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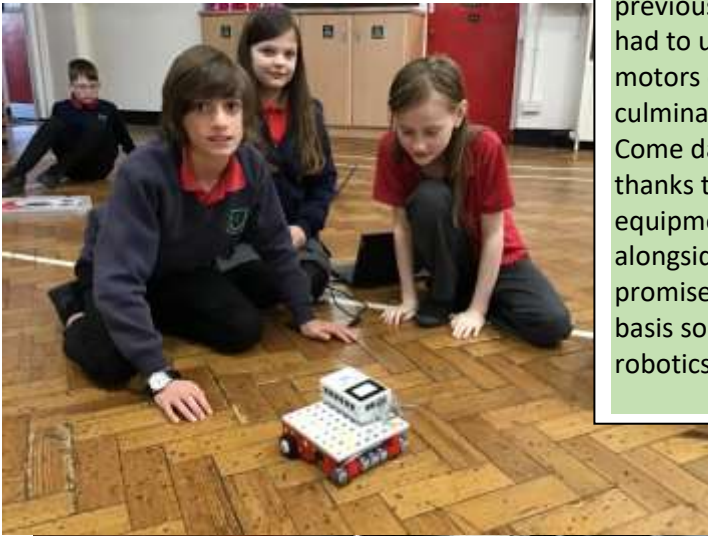
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Dear Parents/Carers,

There's so much to tell you this week (as there so often is). **Please note Odd Socks Day next Monday (see below)!**
Have a nice weekend everyone.

Year 6 Robotics Unit of Work

Our Year 6 class have started their robotics unit of work this week. Their learning builds on from coding learnt in previous years e.g. using Scratch software. The children had to use coding to solve problems using different motors on the robots. The first session this week culminated in each group's robot competing in a Strictly Come dancing style robot final. I would like to pay big thanks to the Girls' High School for not only lending us the equipment but leading and staffing the day's learning alongside Mrs Taylor. Not only that, the Girls' High have promised to loan the equipment to Loxley on a continuing basis so younger classes will hopefully have similar robotics lessons when they reach Year 6.





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Tag Rugby Champions



Miss Ruddleston was so proud of her Y6 rugby team who represented the school so well at this week's Peak Edge Tag Rugby tournament. They showed improving skill, tactics and teamwork from learning done in school PE lessons. Our teams came first and fourth and all performed brilliantly. They brought home the trophy which now sits proudly in the school's trophy cabinet. A special mention goes to Caleb who was named Player of the Tournament by the staff from the schools attending.





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Loxley Remembers



We've done so much rich and deep learning about Remembrance at Loxley this year. Our Infants and Juniors had two separate assemblies yesterday and I was so impressed with the children's respect, level of interest and understanding. Our Year 5s are learning about Remembrance through their History topic. They are working on an exciting community project with Friends of Loxley Cemetery and are both literally and metaphorically uncovering information hidden in the overgrown Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery we have in our village. I hope you like the commemoration display we have put out on the front of our school. All the art work by our Year 5s is original. I am also very impressed with the consistent care over handwriting and presentation by **all** our Y5s. Thank you to Mr Eaton and Miss Torrington for all their great work on this.



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Here's how the hampers are going? – which one is going to be best?

<p>Reception</p>		<p>Year 1</p>	
<p>Year 2</p>		<p>Year 3</p>	
<p>Year 4</p>		<p>Year 5</p>	
<p>Year 6</p>		<p>So, at the moment, Reception and Year 5 are looking strong with Year 4 and Year 1 not too far behind but things can change very quickly. I've known in the past a hamper that started looking sparse has been the one I've most wanted to win in the end (often the red and purple hampers for reasons you can probably guess!) Thank you so much for all your help to raise money for the school.</p>	





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VERY IMPORTANT - Parents Evenings Next Week

We are looking forward to giving you all a warm welcome back to Loxley Primary School for parents' evenings. Here's a reminder of the Covid 19 safety procedures for parents. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

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.

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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Friendship Week – Next Week – including Odd Socks Day on Monday!!

We are starting a new initiative next week called Friendship Week which we hope to integrate into our curriculum on an on-going basis. The aim is to have a big focus on how to positively promote good social skills such as, making everyone in class feel included, learning how to resolve disagreements, making others feel good about themselves, celebrating our difference whilst recognising what we all have in common etc. Our children are generally brilliant at these social skills but we feel it's such an important aspect of learning at school that we wanted to give it a higher profile. Big thanks go to Miss Vickers for the hard work she has both put in to the week and Personal, Social and Health Education in general.



There are two themes for our Friendship Week this year; “**One Kind Word**” and “**Odd Socks Day**”. For the One Kind Word element of the week, we are encouraging children to say something nice to someone else in school without being prompted at some point during the week. **Odd Socks Day will be on Monday** when we are asking children (and staff!) to wear odd socks to school of any colour or pattern as a metaphor for celebrating difference. Girls who are wearing tights could wear odd hair bobbles if they like or even odd socks over their tights. It would be nice for everyone to join in, in some way. Normal school uniform still applies apart from socks. Thank you for your support.

Cross Country

This Saturday (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.





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LSFA News

New IT kit from the LSFA – Thank you parents!

We have recently received much needed new computers and laptops for the school as a result of fundraising by the LSFA. I can't tell you how pleased the staff and pupils will be to have unreliable older computers replaced. This will make a huge difference to the teaching and learning of pupils throughout school! This is just one example of how the LSFA makes a massive difference to our school. If you could lend your help in whatever way you can, it could make the difference to the organisation's sustainability.

Could you be an LSFA champion??

We are looking a couple of people who have children in each year group across school who are willing to act as 'class ambassadors' for the LSFA.

These people would **NOT** be expected to volunteer for events and run everything! Instead we are looking for people who can spread the word about events and deadlines, encourage volunteers and put out requests for donations via things like message groups and chats on the playground!

If you'd be willing to give this a try for the rest of this year, please comment below or email Rach.thornhill@gmail.com for more information!

Big Thanks to the Admiral Rodney

The Admiral Rodney have raised £100 for the LSFA from their Halloween Quiz Night. Thank you so much to Hannah Bradley for thinking about us and to all the customers of the pub. That's great news!

Mrs Benson's Jars and Wine and Chocolate donations.

Mrs Benson's filled jars are always one of the most popular stalls at The Christmas fair and I'm sure this will be the same at this year's Christmas Market on **Friday December 3rd**. Please start bringing jars e.g. old coffee jars filled with goodies into school. Thank you!

Any donations of wine and chocolates for other stalls are also gratefully received.

Christmas Gift Order Form

You should have received the Christmas gift order this Monday. It's a great way to pre buy things for stocking fillers or maybe Christmas Eve boxes if you do them. We have now sold out of the Santa coin pouches and have limited amount of the chocolate orange covers left!





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New Traffic Control Measures



For a long time now, we have been campaigning for better road safety measures around the school. We would ideally like a pedestrian crossing but unfortunately, Sheffield Council's risk assessment doesn't allow us to have one as we don't meet the threshold. However, I'm very grateful to Stephen Bennett (our Chair of Governors) and Bradfield Parish Council who have campaigned to get a 20 mile an hour zone and new signage installed on Rodney Hill. The lights have not yet been activated but I have had assurances that they will be operational soon.

Parents – you can help keep Loxley children safe by not parking on yellow lines or zig zag lines at drop off and collection times. This includes yellow lines on the junction of Philips Road and Chase Road near the school's top pedestrian entrance as well as on Rodney Hill. Thank you.

Kind regards,

James Connolly

