



Weekly Newsletter Friday 23rd September 2022

Deputy Headteacher News

I cannot believe we are at the end of our third full week in school already. The children have been amazing and settled so well into their new classes with new teachers and teaching assistants. We have had the majority of our Meet The Teacher sessions, with just Year 4 to go next Monday, and it has been a pleasure to welcome parents back into school for these. Relationships are the bedrock of successful schooling, and we hope that having these sessions allows parents the chance to build those positive relationships between home and school which are so important. In your child's learning journal there is a 'Home School agreement' and it is important we all remind ourselves of this so we can continue to build those excellent relationships that benefit your children here at Loose Primary.

One of my areas of focus within the school is developing our curriculum - what the children learn. I held a session for parents explaining how we build our curriculum and will look to run further parent sessions throughout this academic year. I have been so impressed already at the quality of the curriculum being offered in these first few weeks. I have seen excellent French lessons across the school introducing some of our children to their first experiences of formal language teaching. In

Year 5, I saw children engaging with DT at the start of their bridge topic looking at how different sizes, lengths and styles of bridge can hold different weight. In Year 4, I watched Ruby Class at the start of their Romans unit of learning how Rome changed from a republic to an Empire and different roles within that society. Down in KS1, children have been working hard getting to grips learning new sounds and consolidating old ones. It really is a privilege to be able to see all this amazing learning taking place and I will continually use my newsletter sections to update you on our curriculum journey.

We are always looking to enhance our offer of education here at Loose and our community plays a big part in that. A few years ago, I put together a community database of skills and knowledge housed within our school community that we could use to enhance the learning for our children. For example, we had an incredibly generous parent run 6 weeks of Spanish sessions for some of our Year 6 children. We had experts in the field of history share their knowledge with the children. We had gardeners and horticulturists come into school and support with our green areas. If you feel that you could offer some expertise, knowledge or simply a helping hand to improve our offer here at Loose please do get in touch with me via the school office and we can discuss further.

Reading is the key to unlocking the door for many children in education. We need our children to be fluent, confident, and knowledgeable readers who can access texts expected of them at their age range. For this to happen, it is of paramount importance that all children are reading for 15-20 minutes daily both at home and in school. It is therefore essential that children are giving this time at home to engage with reading. Additionally, we are always looking for volunteer readers to come into school for however long they can offer to read with children. If you have any spare time, or can share this with the wider community that may have time, to come into school and read with our children then please contact Michelle Garret in the office to discuss the process.

Have a good weekend.

Sean Johnson



Assistant Headteacher News

Mr Hogwood here with news about our new school council and trips. School Council members have been elected in each class from Year 1-6 and we had our first meeting last week. They are all very keen to help the school improve and I look forward to working with them all in the coming year. One of my roles is to lead on trips across the school and to ensure that the children get a range of experiences throughout their time at Loose Primary School, and that the experience is closely linked to their curriculum. We are trying to spread these experiences out throughout the year and to keep the cost down, some year groups will have people coming in. Please see table to the right for a provisional plan for the year with estimated costs. Please note that these are not confirmed costs but will give you some idea of the potential payments involved. The final payment may go up or down, depending on prices at the time.

YEAR GROUP	CURRICULUM TRIPS AND WORKSHOPS					
	Autumn Term 22/23		Spring Term 22/23		Summer 22/23	
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
EYFS					Alignments- FREE	
YEAR 1		Arctic Enrichment in school- £5				Mobile Farm into school - £5
YEAR 2					Island Barn- £20	
YEAR 3					History: History Workshop - £6	
YEAR 4					Geography: Horton Kirby- £30	
YEAR 5-			History: Battle Abbey- £25			
YEAR 6						Residential to Wildchild 20 th -23 rd June- £322
Whole School Enrichment Opportunities- Opt in Activities	Laver Cup - £4.70	Pantomime- £20	Young Voices O2- TBC			Wimbledon (if we get ballot tickets)- £35

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon & Bake Off

We are delighted that after many years we will again be hosting a coffee afternoon in order to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. This event will take place on Friday 30th September between 2pm and 4pm 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 29th or the morning of Friday 30th September.

