



Newsletter Thursday 20th October 2022

Deputy Headteacher News

What a brilliant first term here at Loose! I started the term by writing to you about all the exciting learning I had seen taking place across the school in the first few weeks and that has continued to go from strength to strength. Like I mentioned in my first newsletter, I lead on 'Curriculum' within the school and this has been an amazing term for curriculum development. We have seen DT projects on bridges, the creation of cushions, smoothies! The various topics build and develop throughout the term to include children using saws within their lessons. Year 6 have continued their 'Come Dine With Me' unit and produced some lovely tasting dishes - even if the majority of children were not too keen on the salmon! Our Year 1 children have worked incredibly hard learning all about 'Our School' in their history topic and it was amazing to listen to them talk so confidently about their learning with myself and Mrs Whittaker (our History Lead). We are really privileged to have such hard-working, articulate children who are a pleasure to talk to about their learning.

Please see a link below to an incredibly important page on our school website that shows you the curriculum for all the different year groups and different curriculum areas. This will allow you to

have a little insight into what your children are learning this academic year and also how we have planned the curriculum for the rest of the curriculum areas across the whole school.

<https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=22>

I have a desperate plea for you from our PTA here at school. They recently had one of their meetings and including Mrs Dutch (a staff representative) we only had **four** members attending. We are also concerned that a large majority of our PTA members are parents of our Year 6 children who may feel the need to step down from the role when their children move on from us. Therefore, we are desperately asking for help from the rest of our parent community. The PTA play such a vital role in school raising an incredible amount of money to support us here in school. We have over 655 children here at Loose and we are crying out for help from just 10-15 of our families to come forward and support our PTA.

I hope you all have an amazing half term and get to spend some quality time together as families. I always say to the classes that I teach in that half terms can be amazing or they can be tough and things can happen so please do come and speak to us if anything happens over the holidays that you want us to be aware of. We are here to support all our children and all our families to the very best of our ability.

Sean Johnson

Deputy Headteacher



Assistant Headteacher News

Hello everyone, Miss Burman here this week! I am the Assistant Headteacher responsible for Inclusion at Loose Primary School, which means that I work closely with class teachers, as well as our SEN team, to ensure that all children are successful and can access the learning at school. Last week, Mrs James and I delivered an assembly to Key Stage 2 children, where we discussed neurodiversity, what this means, and what this might look like at Loose Primary School. The children were so interested in what we had to say and it was truly wonderful to see them excited by the topic of neurodiversity and how important it is to celebrate our differences. From Term 2, Mrs James (our SENCo) and I are beginning an 'Inclusion Council' for our Key Stage 2 children, which will be a similar forum to our School Council, but with the sole purpose of monitoring inclusive practice within the school, and with the aim of making our school the most inclusive place possible. If children would like to be a part of this, they need to let us know of their interest by Tuesday 1st November, and tell us why they believe they would be good for the job by writing a letter, drawing a cartoon strip, or simply just meeting with us to talk.

We have already had a few entries in and we are so excited to receive more! I hope you all have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 31st October. ☺



Parental Conduct

Many schools are reminding parents and carers of our expectations and code of conduct which you can find [here](#). Please note in particular, the guidance part, what we cannot tolerate and social media expectations.

Thankyou for your adherence to this code of conduct.

Parent Class WhatsApp Groups

Please can we remind you to contact school if you wish to discuss your child's educational progress or how they are getting on in school. A number of parents have recently shared long and often quite vindictive posts regarding staff or pupils. Can I remind you that this is not appropriate behaviour and

if we are made aware of this we will be in contact with you directly. Whilst these groups can be great ways to contact many parents at once, they can be misleading, often with wrong information posted. One I saw recently was about PE lesson changes, another about spelling tests, both of which were simply not true. Although posted by parents who are trying to be helpful, in many cases false information is given to others.

Wedding Congratulations

We would like to offer our warmest congratulations to our own very lovely Mr Johnson and Miss Burman who are getting married today. We would like to wish them a wonderful day and a very long and happy marriage. Miss Burman will continue to use her maiden name whilst in school.



Gates

Can we remind parents that they should be exiting the school grounds in the morning or afternoon via the Year 4/6 gate, Waldron Drive or Lancet Lane and not the main gate in front of the office. This gets busy with traffic and deliveries. The main gate can of course be used when the other gates are locked. Thank you.

Harvest Festival Donations - Thank You!

A huge thank you to all the parents/carers for all the wonderful donations for the Loose Court Care Home. They will be distributed between all the residents who will be very grateful for them. We were very happy to have some of the residents join us yesterday at our church services which was just lovely.



