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Newsletter 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you're all well. Things are all systems go here at Loxley for another bumper-filled Christmas period. It's the Christmas Fair this afternoon so I wanted to put out some reminders for you all. I'll be honest – it helps me remember everything that's happening too!!!

Christmas Fair – This Afternoon - Reminders:

I hope you can 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. We're all looking forward to the Christmas Fair this afternoon. We'd like to confirm some arrangements:

Arrangements for the Beginning of the Fair

First of all, for children in Reception to Year 4 - parents need to collect children in the normal way at the end of the school day. We need to make sure all these classes have left the building before we can let people back into the building for safety. Please don't crowd around the entrances to school before we have let all the children safely out of the building – thank you. From that point, all children will be the responsibility of parents (or adults parents have asked to look after their children). To get us all into the Christmas feeling, the Y5 and Y6 children are going to start off the Fair with a few Christmas songs on stage and will then need to find their parents after their performance. Stalls will only open after the performance.

It will be quite cosy inside so I'm afraid **we can't allow pushchairs or prams** in the building including the corridors. If you've ever been to one of our indoor Christmas Fairs before, I'm sure you'll understand why.

There are some out-buildings being used including the lodge and the dining hall. Please see the plan attached for details.

Christmas Fair Tokens

If you haven't had chance to buy Christmas fair tokens (worth 50p each), they can be bought at the Christmas Fair by either cash or card.

Christmas Fair Raffle tickets.

Each ticket is £1 and come in a book of 5. If you haven't They can be bought at the fair The hampers really are fantastic and represent the generosity of Loxley at its best.

Thank you

Many, many thanks in advance to all LSFA volunteers, staff helpers and everyone who attends. It's a special event on the Loxley calendar which helps us raise funds too.





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Carols in the Woods – Next Thursday 14th December

We're all very much looking forward to Carols in the Woods next Thursday. I'm so grateful to governor – Stuart Croft who has organised for several members of Stannington Brass band to join us at short notice. In the past, I know some of the children have enjoyed playing in the woods in the dark. I can imagine this is exciting for them but this year we would really like **all children and parents to gather round the fire and sing with the band**. Brass bands are used to going to local pubs and churches around the area and everyone joining in so I can imagine it would be a bit disheartening if they start playing and not many people actually take part. If parents are happy to supervise their children playing after the carol service, that is up to parents but I need to let you know that there are many trip hazards and hard/sharp objects out in the woods in the dark and parents need to take responsibility for their children doing this. We're hoping that it's going to be a jolly occasion with warm drinks, festive food and a great Christmassy atmosphere. We'd love to see you there.

Carol Service on Monday 18th December – **Volunteers Needed!!**

For children from Year 1 to Year 6, we all walk down to Wisewood Methodist Church every Christmas for our carol service. It's normally a lovely service down there and the congregation make us feel so welcome. **We do need parents to help us walk down to and back from the church so if you are happy and able to volunteer to do this, please let your child's class teacher know.** We need five parent/grandparent/ carer volunteers for Year 1 and Year 2 and three volunteers for Years 3,4,5 and 6. Your class teacher will get back to you to confirm your place as a volunteer. Parent volunteers need to arrive at school with their children in the morning, perhaps grab a quick drink in the staffroom while we organise the children and then start to walk down with their child's class at about ten past nine. We understand that there may be other parents who would like to join us for the church service, especially if their children are playing musical instruments, when your class teacher does not need any further volunteers. If so, please contact me as there is a little more room at the church for some more parents to join us at the church. Unfortunately, we can't invite all parents as there simply isn't enough room for all parents at the church.

Christmas Reading Miles Challenge

We don't want children to slip back in their reading ability over the Christmas holidays so we have devised what we think is an exciting challenge for children called the reading miles challenge. For children in the infants we're doing a Sheffield Challenge who will virtually travel around Sheffield getting 1 mile for every 5 minutes read and for Juniors. We're doing a global challenge where they will get 500 virtual miles for every ten minute read. In this years Reading Framework (gov.uk) it explains that that the amount of reading children do is one of the biggest factors in improving reading fluency – who would have thought it? But in all seriousness, getting in "reading miles" will be really important. Children at Loxley are doing brilliantly at knowing their phonics but it's fluency that's going to make the difference. I know Christmas is a busy time but we're only asking for 5 minutes here or ten minutes there – we're sure this is possible. The





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second week of the holidays might be a good time to fit the challenge in. Good luck to all children on their virtual travels.

Non - Uniform Days and Santa Dash

The two last days of term on **Thursday and Friday the 21st and 22nd** December will be non-uniform days. It's a chance for the children to wear Christmas jumpers and party clothes for the Christmas parties and talent shows on the last two days of term. Please can children avoid wearing expensive branded clothes. We want to discourage peer pressure and also they could get dirty or torn. Children will need footwear they can play outside in and a warm, waterproof coat. Also next **Tuesday**, we are asking children to bring an item of Christmas headwear e.g. a head band or Santa hat for the Santa Dash – children will need their PE kits in school – thank you. Children should come to school in uniforms normal on that day and only Christmassy headwear is allowed. Thank you.

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
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fair – 3.30 – 5.00	Please see information above & 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.





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Friday 15 th December	2.15 Second Y1/Y2 The Big Little Nativity production for parents.	Y1 and Y2 Nativity – see above
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

Kind regards,





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