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Newsletter 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was great seeing so many of you this week at the two parents' evenings. Whether it was on zoom or in-person, nearly every child was represented which is brilliant for our partnership in helping your children's progress and well-being. Thank you.

Year 3 Tree Planting



Our Year 3 class have been up in Robin Wood this morning planting trees as part of the Queen's Jubilee canopy project. Their activity ties in with their Geography topic on the Amazon Rainforest. The children could tell me lots of information about why trees are important for the environment including the fact that they store carbon dioxide. They thought very carefully about where best to plant the trees and I was so proud of their teamwork and excellent behaviour. Thank you to Miss Village and Mrs DiGregorio for all their help.





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Year 5 Visit to Loxley Cemetary



Our Year 5 class continued to make us all feel proud when laying their wreaths at Loxley Cemetary this week. Mr Eaton led a lesson about the cemetary and Rev. Dan from Wadsley Church led an excellent service for the children. We have since received some lovely messages from Friends of Loxley Cemetary who attended. Here are just a few:

"I thought those wreaths and the whole project were marvelous"

"Thank you, lovely photos, well done Loxley Primary you should be very proud of your hard work"

"Extraordinary! Deeply humbling particularly at this moment in history."

"What a wonderful contribution from the Loxley School."





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Christmas Market Approaching Fast!!!! – More Wine, Chocolate and Helpers Needed!

Items We Need

We've had a great response for the hampers – thank you very much. If you would like to bring more items for your class hamper that would be fantastic but at the moment, **we are most short of chocolate and wine** for our stalls on the market. We'd be so grateful for more contributions. Thank you

Could you help at our Christmas market? – volunteers desperately needed!!!

Our Christmas Market will take place on **Friday December 3rd** and we need as many parents helpers as possible from **1.30pm** to set up gazebos and set out tables. Many hands make light work

If you'd be willing to help, please contact Rachel Thornhill on email Rach.thornhill@gmail.com

Christmas Gift Order Form

You should have received the Christmas gift order last 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!

Selling Raffle tickets

Please could you sell as many raffle tickets as possible. I was talking to some parents at parents evening who had made a great start. Thank you very much.





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Friendship Week



It all kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday and since then the children have been learning about friendship skills the whole week. The children have been doing a whole range of activities. Year 5 (across) have been playing co-operative strategy games where the group all have to work together to win. I would like to thank all staff who have worked very hard to adapt their planning to make the week work and to Miss Vickers for organising the week.





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Cross Country

Well done to all Loxley pupils who attended the cross country event at Bradfield School last Saturday. They did the school proud again and I'm very grateful to all the support from parents especially Mark Berridge who organizes the team when Miss Ruddleston can't make any of the events. Thanks to Scott Micklethwaite and Charlotte Berridge for the photos.



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Courtesy and Manners at Lunchtime – Top Table Award



The learning experience at school doesn't stop in the classroom. Table manners and courtesy in the dining hall are just as important to us at Loxley as manners and courtesy in the classroom. Furthermore, children's independence and ability to use cutlery themselves is now part of the national Early Years Framework. To help promote all these personal attributes, we have started a new initiative called "Top Table". Children that lunchtime staff notice showing politeness and manners at lunchtime now nominate them for the top table award each week. The winners are then served their food at the top table on Friday with posh crockery and all the trimmings.

I announced the winners in assembly this morning. There was a great atmosphere of anticipation and when the winners were announced, the thing that pleased me more than anything else was how pleased the winners classmates were for them.

I want to say a big thank you to all the kitchen staff (Kelly, Claire and Toni) for putting the extra effort on busy Fridays, to Mrs Helliwell and Mrs Smith for all their organisation, to the teachers volunteering to be at the top table on a rotational basis and to the wonderful Year 6 lunchtime leaders who very much get into the role of a silver service waiter/waitress.

Kind regards,

James Connolly

