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Newsletter 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello again. So, the second half of the autumn term is now well under way and the children have made a great start. I hope that you all have enjoyable bonfire celebrations this weekend.

VERY IMPORTANT - Parents Evenings and Mask Wearing

Because of the rise in Covid cases since September, we have reviewed our risk assessment and are now asking visitors (including parents) coming into the school building to wear masks once more. We will require all parents attending parents' evenings to wear masks while waiting and during the meetings themselves. Please socially distance from other parents while waiting. School staff are now wearing masks in school when not in the classroom/room they normally work.

If you cannot wear a mask, for whatever reason, for the parents' evening, please contact school and we will try our very best to rearrange the meeting to a remote Zoom meeting for you.

We are also asking parents (if at all possible) not to bring children with them to the parents' evening to reduce the number of people in the school building and make it easier for social distancing.

Both starting and finishing meetings with teachers punctually is going to be very important in making sure we do not have too many parents waiting. Please don't go into other parents' allotted times by carrying on conversations longer than your time slot allows. This can have the knock on effect of parents missing appointments in other classes for brothers and sisters. Thank you ever so much in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

I know wearing masks can be an inconvenience (I personally dislike wearing them) but I do think it is important, for health reasons and to minimise disruption to children's education, that we reduce the chances of teachers getting Covid 19 and reduce spread in the community in the run up to the winter. Not all schools are holding in-person parents evenings where parents can have an opportunity to look at their children's books and displays etc. so I hope that you appreciate that we need to operate these events in as safe a way as possible and respond to changes in the on-going pandemic. I hope that we can do away with mask wearing in school as soon as possible.

Summary of actions to help reduce Covid transmission during parents' evenings:

1. **Wear a mask** throughout your time in the school building. Please rearrange to a Zoom meeting if you cannot wear a mask.
2. Please **socially distance** while in the school building.
3. Please **do not bring children to the parents evenings if at all possible**. We would rather you attend with children than not at all however if child care is impossible.
4. Please be as **punctual** as possible.

Again, I apologise again for the inconvenience caused by these rules. I do want to give you all a warm welcome back to Loxley Primary School and am very pleased we are moving towards normal parents' evenings.





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LSFA Pumpkin Hunt and Non-Uniform Day

Thank you pumpkin hunters and dresser uppers! **We raised £440 in total from the two events.** The non-uniform day raised just under £200 and we will be donating £100 from that amount to St Lukes Hospice in memory of Jodie Tibbitts. Thank you to all families and businesses that offered to host a pumpkin (so to speak) and to all at the LSFA who helped organise the event.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE!



Sick of spending a fortune on christmas clothing that they can only wear for a few weeks before they grow out of them?! Well we're here to help!!! At the end of November we're having a Christmas jumper stall!

If you have last year's Christmas jumpers, PJs or general Christmas party wear clogging up your wardrobes, we'll gratefully take them off your hands!! Donations can come into school and then you can pick up a slightly bigger bargain at the fair!

Please send any clean, good quality donations to the school office. We're planning on selling for both adults and kids so all donations in all sizes welcome! Thanks in anticipation of your support!!

Good Quality Second-hand Uniform Available Now!

We have lots of washed, good quality second hand Loxley Primary School uniform ready to be collected! If you are in need of uniform, please come to school and for a small donation e.g. £1 per item, you can collect as much as you would like. Any items that have not been bought before hand will be put out at parents evening with an honesty box for donations.

Again, if clothing could all be clearly labelled – this would help cut down on lost property in the first place. Thank you.





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Boys' Football Team in Action

I was very proud of the lads who represented us so well at the boys' football tournament at Deepcar just before half term. They played some brilliant football and worked together very well as a team. We came third overall in the competition and were unlucky not to do even better. There were very exciting games and we got great support from parents. Thank you to Miss Ruddleston for all the organisation before hand.



Sporting Events Next Week – Rugby and Cross Country

Our Y6/Y5 tag rugby team are in action next Tuesday at Wharnccliffe Side School – good luck to them. Parents have been informed of the arrangements. The Saturday after next (13th November) starting at 9.30a.m. is a very local Cross Country event at Brafield Secondary School. It would be great to have a large Loxley contingent.

Kind regards,

James Connolly

