



Loose Primary School Newsletter

20th September 2019



Headteacher News

We continue to be so impressed by the children's attitude to learning, their politeness and how they display the school values. They really have settled well into their new classes. Thank you for joining us at the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions again this week. It is vital we work together to ensure your children have the very best opportunities at Loose Primary School. We are concentrating this term on our school value of respect and this is already evident in the quality of our children's work in their books and behaviour.

Curriculum

Our curriculum continues to go from strength to strength and some of the experiences that the teachers are planning really are helping to inspire your children to develop a real love of learning. This year's curriculum maps are available on the website using the link below which will give you an overview of the exciting learning opportunities children will have access to over the year. <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=22>

Learning Journals

Hopefully you are finding your child's Learning Journal useful to know about home learning and for you to record home reading in and to note short comments also for your child's teacher. Please note that in the younger children's classes these are checked daily but in other year groups we do not check them every day so please always email, catch up with a member of staff or call to let us know any urgent or important messages.

Harvest

We have started learning our Harvest songs for our church service on 4th October at the church. Parents, carers and family members are welcome to attend but please note that space is limited and there may not be enough seating for everyone depending on numbers. Donations again this year will be for Maidstone Day Centre.

Meetings with Teachers

Teachers are always happy to meet with parents; this is easiest after school as in the mornings they are preparing for the day. Please do make an appointment, if you ever wish to, via the office. Mrs Dutch (our FLO) or senior leaders are always happy to speak with you if you need to in the mornings or after school. We are usually found on the paths or playgrounds!

Have a lovely weekend
Sarah Holman

**With trust, we lead
With pride, we act
With respect, we serve
With compassion, we care
and
With determination, we excel**

Dates



Term 1

20 Sep - Phonics Workshop for Year R & 1 parents - 2.45pm Orchard
23 Sep - NSPCC Assemblies
27 Sep - MacMillan Coffee Morning and Bake Off Competition
01 Oct - Kent Messenger First Class Photos of Year R
04 Oct - Harvest Church Services All Saints Church Loose
07 Oct - Road Safety Assemblies
16 Oct - Year 3 Walk to Loose Valley
16 Oct - Parent Evening Consultations 3.40pm - 6.30pm
17 Oct - Parent Evening Consultations 4.00pm - 7.00pm
17 Oct - Kent 11+ Test Results emailed to parents from 4pm
17 Oct - Year 5 Spy Day
17 Oct - Last day of term
18 Oct - Staff Training Day - school closed

Term 2

28 Oct - Children back to school
31 Oct - Deadline for secondary school online applications
01 Nov - Flu Vaccinations Years R-6
05 Nov - September 2020 Year R Intake - Online applications open 9am
05 Nov - Bricks4Kidz Workshop for Year 4
05 Nov - Tours for prospective Year R parents 9.30am & 1.45pm
07 Nov - Tours for prospective Year R parents 9.30am & 1.45pm
11 Nov - Year R Height & Weight Checks
12 Nov - Coral Class Assembly Orchard Hall 9am - families invited
13 Nov - Tempest in to take individual photos for Years R-2
14 Nov - Tempest in to take individual photos for Years 3-6
15 Nov - Children in Need - more info to follow
18 - 21 Nov - Book Fair
19 Nov - Jade Class Assembly Orchard Hall 9am - families invited
26 Nov - Amber Class Assembly Orchard Hall 9am - families invited
04 Dec - Joanne Wilson Piano Assembly for parents 9am
05 Dec - Pantomime in school
06 Dec - Parent Council Meeting 2.30pm
10 Dec - Living History Workshop Year 5
12 Dec - Year Nativity to parents & siblings 9.30am Brook Hall
13 Dec - Year R Nativity to parents 2pm Brook Hall
18 Dec - Christmas Services All Saints Church Loose
18 Dec - Open Afternoon 2-3.30pm - children can be signed out from 2pm
18 Dec - Last day of term - children back to school Tuesday 7th January 2020

Learners of the Week

A huge well done to the children who got their achievement certificates in assembly this morning and thank you to all the parents who managed to come along to see them.

