



# Newsletter Friday 24th February 2023

## Headteacher News

It is with mixed emotions that I enter term 4, being my last term at Loose and with The Coppice Primary Partnership. I am enjoying every last minute with your children and ensuring that school improvement work continues alongside a handover with Mr North who has already been in school last term and is getting to know staff, children and families a little.

### ***Safeguarding***

All staff regularly receive updates for child protection and safeguarding. Click here for safeguarding information <http://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=31> and remember that although we have a number of Designated Safeguarding Leads to help you, Mrs Dutch can always assist if you need help or advice and Mrs Holman is the safeguarding lead at Loose Primary.

### ***Leaders are here for you – just let us know ...***

As a large primary school there are always so many people who are available to help you. Please do not ever worry about contacting us. We are there for you so your children have the best experience at school that they can.

AHTs - We have 3 Assistant Headteachers who are available to speak to if you have any concerns and need to speak with a leader. Miss Jess Burman (teaches in Y6 currently and is lead for Y1 and Y2); Mr Ben Farley (Teaches in Y1 and lead for Y5 and Y6) and Mr Chris Hogwood (Teaches in Y2 and is lead for Y3 and Y4) are our AHTs. They are available on the gates before or after school or you can ask to call / meet with any one of our AHTs via the office.

Our other leaders are Mrs Hayley Oliveri for Early Years and our SEN team – Mrs James, Mrs Black and Mrs Stanley and, of course, our FLO, Mrs Dutch is also available for any family worries you may have. All our leaders are dedicated teachers and are there to help you with any worry or concern, however small, please do not hesitate to contact us if you need to even just talk things through.

### ***World Book Day – 2nd March (Next Thursday!)***

This year we have again decided to host a vocabulary parade for World Book day! We will celebrate by dressing up as the definition of a word. Please do join us in the fun. Have a little search of 'Vocabulary parade' and see what inspiration you come across. We are also very much looking forward to sharing our books with you as 'masked' characters. You will be able to guess who is who and much more fun too planned...

### ***School improvements***

Just to keep you informed the holidays are an incredibly busy time for our site team. So much goes on when we are not in school to allow for improvements, decoration, etc. This holiday a number of outdoor areas have been tidied up with the decking area replaced outside the pool too.

### ***Staffing***

Mrs Bremerkamp has accepted a post in a local school and sadly leaves us on Friday 17 March. We wish her all the best in her new role and thank her for her work with many of our children who attend Nurture, have received valuable support from her often at very difficult times in their lives and in previous years as a teaching assistant. Nurture breakfast and many of the activities run as part of our nurture provision at Loose will continue with our experienced support staff leading on many of these.

### ***Admissions***

We are delighted that over 200 families have applied for a reception place at Loose again this year, showing the popularity of our amazing school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sarah Holman



## Assistant Headteacher News

Hello all, Mrs Burman here this week! I hope that you all had a wonderful half term with your families and that the children are enjoying being back at school. It has been lovely to walk around the school this week and see so many smiling faces and incredible learning going on in all the classrooms.

I wanted to update you about an event that we are going to be celebrating in school in the coming weeks - Neurodiversity week. This is celebrated nationally from Monday 13th - Friday 17th March and this year, Loose Primary School will be taking part. We are very excited to be part of such a meaningful event and to promote such an important message - that we are all different and unique, which is something to be celebrated! Some of our fabulous Inclusion councillors are helping us arrange some exciting events for the children to participate in during Neurodiversity week and we are looking forward to sharing these with you in due course.

I also hope that you all received our school's inclusion newsletter last term. We hope to send this every other term to keep parents informed about all things inclusion and SEND at Loose. Any feedback about the newsletter would be greatly received and if any parents have anything they would like included in future newsletters, then please do let me know.

Have a great weekend!