Bake Off

As we have done in previous years we are also planning another "Bake Off" competition - 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. We hope to see lots of you on the day to make this a successful event for a very worthy cause.

Mrs I Dutch

Family and Communities Manager



Morning Gates

We would like to gently remind parents/carers that our trickle-in time to enter school in the morning begins at 08:40 and ends at 08:55 promptly. Any children who arrive after this time will be asked to sign in via the School Office. The school gates may often still be open after 08:55 to allow parents to exit the site, but teachers will be closing classroom doors at 08:55 promptly. This is to ensure that we are safeguarding all children. Thank you for your co-operation.

Diary Dates

Term 1

26 Sept - Year 4 Meet the Teacher 3.20-4pm

27 Sept - Topaz Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

30 Sept - MacMillan Coffee Afternoon Orchard Hall 2-4pm

04 Oct - Amethyst Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

07 Oct - Parent Council Meeting 2.30-3.15pm (refreshments from 2.15pm)

10 Oct - Year R Biscuit Bake Off - cake sale outside Pearl & Crystal Classes 3.20pm

11 Oct - Sunstone Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

12 Oct - KS2 Class & Individual Photos (not Y6)

12 Oct - Restart a Heart Sessions for Year 6 classes

13 Oct - KS1 Class & Individual Photos

17 Oct - Ruby Class Parent Consultation Evening 3.40-6.30pm

18 Oct - Kent 11+ Test results to parents via email from 4pm

18 Oct - Parent Consultation Evening - 4.00-7.00pm

19 Oct - Harvest Church Services All Saints Church Loose - change of date

19 Oct - Parent Consultation Evening - 3.40-6.30pm (Except Ruby Class)

20 Oct - Last day of term

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



Reminder - Parent Council New Recruits

A reminder we are still looking for parent council rep's for the following classes:-

Emerald, Ruby, Amethyst, Sunstone & Zultanite

We have 6 meetings a year, always on a Friday afternoon, and welcome a representative from each class.

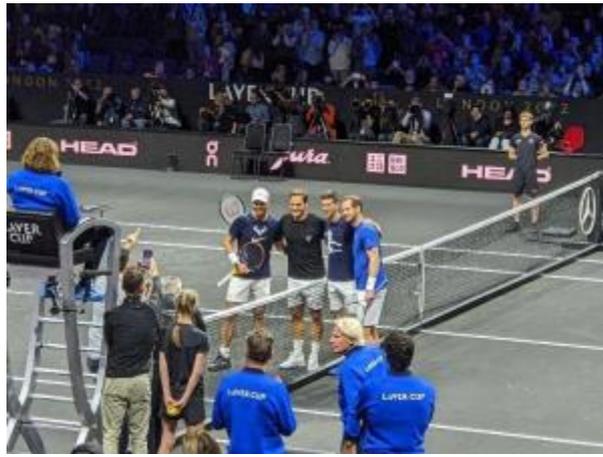
Please let the office know if you are interested in representing your child's class by emailing morag.thomson@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk . Our first meeting is on Friday 7th October. You can find a page on our website with information and minutes of previous meetings <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Parent+Council&pid=92> .

Laver Cup Trip

On Thursday 22nd September 30 very excited children met 5 equally excited staff members at Staplehurst Station to go to the O2 Arena to watch the Laver Cup practice session. The children were very well behaved on the train and the tube, which was a seamless journey. Inside the arena the

atmosphere was electric and we were lucky enough to be very near the front. Team World came out and had a practice and the children were very impressed with the speed of serves and hitting by some world class tennis players. Next out was Team Europe and the children were lucky enough to see Rafa Nadal, Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer and Andy Murray playing together on the court for the first time in history! A momentous occasion to witness! We had lots of compliments from members of the public about the children's behaviour. I would like to thank Miss Davies, Mrs Mellett, Mrs Lerpiniere and Mrs Furniss for accompanying us on this trip. A truly magical and unforgettable experience for all.





Request from Mrs Plank

Our resident artist Mrs Plank is looking for clean clear takeaway tubs/containers with lids to store art materials in such as pastels. If you have any could you please pop them into the main reception thank you.

Lettings

Please have a look at our new Lettings Policy [here](#) and our new booking website [here](#). We have various rooms throughout the school, both school halls, the playing field or swimming pool all available for hire.