Pearl	Sophie H	Jade	Edward W
Opal	Charlotte W	Emerald	Max D
Crystal	Kelsey M	Onyx	Ella O
Diamond	Sophia B	Ruby	Finlay W
Sapphire	Lucy S	Topaz	Tisha R
Moonstone	Gary F	Sunstone	Francesca J
Tanzanite	Sienna B	Amethyst	Austin P
Aquamarine	Lyon F	Peridot	Ruby G
Turquoise	Louie R	Zultanite	Molly R
Coral	Oliver K	Quartz	Henry M
Amber	Charlie B		



WELL DONE TO AMBER CLASS THIS WEEK FOR WINNING THE READING CUP!

Dragon Boat Race - PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US!

Staff from Loose and Coxheath Primary Schools have assembled a team to compete in the KM Charity Dragon Boat Race at Mote Park on Sunday 22nd September. They will be racing to raise money for Emilia's Little Heart Foundation and if you would like to make a donation please visit our fundraising page via the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/claire-webb21> There will be lots going on throughout the day, starting from 10am. We would love to see you there! Please come and support us if you can.

Gate Closure - 7.45am

Due to increased numbers each day for our very popular breakfast club, for safety onsite we need to close the school gates earlier. Please note from Monday 23 September the school gates will be closed from 7.45am and cars dropping off at breakfast club will not be allowed in the car park from this time. We will monitor this over coming weeks and see if we need to adjust this arrangement.

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Weekly Attendance

Opal	100.00%	Jade	100.00%
Crystal	99.67%	Emerald	98.75%
Pearl	99.68%	Ruby	98.75%
Diamond	96.67%	Onyx	99.38%
Sapphire	98.67%	Topaz	96.88%
Moonstone	99.00%	Sunstone	98.44%
Tanzanite	97.42%	Amethyst	99.69%
Turquoise	97.33%	Peridot	94.06%
Aquamarine	98.67%	Zultanite	99.39%
Amber	100.00%	Quartz	98.75%
Coral	96.56%		

Whole School Target
96.5%

Whole School Attendance
98.46%

House Points Total

DONALDSON	742	PARKS	748
ATTENBOROUGH	848	CURIE	718

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon & Bake Off

We will again be hosting a coffee afternoon in order to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support next Friday 27th September between 2pm and 4pm. The event will take place in Orchard Hall. We would like to ask you for donations of cakes, either homemade or shop bought to make this a success. Please bring the cakes in to reception on the afternoon of Thursday 26th or the morning of Friday 27th September.



Macmillan Bake Off

As we have done in previous years we are also planning another "Bake Off" competition, children will be informed that entry forms are available from reception. Entries have a £2.00 entry fee and are limited to 40. You will have an opportunity to vote for your favourite cake during the Macmillan Coffee afternoon, where the cakes will also be judged by some invited groups such as the School Council, Parent Council, Prefects, House Captains and representatives from Contract Dining Company. There will be prizes for the winning 3 entries and house points for all entries.

Choir - IMPORTANT

We are delighted that the school choir is so popular again this year. However, due to very high demand for choir and breakfast club on a Wednesday we need to move choir to a FRIDAY morning. All other arrangements remain the same. We are very sorry for any inconvenience caused by this change.

House Captains for 2019-20

Congratulations to the following children who were voted in this week during the house meetings.

Donaldson: Captains - Rylee C & Daniel H Vice-Captains - Megan S & Lewis C

Parks: Captains - Ruby F & Daniel P Vice-Captains - Chloe H & Rowan H

Curie: Captains - Fintan A & Lyra B Vice-Captains - Micah H & Jessica D

Attenborough: Captains - Hamish M & Chloe C Vice-Captains - Ethan S & Zuzia J

Parent Council

We are still looking for Parent Council Representatives for the following Classes:-

Opal, Moonstone, Tanzanite, Amber, Emerald, Amethyst, Sunstone, Quartz & Zultanite

It would be such a shame if these classes didn't have a 'voice' at these meetings so please consider representing your child's class. Please email office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk if interested.

Spellings

Spellings for Years 1 to 6 can be found on the school website using the following link:- <http://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Spelling&pid=66&actions=save>

Air Ambulance Recycling Project

We are collecting empty crisp packets which will be turned into life-saving funds for the local Air Ambulance. We have ordered a bin to put under the Drop Off Box outside the main office but until this has been received please collect them at home or hand them into the office. For full details of the scheme please visit aakss.org.uk/crisppacketrecycling.