## Diary Dates

### **Term 4**

24 Feb - PTA Disco for Years 3 to 6

24 Feb - Mrs Dutch's Drop In Session 2.15-3.15pm

27 Feb - Turkey/Syria Fundraiser - Orchard Hall from 2.30pm onwards (see details below)

28 Feb - Year 5 Adventure Activity Day

01 Mar - National Secondary School Offer Day - emails from 4pm

02 Mar - World Book Day - whole school dressing up event

03 Mar - Mrs Dutch's Drop In Session 2.15-3.15pm

06 Mar - Kent Search & Rescue Assemblies - whole school

07 Mar - Onyx Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

08 & 09 Mar - Year R Hearing Screening, Height & Weight & Vision tests

08 Mar - Church Assembly Year 3 & 4

10 Mar - Year 2 End of Key Stage 1 Assessment Workshop Orchard Hall 2.45-3.15pm

10 Mar - Mrs Dutch's Drop In Session 2.15-3.15pm

14 Mar - Ruby Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

14 Mar - PTA Meeting 8pm

17 Mar - Parent Council Meeting 2.30-3.00pm (Refreshments from 2.15pm)

17 Mar - PTA Deputy Headteacher for the Day Event

21 Mar - Emerald Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

- 21 Mar - Who Care Drama Performance Years 5 & 6
- 22 Mar - Church Assembly for Year 5 & 6
- 24 Mar - Mrs Dutch's Drop In Session 2.15-3.15pm
- 28 Mar - Year 4 Author Event
- 31 Mar - Easter Services at All Saints Church, Loose
- 31 Mar - Open Afternoon from 2.00-3.30pm - children can be signed out from 2pm onwards
- 31 Mar - Last day of term - children back in school 17 April 2023



## Rainbow Times Tables

In Years 2 - 5 we have introduced Rainbow Times Tables – this is bespoke to our school and although maybe similar to programmes in other schools, it is not the same. The children have been very enthusiastic about the introduction of Rainbow Times Tables and they look forward to the weekly challenge. They have been extremely motivated to get to the next colour band and receive their certificate. We are seeing great progress in the children’s recall speed and we would like to thank parents and children for their continued enthusiasm and support!

Just a reminder about how Times tables are organised into colour bands. Each colour band represents a group of times tables which the children need to learn and quickly apply before moving to the next colour band. Each band is progressive, with the final goal of being able to use all times tables to 12 x 12 (and their inverse) in relation to place value. The bands match where children should be in relation to the expected year group attainment. It shows their individual progress and the end goal. Children in years 2-3 will stop at the end of platinum level as they should not be exposed to the mathematical concepts required to answer diamond level questions until Year 4.

Please click on the attachment to make it bigger.

Red	Yellow	Blue	Green	Orange	Turquoise	Purple	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond
10x	10x 5x	10x 5x 2x	10x 5x 2x 3x	10x 5x 2x 3x 4x	10x 5x 2x 3x 4x 8x	10x 5x 2x 3x 4x 6x 6x	10x 5x 2x 3x 4x 6x 6x 11x 9x	10x 5x 2x 3x 4x 6x 6x 11x 9x 7x	10x 5x 2x 3x 4x 6x 6x 11x 9x 7x 12x	Multiplication and division (inverse)	
Year 2		Year 3			Year 4			Year 5 and Year 6			

## Maidstone Light Up Festival

Thank you to all the children from years 4-6 and their families who took part in the Maidstone Lights Up Festival before the end of term. The children had all worked hard during the workshop to make their lanterns and they looked even more stunning when lit up and paraded all together with the sights and sounds of the samba bands, performance artists and light show.

Please see link below with a video of the event.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-cgUHC7RWA>

Miss Mackessack and Mrs Planck

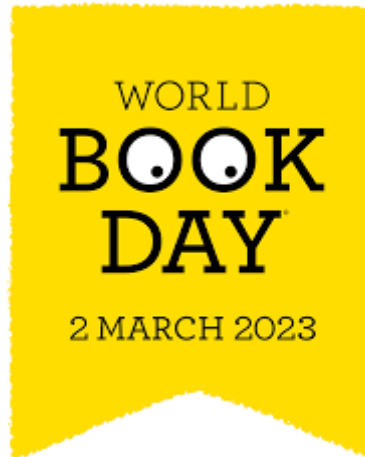


## World Book Day 2023

Next Thursday 2nd March, we will be celebrating World Book Day within school. As always, there will be lots of fun activities throughout the day which will celebrate the joy of both reading and books (more information to follow in due course). In order to give you plenty of notice, I also want to make you aware that once again we will be holding our Vocabulary Parade, in which children are asked to dress up in a way that represents a challenging and exciting word. There are a number of fantastic ideas on the internet if you are in need of any inspiration (see link below). Our reading leaders will then select five winners who will be in receipt of a £5 book token.