Diary Dates

Term 1

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

Term 2

31 Oct - Children back to school

07 Nov - Tours for prospective Year R parents 9.30am & 1.45pm (see website to book a tour)

08 Nov - Phonics Workshop for Year 1 parents Orchard Hall 2.45-3.10pm

10 Nov - Tours for prospective Year R parents 9.30am & 1.45pm (see website to book a tour)

15 Nov - Turquoise Class Assembly Brook Hall 9.00am - families invited

18 Nov - Children in Need - more info to follow

22 Nov - Aquamarine Class Assembly Brook Hall 9.00am - families invited

26 Nov - PTA Christmas Fair

29 Nov - Tanzanite Class Assembly Brook Hall 9.00am - families invited

06 Dec - Flu Vaccinations Year R - 6

07 Dec - Year R Nativity Performance to parents & siblings - Brook Hall 9.30am

08 Dec - PTA Gifts for Parent - more information to follow

08 Dec - Year R Nativity to parents - Brook Hall 2.30pm

08 Dec - PTA Meeting 8pm

09 Dec - PTA Gifts for Parents

09 Dec - Parent Council meeting 2.15-3.00pm

13 Dec - KS2 Pantomime in Canterbury - KS1 Panto in school for Years R-2

14 Dec - Piano Concert (Joanne Wilson) - parents invited

15 Dec - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

16 Dec - Christmas Church Services at All Saints Church, Loose

16 Dec - Open Afternoon 2-3.30pm - children can be signed out from 2pm onwards

16 Dec - Last day of term - children due back on school Wednesday 4th January



FINAL REMINDER - Secondary School Applications

The closing date for online secondary applications is midnight on the 31st October 2022. 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#tab-2> National offer day is 1st March 2023.

Request for Nurture Garden

Mrs Bremerkamp would be grateful for donations of spring bulbs (daffodils, snowdrops, tulips etc) for the nurture garden. If anyone has any multi-purpose compost too that would be very gratefully received too.



Certificate of Excellence Awards

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

Week ending 14th October

Bobby L - Diamond Class

Tilly-Rose A - Sapphire Class

Grace W - Moonstone Class

Luke W - Tanzanite Class

Martha F & Charlie L - Aquamarine Class

Imogen H/G - Turquoise Class



House Winners for Term 1

Well done to CURIE for being the house winners for term 1. Donaldson came 2nd, Attenborough 3rd and Parks 4th.



PTA Events & Dates

Lucky Lotto 2022-2023

Thank you to everyone who joined in this years Lucky Lotto which raised a great £310 for the school. This first winner is Emily Tunn a Year R mum. We will be in touch about getting the money to you.

KS2 Disco 11th November

Y3/4 3.30pm-5.00pm and Y5/6 5.30pm-7.00pm Friday 11th November - if you would like to help at this event please email loosepta@yahoo.co.uk

Look out for disco email which will come out after half term.

Christmas Fair 26th November

Save the date for this event. 11am-2pm. Fun children's stalls, Christmas themed games, outside traders, food/drink vendors and not forgetting Santa will be in his Grotto!

Loose Primary School Running Club

Community run next date - 23rd October 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.



Request from Mrs Planck for Takeaway Tubs

Mrs Planck, our resident artist, is looking for donations of clean plastic take-away tubs with lids please as they make for good art material storage! Please bring them in for her attention. This will be on going, so are gratefully received any time.

Thank You

Thank you to all of the YR children and their parents for baking the most adorable and delicious bear-themed cakes and biscuits this week! We raised a HUGE £386.73 due to all the generous donations from families across the school at our bake sale. The children will be involved with deciding what to spend the money on to enhance their learning environments this year.

Thank you all again, from the Early Years Team.

Weekly English Classes

Do you need help with your English? Weekly English classes are being run at Archbishop Courtenay Primary School on Tuesdays between 1.15pm and 3.00pm. No need to book - just come along. It's only £2 per session. The school's number is 01622 754666 in case you have any queries.

Governor Biography

Hello, I'm Berenice and I have been a Governor at Loose for around 18 months. Whilst I no longer have children at Loose, I have been part of the school community since 2011, with both my daughter and son enjoying a great start to their education here. It's therefore a pleasure to have the opportunity to give something back in this role.

Professionally, I work in PR, communications and engagements with a large catering and hospitality business. It's a diverse company of 8000+ people working across different hospitality sectors – from education and healthcare to workplaces, attractions and events. My job is to provide good communication internally to create an inclusive, progressive culture and environment where everyone feels informed and valued for their contribution, as well as managing external messaging and reputation.

In my spare time, when I'm not a personal taxi service and housemaid to two teenagers, I love music – especially live music, great food experiences (well, I'm in the right job for it!), walking, and escaping in a good book.

Contact Us

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