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Message from Mrs Willis

Thank you for a wonderful first term. The children have been upbeat and engaged in their learning. This year we are working hard to incorporate as many trips, experiences and workshops as we can for every year group. More information will following shortly.

Our furry friends now have names! Thank you to all the children for their suggestions. Pumpkin and Patch have been a fantastic asset to our Loatlands Family. The children are so gentle with them and love it when they visit the classroom.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term, making fun memories with friends and family. Mrs Willis

School Absence or Lateness

All children should be ready to come into school when the gates open at 8.45am

If your child is absent from school due to illness or will be late, please either ring the school office (you can leave a message), send an email or use studybugs. Please let us know by 9am



Pumpkin

Patch



Upcoming trips/Events

- Nursery Diwali Day ~Wednesday 5th November
- Reception Diwali Day ~ Thursday 6th November
- Year 5 Futsall tournament ~ Monday 17th November

Attendance

Please remember, good attendance is important. Children will only make good progress if they come to school.

- Can you book dentist appointments in school holidays or after school?
- Remember school can administer medication with your permission
- Holidays must be taken in school holidays not in term time

Year Group	Attendance percentage
Reception	96.4%
Year 1	93.0%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	92.1%
Year 4	93.4%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	92.6%

House Points

PHOENIX 1003 points

HYDRA 710 points

CENTAUR 1129 points

GRIFFIN 1137 points

Congratulations to Reception for the highest attendance and Griffin House for the highest house points



We have a huge amount of lost property in school from this term. Unfortunately if items aren't named we cannot reunite them with their owners. Please name everything!

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PE ~ Swimming ~ Forest School

Year Group	Swimming	Forest School	PE
Year 1			Tuesday
Year 2			Monday & Friday
Year 3		Rowling - Tuesday Morpurgo - Wednesday	Thursday
Year 4			Wednesday & Friday
Year 5	Monday		Wednesday
Year 6			Thursday

Forest School ~ Please send children to school wearing their forest school kit and send their uniform in a named carrier bag..

Safeguarding Spotlight

SCREEN TIME;

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 & 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day.

There are lots of things you can do as a family to manage screen time. Please see the top tips poster attached for more information

Diary Dates

Monday 3rd November	All children back to school
Monday 10th November	Odd Socks for Anti Bullying week
Wednesday 12th November	Cinema Night*
Friday 14th November	Children in need*
Friday 21st November	Mufti Day – Christmas Fayre items*
Thursday 27th November	Christmas Fayre
Friday 28th November	Visit to the Christmas tree festival
Wednesday 3rd December	Flu vaccinations Reception Christmas stay and play*
Friday 5th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 10th December	Year 1 Christmas Assembly*
Friday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 16th December	Year 2 & 3 Christmas concert am* Year 4,5 & 6 Christmas concert pm*
Wednesday 17th December	Rocksteady concert
Thursday 18th December	Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas concert am* Year 2 & 3 Christmas concert pm*
Friday 19th December	Last day of term Christmas dinner Christmas jumpers

*** more information to follow**

Online Safety

Do you know what your children are accessing online?

What our children say:

- 60% say their parents have discussed internet safety with them
- 50% say their parents are consistently monitoring what they do online
- 80% know what to do if they see something that makes them feel uncomfortable or if someone says something hurtful to them
- 50% don't know how to use privacy and security settings on their own devices
- 30% can use chat functions in online games to talk to anyone publicly (not just peers)

What can you do at home:

- Start the conversation early- regular chats about online activity helps children make safer choices
- Check privacy settings together. Learn how to block or safety features on their favourite apps and games
- Set clear boundaries
- Model safe behaviour

Useful websites:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk

www.internetmatters.co.uk

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Poetry Competition

	Finalists	Winner
Reception	Hazel V, Lyra S, Mollie C, Isla-Rae L, Samthippie M, Henry H	Henry H
Year 1	Noah, Sophia, Scarlett, Chloe, Dorothea, Archie T	Scarlett
Year 2	Ella, Isabel, Heidi, Rose, Harrison, Maddison K, Freddie W, Kiara	Maddison K
Year 3	Jack M, Alice, Molly, Primrose, Luca, Nancy	Primrose
Year 4	Tarron, Tegan, Jesse, Jonas, Lucy B, Isabella M	Tarron
Year 5	Skyla, Aivah, Leah, Eli B, Charlie S, Annie F.	Skyla
Year 6	Freya, Amelie G, Daniel B, Frankie, Saphire W, Micah.	Amelie M

We are pleased to share details of the finalists and year group winners from out poetry competition.It's been wonderful to see so many children perform a poem with such enthusiasm and confidence. Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting this at home.

In our celebration assembly today, we awarded finalists and winners a certificate with an extra prize of a poetry book for our winners to keep as a reminder of their achievement.
Well done to everyone for taking part and making it such a joyful event!

Do you have any children's magazines in good condition that you could donate to our school library?

Please take donations to the school office. Thank you

Music

Next term our music genre will be Musical Theatre.

Think Cats, Wicked and Les Miserables.
It would be a wonderful idea for the children to have a listen over half term to familiarise themselves.

Happy half term

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