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/romans618/vocab-parade-costumes/>

Miss Spelman



## Turkey/Syria Fundraiser Event

We will be hosting a fundraising event following the devastating earthquakes that took place in Turkey and Syria earlier this month. As you will have heard from the news, the death toll is absolutely catastrophic. If like so many members of staff at Loose, you too feel the need to support the people of Turkey and Syria, please do dig deep and donate in whichever way you can. Donations will go to the British Red Cross.

Event: Cake sale with a twist!

Date: Monday 27th February 2023

Time: 2.30pm onwards

Place: Orchard Hall

We are asking for donations of homemade or shop bought cakes and cupcakes. For those of you that prefer to cook than bake, we are also asking for donations of freshly prepared meals to feed a family, that can be purchased on the day at the fundraiser and popped straight in the oven for tea.

- Beef Lasagne
- Vegetable Lasagne
- Quiche
- Chicken, meat or veggie Pie
- Shepherds or cottage pie (meat or veggie)

Disclaimer - As these will be prepared off site, please only buy if you are happy to do so and have no allergies within your family. NO NUTS in any cakes or savoury dishes please. All containers and dishes will need to be clearly named if you would like them returned. We would advise you to bring a bag along to transport any purchases home. Donations can be brought in on the morning of Monday 27th of February. A table will be available on the Key Stage one playground to place donations on and another table as you enter the Year 4/6 gates. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, you can do so going into your child's school money account and then into 'Payments'.

Thank you for any support you can offer. If you would like to volunteer on the day, please email on [office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk) and we will confirm.

Mrs Bremerkamp

Nurture Lead



## Preloved Book Sale

As many of you know I am holding a preloved book sale during World Book Day week to raise money in support of a team of dancers going to compete in the World Dance Championships 2023. Initially, I would like to say a huge thank you for all the fabulous books that have been sent in for the sale. I am extremely grateful for your support. The books will be on sale next week after school. The KS1 and Year R sale will be on Thursday 2nd March in the Brook playground under the sheltered area from 3:15. The KS2 sale will take place in the sheltered area outside the swimming pool on Friday 3rd March from 3:15.

Please come and look at the fantastic selection of books we have for sale. If you find a few books that you like I would be very grateful if you could then make a donation via the 'Just giving' link below. Minimum donation is £2.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/prelovedbooksdanceworldcup?utm\\_id=1&utm\\_term=2ezZDAky7](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/prelovedbooksdanceworldcup?utm_id=1&utm_term=2ezZDAky7)



## Certificate of Excellence

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

**Week Ending 10th February**

**Iida M - Coral Class**

**Aneiran W - Amber Class**

**Amy-Rose R - Jade Class**



**Isabella R - Emerald Class**

**Phoebe N - Onyx Class**

**Isaac R - Ruby Class**

**Week Ending 24th February**

**Spencer L - Diamond Class**

**Noah S - Sapphire Class**

**Herriot C - Moonstone Class**

**Dexter C - Tanzanite Class**

**Jason P - Aquamarine Class**

**Oliver M - Turquoise Class**



## Winning House for Term 3 - Attenborough

Final results for term 3:-

1. Attenborough
2. Parks
3. Curie
4. Donaldson

***A huge well done to Attenborough!***



## Bad Parking

We have received the following photos of extremely bad parking on the corner of Walnut Tree Lane and Loose Road. This is such a dangerous and inconsiderate place to park and the photos have been sent onto the PCSO. The driver has parked there on several occasions now.





