. The Department of Education have written back to us to let us know how much they enjoyed the visit and how useful it was.

The reason for the Department of Education flagging up Loxley Primary School's excellence is down to everyone in Loxley's community so I want to thank, staff, parents and governors for all their tremendous work.





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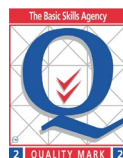
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Christmas Events

Here's a list of all things Christmassy going on in the next few weeks at Loxley:

Parent Events highlighted in pink

Date	Event	Any Extra Information
Tuesday 5 th December	Reception's magical visit to Longshaw	Remember to wrap up nice and warm!
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fair – 3.30 – 5.00	Please see information below & thanks for all your support
Monday 11 th December	Christmas Post Box Starts	Please use the post box for children to send cards to their friends. The envelope needs to have the child's name and class on it. The post box will be in the school hall.
Tuesday 12 th December	Santa Dash!	Children need an item of festive headwear e.g. a Santa hat or antlers. No other dressing up clothes please. The children will need their PE kit in school.
Wednesday 13 th December	2.15 Y1/Y2 The Big Little Nativity production for school pupils	Sorry mums and dads – not for you yet.
Thursday 14 th December	2.15 First Y1/Y2 The Big Little Nativity production for parents. 3.30 LSFA Carols in the Woods	Carols in the Woods – please come up to Robin Wood straight after school and join us for mulled wine, hot chocolate, a brass band and cosy fire! So many people said how great it was last year! Y1 and Y2 Nativity – please see Squid offer for free tickets – only two adults per child are allowed these can be for the same or different performances. There will be a sign in system on entry. Thanks
Friday 15 th December	2.15 Second Y1/Y2 The Big Little Nativity production for parents.	Y1 and Y2 Nativity – see above





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Monday 18 th December	Walking from school at 9:15 approx Carol Service at Wisewood Church starting at 9:45 approx.	Carol Service - Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 pupils will be taking part. There isn't enough space to invite all parents but if you are happy to volunteer with supervising children walk down to the church, you are very welcome to stay to watch. We set off from school at about 9.20a.m.
Tuesday 19 th December	2:15 Reception Nativity for school pupils	Sorry mums and dads – not for you yet.
Wednesday 20 th December	School Christmas Dinner – order through Squid as normal 2.15 Reception Nativity for parents	Please take all PE bags home by today unless needed for the talent show. Reception Nativity – Only two adults per child are allowed. There will be a sign in system on entry. Thanks
Thursday 21 st December	Infant (Reception, Y1 and Y2) Christmas Parties	Christmas Parties Information about the parties will come directly from your child's class teacher.
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas Talent Show Junior (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) Christmas Parties	Christmas Talent Show Every child (who wants to) gets the chance to show their act to their class earlier in the week but we have to restrict the number of acts in the whole school Talent Show due to time constraints. This event is just for children. Christmas Parties Information about the parties will come directly from your child's class teacher

PE Kit and Uniform

I just wanted to put out a plea to get PE kit looking smart and consistent in school but before I do I want to say a big thank you to parents for helping us with school uniform. The children are looking very smart and nearly all children's uniform follows the school policy which can be found on the school's website. PE kit isn't always quite as good unfortunately. All children need to have, a drawstring bag, black shorts, a Loxley blue PE tee shirt and plimsoles (that fit). For outdoor PE, children can also bring in leggings, and tracksuits. Thank you.





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Sporting Achievements

Mr Nuttall and I couldn't have been more proud of our indoor athletics and Dragonball teams at their respective competitions. Both teams represented the school so well by being great sports, supporting one another and giving 100% effort. Both teams came 2nd which was a great achievement. Well done to all!



The Challenge Award
For Excellence in Provision for
Able, Gifted & Talented Pupils



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Christmas Fair – Friday 8th December - Reminders:

Please help our Christmas fair be successful again. It's normally such a great event and great fundraiser but we can't do it without your help.

Christmas Fair Tokens

Tokens (worth 50p each) can be bought in bundles of £5 via the Squid system. The deadline for buying tokens is Monday the 4th of December. Tokens can also be bought at the Christmas Fair by either cash or card.

Tomorrow – Tuesday 21st November - Wine Donations Please

Our water or wine stall is always super popular. In order to run it, we need as many donations as possible of white, red, pink or fizzy!! Any wine will be gratefully received!

Hamper Donations still needed



Each year we ask for donations for the class hampers. Each one has a colour theme and we ask for donations for things to put in each hamper. This could be an item that follows the colour theme or you could wrap any item in a bit of tissue paper of that colour. Anything goes with these- food, wine, toiletries- anything is gratefully received! The hamper boxes will be outside your child's classroom- ask them to add the items in as they pass!

Christmas Fair Raffle tickets.

Each ticket is £1 and come in a book of 5. The hampers really are fantastic and represent the generosity of Loxley at its best.

If you would like to purchase some tickets please contact the office and we will arrange for some tickets to be sent home.

Payment for the tickets can be via cash sent to school in a labelled envelope. If you would prefer to pay via paypal this can also be done at loxleyschoolfundraising@gmail.com **Using the friends and family option.** Please put the ticket stubs in an envelope and write on the name used on paypal to purchase the tickets.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support. James Connolly

