



Newsletter Friday 20th January 2023

Headteacher News

I cannot believe it is my last two terms at Loose. I am enjoying every moment working with staff and your children. We are, as always, planning many fun events and fundraisers alongside a great curriculum and learning in school. There are lots of exciting things planned for this term and it has been delightful to see the children return with such enthusiasm for learning. Please do follow our Twitter feed if you are not already so you can keep up to date on <https://twitter.com/LoosePrimary?lang=en> We are delighted to have over 1700 followers so far.

Winter Weather

As the weather continues to be wintery, questions will inevitably be asked about the school operating as normal. As you know, we will always endeavour to stay open at all times and only in very rare circumstances would we consider closing. If this was a decision that we needed to take we would ensure that all parents receive a text as well as adding messages to our website and Twitter feed. Remaining open may mean that the organisation of classes and staffing may alter slightly due to the potential for some staff not being able to travel to work. Please avoid calling the office to check if the school is open as it will be unless you receive a message.

Young Voices

It is a real special treat on a Wednesday to hear our choir practise their songs for the performance today at Young Voices in the O2. It's so uplifting hearing their wonderful singing. Thank you to all the staff for running and supporting the choir sessions and all the teaching and planning of this special opportunity.

School Uniform

We have spoken to all of the children about the importance of looking smart. Your support is very much appreciated and we would ask that all parents ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately, ties for Y1-6, without nail varnish and with only plain stud earrings and watches for jewellery. Please could we also ask that children do not come to school with large bows in their hair or temporary tattoos as this is not part of the school uniform. Of course children enjoyed a day of breaking many of these uniform rules on Monday, thank you for your donations and letting your children enjoy 'breaking the rules!'

Finally this week, thank you so much for your valued support. Our school is a vibrant place to be and your children are a real credit to you all. We don't always get everything right all the time but we can assure you that we will always work tirelessly to secure the very best for all children.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Sarah Holman



Assistant Headteacher News

Hi all, Mr Farley this week.

I hope you've had a great week. Your children have been working exceptionally hard and although cold, have been making the most of being outside for some of their learning.

Please remember to have your children show any notes to the class teacher that you've written in the journals. Sending them in with the page open sometimes helps. In addition, some children were wearing t-shirt and shorts for outdoor PE this week. They're either incredibly brave or they don't have a jumper and tracksuit bottoms with them.

A quick shout out to Mr Corcoran and Miss Carter for continuing to lead superb PE sessions indoors or outdoors. Children are loving their sport!

Have a lovely weekend.



Diary Dates

Term 3

20 Jan – Young Voices Trip

20 Jan – Mrs Dutch’s Drop In Session 2.15-3.15pm

24 Jan – Jade Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall – families invited

25 Jan – KS1 Circus Workshops

26 Jan – KS1 Circus Workshops

27 Jan – Mrs Dutch’s Drop In Session 2.15-3.15pm

31 Jan – Amber Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall – families invited

03 Feb – Mrs Dutch’s Drop In Session 2.15-3.15pm

07 Feb – Safer Internet Day

07 Feb – Coral Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall – families invited

08 Feb – Parents Evening Consultations 4-7pm

09 Feb – Parents Evening Consultations 3.40-6.30pm

09 Feb - PTA Meeting 8pm Chequers Pub Loose

10 Feb – Mrs Dutch’s Drop In Session 2.15-3.15pm

10 Feb – Last day of term – children are back to school 20th February



Clubs

Following a review of our club offer all curriculum clubs (art, PE, music etc) will be free of charge from term 4. More information will follow on these and how to sign up for them later this term. Some clubs eg art or cooking workshops may have a small charge for ingredients or equipment that children will keep.

Eco Council Traffic Wardens

We are very pleased to inform you that the Eco Council has now been able to start up its traffic warden scheme again this term.

Having discussed the issues of unsafe parking, the Eco Council have concluded that the following parking is considered unsafe:

- parking on any zigzag or yellow lines,
- blocking the gates or driveways of local residents
- blocking pavements - forcing pedestrians, wheelchair users and parents with buggies to use the road instead
- double-parking
- leaving engines running when parked, causing unnecessary pollution outside the school and in the local area

Chosen eco councillors are checking parking and issuing tickets to parents demonstrating any of the above unsuitable parking habits.

Hopefully, this will highlight the dangers and make parents consider the impact of their actions. Eco Council would like to thank parents who continue to park safely when dropping off and collecting their children and hope that this continued scheme will encourage all parents to do the same.