## PTA Events & Dates

### **Headteacher for the Day**

Thank you to everyone who joined in this event. The raffle has been drawn and the winners will be contacted over the next few days with details of which date and school leader they will be for the day.

### **KS2 Disco**

Tickets are available on the door **tonight** for the Y3/4 3.30-5.00pm and Y5/6 5.30-7.00pm disco's £4

### **New PTA Bank Details**

Please make sure you are using our new account details when paying monies to the PTA. See previous separate email for details.

### **Lucky Lotto Winners**

Congratulations to Adrienne Martin who won the January draw & Emma Buckingham who won our February draw!

### **Next Meeting**

The next PTA meeting will take place on **Tuesday 14th March**, 8pm at the Chequers pub, Loose village. All welcome.

### **PTA Preloved Uniform Shop**

Every Wednesday morning 8.30-9.00am in Owl room (access via KS1 Moonstone). Trousers, shorts, dresses, skirts, shirts, PE kit, ties, cardigans, jumpers etc. Items £1-5. Pop in and see if we have what you need or drop off clean, washed items during this time.

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

Community run next date - Sunday 26th February 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.



### Treasure Seeker Holiday Club

Treasure Seekers Holiday Club (All Saints' Loose) is open for bookings. On Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th April, 9.30am-3pm, we are calling all Treasure Seekers in years R to 6 to join us on Discovery Island, hunt for treasure and discover the best treasure of all as we have fun with crafts, games, competitions and songs. Places are limited so book now. To secure your place please complete the [Online Registration Form Treasure Seekers Holiday Club](#). Any further queries please email [michelle.wright@allsaintsloose.org.uk](mailto:michelle.wright@allsaintsloose.org.uk) “

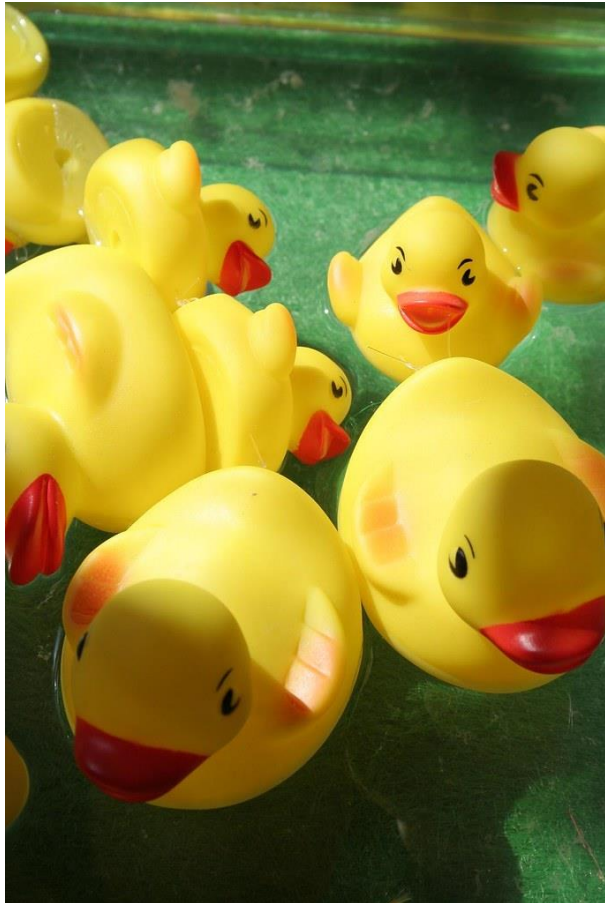


### Temporary Traffic Lights

We have been advised that there will be 3 way temporary traffic lights from the 1st until the 3rd March on the Loose Road by the Bowls Club, Cripple Street and Boughton Lane due to work being done by O2. This will cause delays so please allow extra time for your journeys to and from school.

### Community News

Loose Amenities Association are intending to revive the Loose Duck Race this year on the 29th May, the Bank Holiday. They will give us more information nearer the time for parents.



## Contact Us

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