



# Weekly Newsletter Friday 9th September 2022

## Headteacher News

We start the year with our first newsletter a day after the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

We will remember the Queen and her qualities. So many words to describe her selfless service to the world are being shared and we will be focusing on these as we remember her - grace, duty, tolerance, respect, compassion, humility, stability, continuity, devotion. Her eight decades of service and commitment to our country are an inspiration to us all and will live on in the legacy she leaves.

We will talk about this with the children over coming days and weeks and mark the sad time sensitively, remembering the many good things she has meant to our country and the world.

Welcome back to all our families after a lovely summer break. We do hope you all had a good break and a rest with time to see family and friends. It has been lovely seeing the children's smiley faces and hearing chat and laughter throughout the school. We are so impressed that your children have come back and settled in so well to their new classes. We hope that they have told you all about their first few days in their new class and that they are feeling ok. Please do always let us know if you need to talk to your child's teacher or just want to check in with the teacher.

I would particularly like to welcome all our new staff, children and families who are beginning their learning journey with us at Loose this term. We write a fortnightly newsletter to keep you informed of what is going on in school, how we can support you as families and so you can see what is coming up at Loose in the coming term.

Myself and Mr Johnson (our Deputy Headteacher) will take turns to write this section of the newsletter on alternate fortnightly copies, so you will hear from him next time. Our Assistant Headteachers and other key staff in school also often write a section so do look out for these to keep you informed about the roles we all play to try to offer the best we can at Loose.

### ***FLO and Nurture Support***

Please feel free to catch leaders or Mrs Dutch (our Families and Community leader) at the gates in the mornings or at the end of the day should you have any questions that you would like to ask. We believe passionately in working together and would encourage you all to speak with your child's class teacher should you have any concerns. Click here to find out a little more about Mrs Dutch's role at Loose <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=FLO+support&pid=222>

Mrs Bremerkamp leads nurture support across the school so if you wish to speak with her please do just ask so we can work out the best ways to support your child at any time. Click here to read about nurture support that we offer <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Nurture&pid=215>

### ***Dates for your diary***

See our key dates below, these are added to each newsletter but there is also a link on our website to keep you up to date with things going on. Have a look here <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=0&viewid=1> Please remember that all of these are subject to change but we try to give as much notice as possible for events so that you can attend if you wish to. We look forward to seeing you all at our 'Meet the teacher' sessions over the next two weeks and also at the Summer Festival on Saturday 17th September.

### ***Year R Parents***

Welcome to Loose Primary School if this is your first child joining us. The children in Pearl, Crystal and Opal have had a wonderful time joining us for mornings or afternoons this week to begin to settle in and make new friends.

### ***Social Media***

Have a look on Twitter - if you do not follow us please do –we are delighted to be able to Tweet as we go so you will be able to see your children in 'real time.' We try very hard to ensure a variety of school life is shown over the week so please keep looking to see what your children are up to in school. Please note, we may have back or side-of-head shots of any pupil but they should not be recognisable if we do not have your permission to put them on our website or Twitter account. Please do always speak to the class teacher or let the office know if you have any queries about Twitter so we can assist you.

### ***Thank you***

Special thanks go to our caretaking team who have worked to ensure the site was ready for the start of term. Also to our Extended Service staff who ran a very popular and hugely successful Holiday Playscheme throughout the holiday.

Finally, thank you all for getting your children in this week, on time and looking so smart in their new uniform and shiny black shoes. I have not stopped commenting on how smart your children look and what pride they are taking in themselves and our school.

An exciting year at Loose has definitely begun and the children have been amazing of course!

Have a lovely weekend

Sarah Holman



## Assistant Headteacher News

Happy Friday everyone! Miss Burman here this week and what a fantastic week we've had at Loose! It's been a superb start to the new academic year. Our children have impressed us, as they always do, with their enthusiasm for school life, their positive attitudes and their determination to do the very best they can. Our new Year R pupils in particular have adapted brilliantly to school life and we hope that they are looking forward to spending the mornings with their whole class next week.

I have really enjoyed returning to my role as Assistant Headteacher here at Loose. It's been great to pop into all of the classrooms and to see the fantastic learning that is taking place already, and I cannot wait to see how our children progress over the course of this year.

Please do remember that class teachers will always be around at the end of the school day in case of any queries, and senior leaders will also be opening the school gates before and after school.



## Sickness, Medicines & Medical Appointments

### **Sickness**

If your child is sick, please either email [absence@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:absence@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk) or telephone the school each morning on 01622 743549 between 7.30am and **no later than 8.45am** and leave full details on the absence line. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school until at least 48 hours after their last episode in line with the Kent Health Protection Unit guidelines.