Year 3 Walk to Loose Valley

On Wednesday 16th October Year 3 will be going to Loose valley as part of their 'local area' topic (weather permitting). If you are able to help, please write in your child's learning journal or let the teacher know at the door after school.

PTA News

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Thank you to all of you who have taken part in **Lucky Lotto**. Your number(s) will be sent out to you next week.

The **Quiz Night** is just 3 weeks away! Check your inbox for an email all about the event from Monday 23rd September. Entry forms will be available from the office. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter and Facebook for updates on forthcoming events.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, Loose on Friday 4th October. The children will be attending in three groups as the church cannot accommodate the whole school in one sitting. This is detailed below. Parents are very welcome to come and join us in church and we have also included the time you should arrive so that you can be there at the same time as your child(ren).

We will be collecting donations for Maidstone Day Centre. See below the list of suggested items. These can be brought in from **Monday 30th September** onwards and placed on the stage in Orchard hall.

Tinned fruits, tinned vegetables (carrots, peas, sweetcorn), long life milk, sandwich spread, mayonnaise/salad cream, custard/rice pudding, coffee/hot chocolate, fruit juice/squash/individual drinks, tinned mince beef/tinned stewing steak, tinned ham/tinned corned beef/tinned fish, meat pies/ready meals, pasta sauce/curry sauce/sweet and sour sauce, marmite/peanut butter/jam/chocolate spread, vegetable oil, sugar, crisps & biscuits.

Group	1	2	3
Classes	Crystal	Pearl	Opal
	Diamond	Sapphire	Moonstone
	Tanzanite	Aquamarine	Turquoise
	Amber	Coral	Jade
	Emerald	Onyx	Ruby
	Amethyst	Topaz	Sunstone
Time children leaving school	9.00am	9.45am	10.30am
	9.15am	10.00am	10.45am
Time for parents/carers to arrive at church			

Secondary School Applications

Online applications for secondary school admissions are now open and the **national closing date for all secondary school applications is midnight on the 31 October 2019**. You can apply for up to 4 schools, putting them in order of preference. It's in your best interest to list 4 schools. Naming only one school does not guarantee your child a place at that school or give your child priority for a place over another child, neither does naming a school more than once. For advice call 03000 41 21 21 or email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk. You can also find lots of information on the following link:- [https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places/](https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places)

Scholarships – Year 6

Please contact the school office with plenty of warning if you are completing a scholarship for your child's admission to secondary school to allow time for the school section to be completed. If you have not already been in touch regarding this, the last day for this is Monday 7th October. This gives us time to complete scholarship paperwork which will be ready to collect on Thursday 17th October from the main office. We do need the application booklet to stick our section in and sign.

School Council

The School Council had their first meeting this week and were buzzing with lots of ideas for the year ahead. They began discussions on fundraising and are keen to continue to raise money for Children in Need, which is taking place on Friday 15th November. They will be selling Pudsey bands and badges again this year and will be announcing the non uniform theme very soon, so watch this space!

Safety Procedures

This week we had our termly emergency evacuation practice (fire drill). The children evacuated the building quickly and assembled on the school field. All schools must have evacuation and lockdown procedures in place to ensure the safety of everyone in school. As part of our safety procedures, these are both practised each term. There is a wide variety of scenarios which may trigger a lockdown such as a warning being received of a risk locally, a stray dog, air pollution, extreme weather or an intruder on the site could be some reasons. For all drills, we talk through reasons why (in an age appropriate way) we need to be safe and have regular drills so we don't panic if ever we needed to put the drill into practice.

Social Media

Please make sure when you are using any social media platform that you are not naming any children's names. Social Media is a great way to share events/stories but please remember other people's privacy!

Holiday Play Scheme

Our October Holiday Play Scheme club is now available to book on our school website using the following link:- <http://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/form/?pid=13&form=19>

Communities

A new Brownie unit is opening in Loose. Any girl aged between 7 and 10 who is interested in joining, please get in touch either through the girl guiding website – www.girlguiding.org.uk or by emailing the leaders directly at secondloose@aol.com.

Loose Amenities Scarecrow Festival Saturday 21st to Sunday 29th September. Quiz sheets can be purchased for £2 from The Chequers, Loose Post Office and the Walnut Tree Pub. Walk around the village and find all the letters to help solve the answer. Refreshments available both Sundays between 2 & 4pm.



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