We will keep you updated regarding the impact of the eco traffic wardens and in the meantime, look out for us in our high-vis vests!

Thank you, Eco Council

Pokémon Cards

We have recently seen children bringing Pokémon cards into school. Could we please ask children not to bring these in as they are causing a huge range of problems particularly during break and lunchtimes but also distracting children from their learning. If these items are brought into school, they will be removed from the children and returned at the end of the day to be taken home.



Gates

Parents should **not** be using the main Loose Road gate for exiting the school site on drop off or collection as there are too many vehicles coming and going. Please only use Lancet Lane, Waldron Drive or the Year 4/6 gates only for this purpose. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Forgotten Items

Please do not drop off forgotten items for the office staff to deliver to your child after the start of the school day. Children should be encouraged to take responsibility for their own belongings as part of growing up and as a preparation for their next school. Please note that if non-essential items are left with office staff during the day, we cannot guarantee that these will be delivered. This will depend on pressure of work in the office on the day. Clearly we will ensure that essential items, such as lunch boxes, are delivered to the child. Our thanks to all parents who have supported office staff in this matter – your help is much appreciated.

Football Boots/School Kit

To share a positive use of parent WhatsApp we are delighted that a couple of classes have organised boot swaps when children outgrow theirs. A lovely thing to do and we are always happy for such swaps to happen in school!

Lost Property

The Lost Property area is overflowing at the moment, with the vast majority of items being unnamed. All of the Lost Property needs to be cleared by the end of this term please (Friday 10th February). Any items that haven't been claimed by the last day of term will be recycled or donated to charity. Please do come along at the end of any school day and have a look if your child/children are missing any items. The Lost property area is located in the KS2 Year 3 & 5 cloakroom area (next to Orchard Hall), in 4 large white container boxes under the windows. Many thanks for your help.

Mobile Phones in School

Please note that if your child brings their mobile phone to school it should be handed to their teacher at the start of the day. Phones should only be brought into school if really necessary on the understanding that the school accepts no responsibility for the safekeeping of mobile phones.



Medical Appointment

If your child has a medical appointment then please email a copy of the appointment letter to absence@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk so that we can authorise the absence as medical. Where possible please make sure medical and dental appointments outside of school hours. We understand hospital appointments may be in school time.

Certificate of Excellence

Well done to the following children who received their Certificate of Excellence!

Week Ending 13th January

Luke E - Topaz Class

Tilly A - Sunstone Class

Albie M - Amethyst Class

Ella B - Peridot Class

Amora K - Zultanite Class

Lochlann A - Quartz Class

Week Ending 20th January

Arabella M - Coral Class

Bonnie D - Amber Class

Elsie D & Aveyah C - Jade Class

Ethan C - Emerald Class

Ruby W - Onyx Class

Henry G - Ruby Class



Play Equipment

A reminder please that you should leave the site swiftly after school and that before and after school you should not allow your children on any apparatus or play equipment as they are not supervised by staff. Thank you.

The Dog House

Could you provide a loving home for a rescue dog? The Channel 4 series, The Dog House is looking for couples, individuals, friends and families who are seriously considering bringing a rescue dog into their lives and are willing to share their reasons for doing so.

Please follow this link to apply: <https://www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house>



Drop-In Come and Talk Sessions

Don't forget our new weekly 'DROP-IN, COME AND TALK' sessions.

These will be held every Friday from 2.15pm till 3.15pm on the school site. Please come to the main reception to sign in.

There will be coffee, tea and biscuits and a listening ear for any questions or situations for which you may want our support.

As well as guidance and signposting, you will have access to pre-loved uniform and other provisions which may support you, should you need them.

Please come and pop in, even if it's just to meet other parents, have a chat or a warm drink. You are ALL very welcome.

I look forward to seeing you.

Ingrid Dutch

Families and Community Leader

PTA Events & Dates

Break the Rules Day

Thank you to everyone who was able to take part in this event raising an amazing approx. £650!
Thank you - the children loved it!

Next Meeting

The next PTA meeting will take place on Thursday 9th February, 8pm at the Chequers pub, Loose village. All welcome.

Save the Date

KS2 (Y3-6) Disco Friday 24th February

Loose Primary School Running Club

Community run next date - Sunday 22nd January 2023, £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.



Contact Us

lasc.asc@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - please use this email address for **ALL** extended services bookings/queries/requests etc. Please do not email the office with these.

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