### **Medicines**

We are only able to administer 'prescribed only' medicine during school hours and this should be in its original container, with the prescriber's instructions and child's name attached where relevant. All medicines must be labelled and handed into the main school office (please do NOT give to teachers) along with a completed medication form. The form can be found on our website using the following link:- <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=980&type=pdf>

**Medicines are given at 11.45am in Years R, 1 & 2** and as necessary for Years 3 to 6 who come to the office themselves for medicines. Please arrange medication times, especially antibiotics, so that they can be administered at 11.45am in KS1 or where possible outside of school hours.

### **Medical/Dental Appointments**

Where possible all medical and dental appointments should be made outside of school hours or in the school holidays. We understand that hospital appointments may be during the school day. Copies of all appointment letters should be emailed into the school office for our files so the absence can be recorded as authorised.



## Volume of Emails into School

Now that life has returned to normal post Covid we would appreciate if parents could return to our historical way of communicating with the class/school to try and decrease the volume of emails sent into school.

Please speak to your child's class teacher before or after school where possible with any queries you have for them. All children have a learning journal so please use this for miscellaneous notes, including changes to collection arrangements at the end of the day, and remind your child to hand it to their teacher when they get into school. If your child does not have a learning journal a note to the teacher would suffice.

For term dates and queries about letters that have gone home, please check the school website [www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk](http://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk) first. There is a wealth of information online including terms dates for this year and next, copies of most letters that have gone home, newsletters and all sorts of other information.

If your child has lost an item of clothing, ask them to check round their classroom first and ask their teacher/TA to help via a note in their learning journal or catch a teacher at the end of the day. Parents can also come into the lower KS2 cloakroom and check lost property themselves at the end of the school day.

Please can we therefore ask you to think before sending in an email of the other options available to you to communicate with the class/class teacher.

The correct email addresses to use are as follows:-

[lasc.asc@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:lasc.asc@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk) - please use this email address for **ALL** extended services (breakfast, homework & after school club) bookings/queries/requests etc. **Please do not email the office with these.**

[absence@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:absence@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk) - please use this email for all absence related matters including illness and hospital appointments and holiday requests

[office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk) - use this for all other emails and urgent matters

## Healthy Snacks

A reminder that snacks brought into school should be healthy snacks such as whole fruits like apples, bananas (so no fruit winders etc.) and vegetables like cherry tomatoes, carrot sticks etc. Snacks shouldn't have wrappers so ideally no biscuits, cereal bars, chocolate or crisps. This is to encourage healthy eating in school and also reduce the amount of litter around the school site. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



## Diary Dates

### **Term 1**

12 Sep - Air Ambulance Assembly

12 Sept - Year 1 Meet the Teacher 3.20-4.00pm - enter classes via outside classroom doors

13 Sept - Year 2 Meet the Teacher 3.20-4.00pm - enter classes via outside classroom doors

14 Sept - Year 3 Meet the Teacher 3.20-4.00pm go to classrooms via lower cloakroom, side door by Y4 or main reception

16 Sept - Non-uniform day for a donation to the Summer Fair - see letter for more info

17 Sept - PTA Summer Fair 1.30-4.30pm

19 Sept - Year 4 Meet the Teacher 3.20-4.00pm go to classrooms via lower cloakroom, side door by Y4 or main reception

20 Sept - Year 5 Meet the Teacher 3.20-4.00pm go to classrooms via lower cloakroom, side door by Y4 or main reception

21 Sept - Year 6 Meet the Teacher 3.20-4.00pm go to classrooms via lower cloakroom, side door by Y4 or main reception

27 Sept - Topaz Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

04 Oct - Amethyst Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

07 Oct - Parent Council Meeting 2.30-3.15pm (refreshments from 2.15pm)

11 Oct - Sunstone Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

12 Oct - Harvest Service All Saints Church Loose

17 Oct - Ruby Class Parent Consultation Evening 3.40-6.30pm

18 Oct - Kent 11+ Test results to parents via email from 4pm

18 Oct - Parent Consultation Evening - 4.00-7.00pm

19 Oct - Parent Consultation Evening - 3.40-6.30pm (Except Ruby Class)

20 Oct - Last day of term

21 Oct - Staff Training Day - children do not attend school - children back to school 31st October



### All Saints Church - Open for Prayer & Reflection

All Saints Loose church is open for prayer & reflection today & tomorrow between 9am and 5 pm in light of the Queen's death.

### Thank You!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Catt, dad of Toby in Opal, who very kindly supplied us with fruit this week when the school fruit and veg scheme couldn't deliver. It was very kind of you and the children and staff really appreciated it. Thanks again!



### Parent Council - New Recruits

As many may know, we have a parent council at Loose Primary School to make sure parents' opinions and voices are heard. We have 6 meetings a year, always on a Friday afternoon, and welcome a representative from each class.

Please let the office know if you are interested in representing your child's class by emailing [morag.thomson@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:morag.thomson@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk) . Our first meeting is on Friday 7th October. You can find a page on our website with information and minutes of previous meetings <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Parent+Council&pid=92> .

