



Loose Primary School Newsletter

11th September 2020



Head of School News

What a wonderful full week back at school this has been. The children have been fabulous and from standing at the gate to walking around the school you can hear and feel the buzz of children genuinely being pleased to be back. The children all look so smart and are eager to start fresh exciting learning journeys with their friends. The staff are very mindful that some of the pupils may have felt anxious or a little worried about coming back to school and I would like to reassure you that we will give our pupils the time to talk and support them if needed so that they feel happy and safe in school. Mrs Bremerkamp is now our nurture TA and along with Mrs Dutch, our Families and Community Manager, we can certainly provide extra opportunities for children to talk and us to listen.

The Reception children, brand new to Loose, have made a fantastic start and impressed us with their enthusiasm for school. They have only had one visit last week prior to starting due to the pandemic but they have coped brilliantly. They independently lined up and walked from the playground to their classes where they met new friends and enjoyed many fun activities. We warmly welcome them to Loose and hope they will feel part of our school community very quickly.

Well done all children

Our KS2 children are entering and leaving school so sensibly on their own. With regards to KS1 parents coming on site to drop off and pick up please can we ask you to wear a mask and also socially distance on the Lancet Lane path and KS1 playground. We would also encourage parents waiting outside the other gates to wear a mask for your protection. Leaders on the gate and staff on the playground are being encouraged to wear masks/visors too. Once again, to keep our staff safe and well, please refrain from talking to staff at these times. Instead please email brook@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk or orchard@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk or phone and staff will respond as soon as they can. Thank you for your kind understanding on this.

Just a reminder about school uniform and why it is important for the children to look smart and dress appropriately at all times. We strongly believe that our uniform is a vital part of us setting the tone for our school and it helps to develop a sense of pride and high expectations amongst the children. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named, no nail varnish or jewellery is worn and earrings must be plain studs only. We do ask that children can dress and undress for PE independently – practising top buttons, ties and shoe laces is essential as we are limited with extent of help staff can give at this time.

On our daily visits to classes, Mrs Holman and I are so proud of the children's attitude to learning, their politeness as well as remembering and displaying our school values. The children really have settled into their new year groups and all look so much more grown up!

Enjoy the weekend,
Anita Makey

**With trust, we lead
With pride, we act
With respect, we serve
With compassion, we care
and
With determination, we excel**

Dates



Term 1

- 28 Sep - Emerald Class Assembly - **sorry no parents**
- 02 Oct - Harvest Festival - via zoom - **sorry no parents**
- 05 Oct - Ruby Class Assembly - **sorry no parents**
- 09 Oct - Non-Uniform Day - more information to follow
- 09 Oct - Parent Council Meeting - 2.15pm - **via zoom**
- 12 Oct - Onyx Class Assembly - **sorry no parents**
- 15 Oct - Kent 11+ Test
- 21 Oct & 22 Oct - Parents Evening Consultations - **more information to follow.**
Telephone calls from teacher home
- 22 Oct - Last Day of term
- 23 Oct - Staff training Day - children not in school

Term 2 - we will confirm in term 2 if the climate improves and parents are allowed to attend the events below.

- 02 Nov - Children back to school
- 03 Nov - Flu Vaccinations for Year R to Year 6
- 09 Nov - New Parent Tours Yr R Sept 2021 intake - 9.30am & 1.45pm - please book via the school office
- 11 Nov - Kittle Photography taking KS1 Individual Photos
- 12 Nov - Kittle Photography in taking KS2 Individual Photos
- 13 Nov - Children in Need Day - more info to follow
- 16 Nov - Year 4 Lego Workshop Day
- 17 Nov - Amethyst Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall
- 24 Nov - Sunstone Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall
- 01 Dec - Topaz Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall
- 09 Dec - Year R Nativity to parents & siblings 9.30am Brook Hall
- 10 Dec - Year R Nativity to parents 2.00pm Brook Hall
- 11 Dec - Parent Council Meeting 2.15pm
- 15 Dec - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
- 18 Dec - Christmas Services All Saints Church, Loose
- 18 Dec - Open Afternoon 2pm-3.30pm - children can be signed out from 2pm
- 18 Dec - Last day of term - children due back in school on 5th January 2021

Learners of the Week

A huge well done to the children who got their achievement certificates in assemblies this week! Congratulations for all their hard work.

