



Newsletter Friday 18th November 2022

Deputy Headteacher News

It has been another wonderful (albeit slightly wet) week in school. I must start with a gentle reminder that as the wet and cold months start to creep up on us, it is important that all children are coming into school with appropriate clothing for the day.

I would like to say a massive 'thank you'! I pleaded for some additional PTA members at the end of last term and I am so pleased that some of our amazing parents answered my call for help. I joined our most recent PTA meeting and it was lovely to see some fresh faces joining the team. The PTA raised an incredible £11,800 for the school over the course of the last year and with the new members I am sure they will smash that figure this year. I am also very confident that if we could encourage even 3 or 4 more members that we could potentially push this figure even higher because every single person helps raise that extra little bit of money by simply adding more capacity and ideas. Therefore, if you still want to get involved with our PTA please do make contact with the PTA Team at loosepta@yahoo.co.uk

I mentioned in my first newsletter of the year about the importance of reading and I wanted to briefly mention it again. Part of revisiting this is to say a massive 'thank you' to Miss Pye and all our English team for all the hard work they have put in to establishing our reading provision in the first term of this academic year. I would like to share a news article with you that stresses and explains

the importance of reading daily with our children. The link to the news article is <https://www.highspeedtraining.co.uk/hub/why-is-reading-important-for-children/> but I have copied below just a small section that shows 10 really clear benefits for children that are reading daily.

The Top Ten Benefits of Reading for Children

Based on what we've discussed above, here are **the top 10 benefits of reading for children:**

1. Their vocabulary is larger and more extensive.
2. They perform better academically.
3. Their imagination can run wild.
4. Their creativity skills develop.
5. They develop empathy.
6. They gain a deeper understanding of their world.
7. Their concentration levels improve.
8. The parent and child bond improves.
9. Their cognitive development is supported.
10. Their social skills and interaction improve.

I hope you all have an amazing weekend and I look forward to writing to you again in a few weeks time.

Sean Johnson



Assistant Headteacher News

Hello everyone, Mr Farley here this week. Firstly, just a reminder for you to encourage children to hand their learning journals in to teachers every day. It is a really important part of our communication and a useful tool for when there is anything that staff need to know. Sometimes it may be easier to catch the class teacher after school, pop an email in or ask your child to walk into school holding their diary to help remind them.

Please note that how we respond in the journals is different for different year groups. For our younger children we may comment or acknowledge correspondence and when individual reading in school is completed, but for our older pupils this is less often, with pupils taking responsibility for these journals. It is tricky to get right but we are sure you will understand that to write in daily or weekly comments for every pupil in each class takes away from teaching time. We will continue to get feedback from parent council to try to get a good balance in these and also consider if we continue using them in coming years or if email / phone correspondence is better.

You may have noticed the lovely new safari equipment that replaced our old train.

We have also asked the outdoor equipment company to revisit the new grass area under the canopy to meet the Ethic of Excellence we expect at Loose, so the new year should bring further improvements to this area too.

Have a great weekend.



Diary Dates

Term 2

22 Nov - Aquamarine Class Assembly **ORCHARD** Hall 9.00am - families invited

26 Nov - PTA Christmas Fair 11am - 2.00pm

29 Nov - Tanzanite Class Assembly **ORCHARD** Hall 9.00am - families invited

05 Dec - Year 2 Phonics Workshop for parents Orchard Hall 2.30pm -3.15pm

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 2.00pm

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



Drop-In Come and Talk Sessions

Today, Friday 18th of November, we will be starting our new weekly 'DROP-IN, COME AND TALK' sessions.

These will be held from 2.15pm till 3.15pm in the staff-room on the school site.

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

Certificate of Excellence Awards

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

Week ending 11th November

Charlie S - Coral Class

James G - Coral Class

Lennon E - Amber Class

Kelsey M - Jade Class

Edward A - Emerald Class

George F - Onyx Class

Toby Seymour - Ruby

Week ending 18th November

Tillie R - Diamond Class

Roman R - Sapphire Class

Mya F - Moonstone Class

Ronald B - Tanzanite Class

Frankie N - Aquamarine Class

Harper L/W - Turquoise Class



School Vacancies

Please see below links for the vacancies we currently have in school. All applications should be made via the Kent Teach Website.

HLTA

<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=109635>

Class Teachers (2 positions)

<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=109396>

[Class Teacher Teacher at Loose Primary School, Maidstone](#)

<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=109353>

Caretaker:

<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=109348>

Midday Supervisor

<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=109703>

Travelling Book Fair

Book Fair

We are very pleased to be welcoming The Traveling Book Fair back to Loose Primary School for our Christmas Book Fair. As a special promotion, all books will be sold at half price so this is a great opportunity to stock up on some super holiday reading books or Christmas presents, with some of our favourite authors and characters. From Monday 12th December to Thursday 15th December, the book fair will be based in Orchard Hall. All dates will start at 3.25pm and you can pay by both cash and card.