## Certificate of Excellence Awards

**Well done to the following children who got Certificate of Excellence awards this week.**

Lenny F - Topaz Class

William R - Sunstone Class

Tyler M - Amethyst Class

Ilias L - Peridot Class

Tyler B - Zultanite Class

Steven S - Quartz Class



## School Site - safety and ongoing work

Please ensure you supervise your children carefully before and after school. Children should not ride bikes or scooters across the busy site nor play on the equipment as it is not supervised by staff. Remember too that if you are leaving the site at the end of the day after 3.30 then the 3 gates will be locked to allow our after school club children and those attending clubs to be outside safely. You will be able to leave via the main exit if after this time. Thank you for your understanding and support.

We thank Mr Lacey, our trust business manager, for a successful bid to replace our boilers and roof. The works will be finished later in the term if you were wondering what the fencing and scaffolding was!

## Board Games & Puzzles

If you have any board games and puzzles you no longer need our breakfast club would love to have them. Please hand into the main office or hand straight to staff at breakfast club if your child attends.



## PTA Events & Dates

### **Late Summer Festival**

Join us on Saturday 17th September 1.30pm-4.30pm for our Late Summer Festival. All welcome. Bands, choir, food, bar, pocket money stalls, ice cream and much more. Bring a picnic blanket/ chair to sit and listen to great music.

If you would like to volunteer in any way, for example: set up, be on a stall, clear up etc please contact us. Email [loosepta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:loosepta@yahoo.co.uk).

### **PTA Uniform Shop**

Open every Wednesday morning 8.30-9.00am. Cardigans and jumpers £5 and all other items £1. Feel free to pop in via Moonstone door to have a look on a Wednesday or email PTA for requests. We also take donations of good condition, clean uniform to keep our stock topped up especially jumpers, cardigans and ties - which are like gold dust!

### **Social Media**

At the start of a new year don't forget to sign up to our Facebook and Twitter pages so you know what's going on - Loose Primary School

### **Join us - Next Meeting**

You are all invited and welcome to join our next meeting on **Tuesday 20th September, 8pm** at the Chequers pub, Loose village. Come to listen, find out more, chip in or add ideas etc. We would love to see you there.

### **Future Events**

We have planned numerous great events for the coming year - including discos, Christmas fair, gifts to parents however we need more help!

If you could help on one event this year that would be great. Please email us if you see an event you'd like to be part of. Many hands make light work!

### **Loose Primary School Running Club**

Community run next date - 11th September Sunday 2022, £1 to join in, 5km distance but can go longer or shorter! All abilities welcome. Meet at the Anglesey Avenue bus stop, 8am or 9am outside school.

## Community News

### ***2nd Loose Rainbows - Leaders Needed!***

We are desperately seeking new leaders to take over 2nd Loose Rainbows! The opportunity is an exciting one – to meet some lovely young girls, get messy with crafts, play games and offer them a chance to learn some life skills in a totally fun way! No experience is necessary as all training is provided. You just need an enthusiasm for having fun and a sense of adventure! For further information, please email Penny at [secondloose@aol.com](mailto:secondloose@aol.com).

### ***Walnut Tree***

The Walnut Tree Pub in Loose is supporting the community by making those early school runs a little easier with the offering of hot and soft drinks between 08:30-10:30 Monday – Friday. With the offering of takeaway options or to dine in - what better way to start your mornings. Free parking at Walnut Tree Avenue until midday with every purchase.

### **LOOSE SWISS SCOUTS – QUIZ NIGHT, SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2022**

The Scouts Supporters Committee are pleased to announce that the annual quiz night is back! So why not gather your family, friends and neighbours, create a team of between 6-8 people and come along.

Venue: LOOSE PRIMARY SCHOOL Tickets: £7.00 per person Arrive: 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINK To book call Kay on 01622 757449

### **Hockey Heroes**

We are running another Hockey Heroes course at Maidstone Hockey Club, starting Friday 23rd September, 4.30 till 5.30pm. Hockey Heroes is a fun and welcoming programme aimed at children aged 5-8 that aims to develop both their physical and character 'superpowers', unlocking the hero inside them! More info and how to book here:-

<https://play.englishockey.co.uk/HockeyHeroes>

## Poisonous Plant

Please note one of our pupils has had a bad reaction to a poisonous plant at the start of Coppertree Court (see photo) so please avoid it and make sure your children do not touch it.



## Well Done

During the holidays Chloe E (Amber) and Jake E (Aquamarine) took on a challenge to climb up Snowdon, whilst raising funds for a local charity that they chose, Pukka Ponies Equine Rescue. The children enjoyed the challenge and wanted to show others that you can achieve what you set out to do, whilst helping with charity. It gave them a great sense of achievement and they are already planning a new challenge. If you would like to donate to their charity the link is <https://gofund.me/b79414cb>



## Contact Us

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