Kent Test & Secondary School Scholarships

Online applications for secondary school admissions opened on the 1st September and the national closing date for all secondary school applications is midnight on the 31st October 2022. For children sitting the Kent 11+ Test, results will be emailed to parents after 4pm on the 18th October. 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.

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. Ideally we would like these all in by Friday 7th October. This gives us time to complete scholarship paperwork which will be ready to collect on Thursday 20th October from the main office. We do need the application booklet to stick our section in and sign or if you have an email link you can email to office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk. Please make sure you let us know what kind of scholarship you are applying for too.

If you would like to discuss secondary admissions or the Kent 11+ Tests you can make an appointment to see a senior leader at the parent consultation evenings on the 18th & 19th October. Please email the school office to arrange a time.

Certificate of Excellence Awards

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

Friday 16th September

Tilly G - Coral Class

Robyn M - Amber Class

Jenson L/W - Jade Class

Reuben M/P - Emerald Class

Charlie W - Onyx Class

Leo P - Ruby Class

Friday 23rd September

Jacob H - Diamond Class

Sienna B - Sapphire Class

Jax F - Moonstone Class

Ralf S - Tanzanite Class

Annabel F - Aquamarine Class

Karim A - Turquoise Class



Year R Biscuit Bake Off

Year R Biscuit Bear Bake Off - Monday 10th October 2022

Your children have been enjoying our 'Bear Hugs' topic so far this term and as part of this, one of our study texts will be 'Biscuit Bear' by Mini Grey. In previous years, we have run successful 'Biscuit Bear Bake Offs' and we would like to continue this tradition!

We are asking you to bake something linked to the theme of bears with your children. Please send your baked goods into school with your children on Monday 10th October. The baking will be judged by Mrs Holman and 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be announced during the day. We will then be running a stall to sell the cakes to the whole school community from 3:20pm that day to raise funds for Early Years - your children will be deciding what to spend their money on! Thank you in advance for your support - the children will be so excited about this!



PTA Events & Dates

Late Summer Festival

Thank you so much to all the volunteers and people who came and supported this event. It was a great success and enjoyed by many raising approx. £2650! Thank you!

Lucky Lotto 2022-2023

We will be launching this fundraiser in the next couple of days so please look out for your email on how to join in. Easy fundraising open to parents, grandparents, friends of the school.

Social Media

At the start of a new school year don't forget to sign up to our Facebook and Twitter pages so you know what's going on - Loose Primary School PTA

KS2 Disco 11th November

Y3+4 and Y5+6 Friday 11th November - if you would like to help at this event please email loosepta@yahoo.co.uk

More information to follow in the next few weeks. NB - KS1 (Y1+2) have a disco planned for May to look forward to!

Christmas Fair 26th November

Save the date for this event! If you have a small business please contact the PTA to find out more if we can accommodate your stall.

Loose Primary School Running Club

Community run next date - 24th September 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.



Bowls Experience for Year 6 Children

On Wednesday morning 16 Year 6 children got the opportunity to attend Loose Bowls Clubs for a Bowls Experience.

Loose Bowls Club volunteers helped the children with technique, tips and gave them the hands-on taster of what bowls entails, with various group work targets, skittles, zone play and channel skills.

The children were amazing in their attitudes and approach, with some natural talent too.

Would like to thank all at Loose Bowls Club for their time with the children and also Miss Wright and parent helper Mrs Sutton for their time in making this possible. Please see Twitter for pictures from the morning.

Miss Carter

House Points

Curie - 1st this week

Attenborough - 2nd

Parks - 3rd

Donaldson - 4th

Congratulations to Curie!

Earrings

A reminder that earrings cannot be worn for PE lessons. Your child should either not wear them on PE/Swimming days or be able to remove them themselves for a lesson. Earrings cannot be taped over. Watches should be removed for PE too thank you.

Earrings if worn in school must be small studs - hoop earrings are not allowed. This is for safety reasons.

School Office - dropping off late 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 things 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.

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.

absence@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - please use this email for all absence related matters including illness and hospital appointments and holiday requests

office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - use this for all other emails and urgent matters

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