Pearl	Coming soon!	Jade	Pippa T
Opal	Coming soon!	Emerald	Charlotte H
Crystal	Coming soon!	Onyx	Oscar T
Diamond	Seth N/K	Ruby	Kai J
Sapphire	Jenson L/W	Topaz	Olivia L
Moonstone	Christan K	Sunstone	Alfie C
Tanzanite	Ruby H	Amethyst	Abigail G
Aquamarine	Mason A	Peridot	Nicole E
Turquoise	Rosie P	Zultanite	John C
Coral	Back next week!	Quartz	Spencer H
Amber	Molly H		

Parent Council - New Recruits! ZOOM

We still only have 7 Parent Council Rep's across the school! This is important to make sure that parents opinions and voices are heard. We have 6 meetings a year and welcome a representative from each class. Please let the office know if you are interested by emailing office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk. Our first meeting is on Friday 9th October and will be done via Zoom. You can find a page on our website with information and members of the parent council <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Parent+Council&pid=92>. We already have reps for Opal, Moonstone, Sapphire, Amber, Coral, Onyx and Quartz but need reps for **all the other classes!**

COVID UPDATE

We have been advised by the Dfe that the fastest way to get a test result is to go to a testing site. Individuals will need a pre-booked appointment or they will not be given a test. People can also order home test kits to be sent directly to them. To book an appointment or order a home kit, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

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Weekly Attendance

Opal	98.74%	Jade	97.50%
Crystal	93.55%	Emerald	98.71%
Pearl	97.42%	Ruby	99.37%
Diamond	96.15%	Onyx	94.85%
Sapphire	95.09%	Topaz	94.87%
Moonstone	97.93%	Sunstone	98.44%
Tanzanite	95.74%	Amethyst	98.15%
Turquoise	95.33%	Peridot	95.63%
Aquamarine	97.59%	Zultanite	98.70%
Amber	96.73%	Quartz	98.11%
Coral	98.63%		

Whole School Target
96.5%

Whole School Attendance
97.07%

Weekly House Points Result

DONALDSON	4th	PARKS	2nd
ATTENBOROUGH	1st	CURIE	3rd

Secondary School Applications

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 2nd November**. You can apply for up to 6 schools, putting them in order of preference. It's in your best interest to list 6 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-1>
National Offer day is Monday 1st March 2021. Emails will be sent from 4pm and parents can log on from 5pm to see what school their child has been allocated.

Scholarships – Year 6

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 Monday 5th October however we will accept these up to Monday 12th October at the latest. This gives us time to complete scholarship paperwork which will be ready to collect on Thursday 22nd October from the main office. We do need the application booklet to stick our section in and sign.

Term 1 Events

We would advise that due to the current restrictions parents will not be able to come into school during term 1 for Learner of the Week or Class assemblies, and other events. The events will still go ahead for the children though. The Harvest Festival will be via Zoom as will the Parent Council meeting. We will let parents know more about the parent/teacher consultations nearer the time.

COVID tests

We do have (and have since lockdown in March) a number of pupils and staff that have been tested for COVID. We previously let bubbles know where this was the case, but due to increased numbers of pupils and staff for the full return to school this is not possible and is not a current requirement to do so. We have sent the flowchart to all parents and it is on our website here <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=91> This clearly shows what will happen when anyone has symptoms. Following current guidance, we will inform parents if there is a positive result and follow advice in such a case from Public Health England regarding whether parents should be informed, or a bubble should close. We can assure you that anyone displaying symptoms in their family group will not attend school until a negative result is received. We hope that this puts your mind at rest.

