



Newsletter Friday 10th March 2023

Deputy Headteacher News

I can't believe that we are already three weeks into this Term. The speed at which we are moving through this academic year is amazing. As always, it has been my pleasure to spend time in all the classrooms across the school over the last couple of weeks and I have been hugely impressed with the quality of work being produced by our children here at Loose.

I want to give some special thank yous in my newsletter section this week. Firstly to Miss Whitlock who over the past week and into next week, has been running amazing parent sessions with our KS1 children and their adults. It has been lovely to see the children being able to show their learning alongside their adults and I know the parents who have attended have found these incredibly helpful.

As well as Miss Whitlock, I would also like to thank Miss Carter and Mr Corcoran for their dedication in providing competitive sporting opportunities for our children. Organising matches (with the help of our amazing office team) with local schools and taking the children to these sessions is a time consuming process but it is so vitally important to provide our children the opportunities to experience competitive sport.

To end my piece this week I want to dedicate some time to think about a member of staff who is sadly no longer with us. The daffodils have slowly begun to bloom across the school site and these beautiful flowers will always remind us of Darren Webb. For many members of staff, myself included, Darren was a key figure in our careers. He was both a mentor and friend who we miss immensely. As a school we are indebted to the amazing work Darren did and the path he set the school on. We will always remember him fondly at this time of year and thank him for everything he did for the schools in the Trust and the children attending Loose Primary.

Have a good weekend.

Sean Johnson



Assistant Headteacher News

Mr Hogwood here with an update of OPAL play and school trips. As you know, we are in an 18-month project of OPAL play and we are looking into introducing a few zones after the Easter break, which is very exciting. Zones will include digging, arts and crafts, balls, small world, den building, sand pit, lego etc. The working party are very excited to see the first parts introduced. We will need donations of small world, gardening tools, and seeds initially (see separate letter regarding specifics and when to start bringing donations in). School trips are imminently approaching and year groups will be going on a visit or having an experience in school. We are being mindful of costs of our trips and trying to find the most appropriate trip to complement your child's curriculum. As a school, we have tried hard to vary the experiences your child will have throughout their time at Loose. Do look out for emails from the office for further details.



Comic Relief 17th March

Next Friday, 17th March, we will be supporting Comic Relief at Loose Primary School. The theme this year is **DRESS UP FOR JOY!** Go red from head to toe or simply dig out your brightest socks. Wear something that makes you and your school smile, in return for a donation. Children can come dressed in clothes that make them happy for a donation to Comic Relief! All donations should be made via School Money from today onwards.

RED NOSE DAY 2023

Diary Dates

Term 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

Term 5

- 17 Apr - Back to school

17 Apr - National Offer Day for September Year R places - emails from 4pm

20 Apr - PTA Meeting

21 Apr - Mrs Dutch's Drop In Session 2.15-3.15pm

27 Apr - Year 2 Tyland Barn Trip

28 Apr - Non-uniform day - more info to follow

28 Apr - Mrs Dutch's Drop In Session 2.15-3.15pm

01 May - Bank Holiday

02 May - Diamond Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall - families invited

04 May - Year 3 Living Land Trip - Detling Showground

05 May - Mrs Dutch's Drop In Session 2.15-3.15pm

08 May - Bank Holiday

09-12 May KS2 SATs Tests - All Y6 children must be in school

09 May - Sapphire Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall - families invited

12 May - Mrs Dutch's Drop In Session 2.15-3.15pm

16 May - Moonstone Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall - families invited

16 May - PTA Meeting

19 May - Parent Council Meeting

23 May - Year 3 Living History Workshop

23 May - Year 5 Herstmonceux Trip

26 May - Last day of term - children due back in school 06 June 2023



Easter Church Services

We will be celebrating Easter at All Saints Church, Loose on Friday 31st March. The children will be attending in three groups as the church cannot accommodate the whole school in one sitting.

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. If you bring younger siblings along could you please take them out if they are upset or being noisy as it's very unsettling for the children doing bible readings etc. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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

Headteacher for the Day

Mr Morris had the most amazing day on Tuesday this week as Headteacher for the day.

In remembering his time as headteacher he had the following to say:-

- It is very tiring being in charge of so much, you have to do a LOT of walking and hard work as a headteacher
- He was very proud of the work that he saw happening in classrooms across the school
- He would very much like to be a headteacher full time and, when mum pointed out that this probably wasn't likely at present, he began plotting out his future career in education, he's aiming for headteacher at 31!
- He would like to say a huge big thank you to Mrs Holman who he has loved talking to and spending time with all day
- He's concerned that he might have missed out on his paycheck at the end of the day....!! Oh, and he did admit that the 'power' may have gone to his head just a little! 😊

He truly loved his day as headteacher and this was certainly an experience he will remember forever!



Holiday Play Scheme

Online bookings are now open for the Easter Holiday Play Scheme. All bookings must be made via the school website using the link below:-

<https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/form/?pid=15&form=17>



Open Afternoon Friday 31st March

Parents/carers are invited in to school between 2.00pm and 3.30pm on Friday 31st March. Come and see your child's work & catch up with their teacher. Children can be signed out from the classroom and taken home from 2.00pm onwards. The children will be given a sticker and will not be allowed to leave the building without one. Children cannot be signed out by anyone else unless we have received your written authority in their Learning Journal or you have telephoned the office with a message in advance. Messages must be with the office **no later than 12.00pm** that day so they can deliver them round the school before 2.00pm.