Miss Spelman



Holiday Notifications

Parents do not have the automatic right to withdraw pupils from school for a holiday in term time. In accordance with the Education Regulations, the Headteacher may not grant any leave of absence for holidays during term time. If there are exceptional circumstances around a child needing leave from school, these will be dealt with on an individual basis. Please see our Attendance Policy [here](#) for full details about what is classed as exceptional circumstances. If leave is taken which has not been authorised by the Headteacher, a fixed penalty notice may be issued by Kent County Council.

House Points

1st - Donaldson

Joint 2nd - Parks & Attenborough

4th - Curie

Well done to Donaldson House for being 1st this week!

Take Away tubs still needed by Mrs Plank

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.

PTA Events & Dates

Christmas Fair 26th November 11am - 2pm

Christmas themed games, outside traders, food/drink vendors and not forgetting Santa will be in his Grotto! All welcome.

If you are able to help with this event please email loosepta@yahoo.co.uk

Festive drink hamper raffle tickets available to buy now. £2 per ticket. See social media. Payments should go to:-

Name: Loose Primary School PTA

Sort Code: 23-05-80

Account: 22026024

Please reference your payment BBchilds year, childs name ie BB6JaneSmith to looseptapayments@yahoo.com

Amazon Smile

The latest Amazon Smile donation is an amazing £103.04! Thank you so much for everyone who has signed up. Don't forget with your Christmas coming up you can shop and raise funds at the same time! Easy to set up - please see previous emails,

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday 8th December, 8pm** at the Chequers pub, Loose village. All welcome.

Gifts for Parents and Carers

This event, when the children can purchase surprise gifts in school for parents and carers, will be launched next week. Look out for your email with how your child can join in and how to pay etc. The children absolutely love this event and creates a great buzz in school. If you'd like to help (KS2 8th Dec and EYFS/KS1 9th Dec) please email the PTA. loosepta@yahoo.co.uk

Loose Primary School Running Club

Community run next date - 20th November 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.



Kent Online Parenting Courses

Kent have provided free access to online parenting courses based on the Solihull Approach. The courses are designed to be accessed independently by parents. There are optional printable

resources. The courses are in a variety of languages as well as English. Courses are at the user's own pace and can be paused and logged back in to at a later time.

Here is the link to free parenting courses with the access password. below you will find the websites own description of course content.

Families visit <https://inourplace.co.uk/> register for a free account with access password **Invicta**

'Helping to build loving and close relationships between children and their carers. These courses are available in 15 to 20 minute chunks and in a variety of languages.

1. [Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby.](#) Has information on pregnancy, labour and birth.
2. [Understanding your baby.](#) For anyone caring for a baby from birth to 12-months-old. Supports baby's development. Has information on sleep, feeding, crying, and playing as well as childcare options.
3. [Understanding your child.](#) For anyone caring for a child from birth to 18. Adds simple, practical strategies to the parenting toolbox.
4. [Understanding your child's feelings](#)
5. [Understanding your teenager's brain](#) - Helps parents and carers understand what happens to the brain of a child as they go through adolescence and understand some of the behaviours they might be noticing.
6. [Understanding your teenager's brain \(for teenagers themselves\)](#) - Find out what's happening in your brain! Your brain changes as you hit adolescence. Going to sleep later? See how the changes in your brain explain some of the changes in your behaviour.
7. [Understanding your child with additional needs.](#) For anyone caring for a child with special needs. Looks at some particular aspects of parenting such as sleep and anger management, helping to make it easier to work with your child's behaviour.
8. [Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing](#)
9. [Understanding your relationships.](#) A course for adults, young people, and older adults covering communication, anger, conflict, repair and more..

Please contact Mrs Dutch with any queries regarding the above.

The Giving Tree - Sainsburys

The Giving Tree is back in Loose from 20th November! Spread some cheer and grab a tag from Sainsbury's on Loose Road, buy a gift and return back to Sainsburys by 16th December.

The gifts will then be dropped to Loose Valley residents home and Loose Court residents home on Sunday 18th December.

Thank you



Community News

We are desperately seeking new leaders for both a Rainbow and Brownie pack in Loose which will both sadly close if no volunteers can be found. This is terrible news for our area as we have waiting lists of over 100 girls wanting to join, most of whom will not get the opportunity unless these units can be saved. Please help us!

If you know anyone who is able to give up just a couple of hours a week for a very rewarding role – PLEASE contact us as soon as possible. Penny Ellis at seondloose@aol.com Thank you.

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 notifications.

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