Pages School Wear

Some parent may have been experiencing some delays in receiving their uniform orders from Pages School Wear. We would like to assure you we are doing everything in our power to speed up the processes and deliveries. These, as you can appreciate, have been severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. We trust that any difficulties with obtaining uniform will soon be resolved and in the meantime thank you for your patience and understanding. Yours faithfully, Sam Pages (Pages School Wear)

Assistant Headteacher News

Every week in our newsletter we will have a section written for you by one of three Assistant Headteachers here at Loose Primary School. This week's section is from Mr Johnson (Year 3 and 4 lead). The other two fantastic AHTs here at Loose are Miss Burman (Year 5 and 6 lead) and Mr Farley (Year 1 and 2 lead). You will see our AHTs on the gates in the mornings and afternoons and please do remember if you do wish to discuss anything with one of the AHTs to drop them an email through the appropriate office.

Here we are at the end of our first full week back in school together and I am truly blown away by the superb attitudes to learning I have seen from our pupils, many of whom haven't been in school since March. It has been a period of lots of 'new' for our children and they have coped exceptionally well. I had the pleasure of holding assemblies last week to welcome back our Year 3 and Year 4 cohorts and it was lovely to see so many smiley and eager faces looking back at me. I look forward to using this section of our newsletter to highlight and share all of the amazing things happening all across the school but in particular Year 3 and Year 4.

Mr Johnson

TWITTER

For all our new parents please follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/LoosePrimary> and keep up to date with your child's learning. Take a look if you have not before, we do not post the usual tweets! Loads of photos capturing your children enjoying school and their learning – do not miss out, sign up now!



Phonics Workshop

Please note that the Phonics Workshop for Year R and 1 parents on Friday 18th September cannot go ahead with parents present. We shall email home the PowerPoint presentation that we were planning to show parents next week and if parents have any queries, please do email into brook@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk.

Parking

We have had complaints this week from local residents about inconsiderate parking again. Cars are parking so far up on the pavements on both sides of the Loose Road that parents are struggling to get past with buggies etc. It is also causing a bottleneck on the Loose Road. We have had complaints about parents blocking driveways too. We are asking parents to please think before they park and to park considerately. This is for the safety of your children.

Toilet

We are getting increasing requests at gates in the afternoon for younger siblings to go back into school to go the toilet and for children to collect forgotten items. From Monday, we will not be allowing any children back into school to go to the toilet or back to class to avoid any cross contamination between bubbles. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Emails

A reminder that all emails for booking or queries about breakfast or after school club should be sent to lasc.asc@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk and not the school office email. Thank you.

Communities

Hockey Heroes - A fun welcoming programme for all children aged 5 to 8 to try hockey and to develop both their physical and character superpowers. Find out more at hockeyheroes.co.uk. Maidstone Hockey Club starts Friday 25th September 4.30-5.30pm.

Rugby Taggers reopened as planned on the 1st August and has had a very successful start. We are located at Marden Primary Academy on Saturday mornings and offers non-contact Rugby sessions for Pre and Primary school ages for over 3 years. Boys and Girls are invited to enjoy their first morning of rugby with us for free as an introduction. 3-5 year olds: 9:15-10AM and 6+ year olds: 10:15-11AM. First session is Free. PAY AS YOU PLAY. £6 per session or £25 for 5 sessions. At Rugby Taggers we are delighted to say we can offer a physical activity at the weekends while following England Rugby and Government guidelines. Please rest assured we continue to follow the most recent Covid 19 social distancing guidelines and operate as an 'Organised Sport' with all preventative measures in place. Please see our website and Facebook page for more information: <https://rugbytaggers.com> To book a free session please contact us in advance on 07834225584 or email rugbytaggers@gmail.com We look forward to meeting you and your Rugby Tagger soon.

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