Neurodiversity Week

As a school, we will be celebrating Neurodiversity week between Monday 13th and Friday 17th March. 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 the week which we are very much looking forward to.

The website 'www.neurodiversityweek.com' have scheduled some webinars and online events during this week that may be of interest to some parents. From introductory webinars, panel discussions and more, their range of events aims to educate and inspire conversations about neurodiversity. All events are free of charge and open to all, and we have attached their schedule of events below. If these interest you, please do sign up so we can all join together in celebrating different minds.

Certificate of Excellence

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

Week Ending 3rd March

Isabella L - Topaz Class

Jacob C - Sunstone Class

Jaden S - Amethyst Class

Daniel H - Peridot Class

Matilda M - Zultanite Class

Sienna J - Quartz Class

Week Ending 10th March

Christan K - Coral Class

Dulcie B - Amber Class

Lola O - Jade Class

Dylan K - Jade Class

Faith C - Emerald Class

Archie S - Onyx Class

Emilia V/G - Ruby Class



House Points

1st - Parks

2nd - Donaldson

3rd - Curie

4th - Attenborough

Well done to Parks House this week!

Netball Training Match - Loose v Roseacre

On Thursday 2nd March girls from Year 5 & 6 attended Roseacre school for a friendly training matches. The girls played 8 minutes blocks of play, changing the squad around and trying different positions. Learning as they went. There was a marked improvement as time went on and by then end their confidence grow. Thank you to all their parents for their support with transport and well done to all the girls. Please see twitter for pictures from the match.

Miss Carter

Eco Traffic Warden Report

On the day we gave out 1 ticket for parking on the double yellow lines and we had to tell someone to switch off their engine. Also on the 2nd day we gave out 2 tickets, one for parking on the pavement too close and parking on the double yellow line. Finally on the last day we gave out 6 tickets. 1 for parking too close on the pavement, same with 2nd, 3rd and 4th tickets. The last 2 were for parking on the double yellow line.

P.S. when we walked past people they switched off their engines! We did it to help save the planet.

Written by Lucy S in Emerald

Hockey

Yesterday, 16 children from Year 3 attended a Hockey matches at Maidstone Hockey Club. The children were in 2 teams and played matches against Boughton Monchelsea. All children improved greatly as time went on and their confidence grew with some lovely individual and team play. Thank you to all the parents who helped transport children to the game and watched - I know the children loved you being there. Please see our twitter account next week for pictures of the this event. Well done everyone!

Miss Carter

PTA Events & Dates

Mothers and Others Event

This is an opportunity for your child/ren to choose a colourful plant for a significant female in their life, e.g., Mum, Grandmother, Aunt, family friend etc, whilst raising money for the PTA during the school day on Friday 17th March. Payment needs to be made in advance by 15th March to the PTA bank account. £2.50 per plant. Please reference child's year group and name eg 6JaneSmith

The bank details for the PTA are:

Name: Loose Primary School PTA

Sort Code: 23-05-80

Account: 47721759

Easter Raffle

We have some amazing prizes lined up in our Easter raffle fundraiser coming very soon. Look out on how to purchase tickets next week.

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 Winner

Congratulations to Emma Buckingham who won the 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 12th March 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 “



Community News

Fund Raising

I am a mum of one of your students, and I am raising money for charity by holding an event at the Loose Pavillion on Friday 14th April. Myself and 5 of my friends have signed up for the 3 Peaks Challenge at the beginning of October, which involves climbing the 3 highest peaks in Britain in 24 hours. We have each chosen a charity, (NSPCC, British Heart Foundation, MacMillan, Cancer Research UK, Breast Cancer Now and Bowel Cancer UK), and we are fundraising for the climb in aid of these. I am a fully qualified hairdresser, and to help contribute towards our target, I am hosting a 'Hair cuts and cakes' day locally, offering hair cuts for donations and also selling various bakes. I decided to do this in the Easter holidays as most children will have a 'back to school' haircut, although grown ups are welcome too! So I'm hoping that people will want to save some money on something they would normally do anyway, and at the same time support our amazing charities. Please see poster for full details.

Maidstone Museum

The team at Maidstone Museum want to know how they can help school students with their homework and coursework.

We are asking young people between the ages of 11 and 18 to tell us what they want from the museum and what would encourage them to come and use the museum for their studies.

How can you get involved?

[Survey](#)- Take part in our short survey.

Survey closes: 26 March 2023.

Survey takes: 3 to 7 minutes to complete.

Maidstone Hockey Club are running a new HOCKEY HEROES course, starting Friday 21st April.

Hockey Heroes is a fun course 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>

Maidstone Hockey Juniors

Girls Football Coaching at The Gallagher Stadium

These courses are run by B&B Coaching (Billy Jones (Head of MUFC's Academy) and Brad Brooker (Head of Teaching at MUFC's Academy)) who are a Premium Partner of The Stones Community Trust. If anyone is interested in attending, please liaise directly with B&B via the links below:

Link to the Maidstone Girls Player Development Centre:

<https://maidstoneunited.co.uk/developmentcentre/>

Busy Bodies with Jess

I am starting up a kids fitness business in Maidstone at the Party Pod. It will be hand and eye coordination, games and lots of fun.

Please email -busybodieswithjess@gmail.com for more information or message my Facebook page and give my page a follow for updates on - busybodieswithjess

Look forward to hearing from you.

<https://www.facebook.com/busybodieswithjess>



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