



# Loose Primary School Newsletter

## 18th September 2020



### Headteacher News

We continue to be so impressed by the children's attitude to learning, their politeness and how they display the school values. They really have settled well into their new classes. We are concentrating this term on our wellbeing and school values and this is already evident in the quality of our children's work in their books, attitudes to learning and to others and behaviour.

#### Year R pupils

What a fabulous week the children have had. We are really getting to know each child's character as there are only 15 in at a time. Next week we will all meet together for mornings and lunch too at the end of the week. Please do look on Twitter, we try to give an idea of the kinds of things your children are learning and experiencing during the school day but there is really so much this is just a snapshot. We are very proud of all our new Year R children and hope you are too. A brilliant start to school life!

#### Curriculum

Our curriculum continues to go from strength to strength and some of the experiences that the teachers are planning really are helping to inspire your children to develop a real love of learning. This year's curriculum maps are available on the website using the link below which will give you an overview of the exciting learning opportunities children will have access to over the year <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=22>

#### Leaders in school

In the first instance most queries should be addressed with the class teacher but if you need to speak to a leader we are happy to catch up informally or you are welcome to book an appointment or phone call with us. Our leaders are always happy to meet with you should you need to speak to one of us. We have three Assistant Headteachers who are available to speak to if you have any concerns and need to speak with a leader. Mr Farley for Year 1 or Year 2 queries (also teacher in Y2 – Turquoise), Mr Johnson for Year 3 and Year 4 queries (also teacher in Y4 – Emerald) or Miss Burman for Year 5 & Year 6 queries (also teacher in Y6 – Quartz) are always around / on gates before or after school or ask to speak with any one of our AHTs via the office.

Mrs Oliveri (also teacher in Year R – Pearl) is our Early Years leader and is always happy to speak with you about any child or concern in Year R. Whilst Mrs James (SENCo) is on maternity leave the role is split under the careful watch of Mrs Makey (Head of School and Inclusion Leader). Mrs Maynard and Mrs Black can offer SENCo support and expertise on Thursdays. Please do talk to us if you have any worries or concerns so they can be addressed as soon as possible.

Thank you so much to parents for continuing to stick to our staggered timings for children arriving and leaving school each day. We are aware that for a few of you this is not ideal but for many it seems to be better now we are getting used to things. Definitely from the children's point of view, they are coming in calm and happy to be at school learning and with their friends. We will continue to consider how we can offer easier options when guidance allows and will be discussing this matter at the first Parent Council Meeting at the end of term.

Finally, as always, there are lots of exciting and rich learning opportunities planned for the children throughout the forthcoming year. There are some things we are just not allowed to do or book at the moment (residential visits being one) but we are always looking for other opportunities and ways to make memories as we believe that primary school is the best foundation for learning and a love of life and all it has to offer. We are aware some we may not be able to share with parents in the ways we normally would, but we will do our best to try to use Twitter and video opportunities so that we can safely ensure you still are very much part of the school and the children's lovely experiences.

We are looking forward to building on our many achievements and working in partnership with you all again this year.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Mrs Holman

**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 - 1.30-2.15pm - **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  
11 Nov - Kittle Photography taking KS1 Individual & Class Photos  
12 Nov - Kittle Photography in taking KS2 Individual & Class Photos  
13 Nov - Children in Need Day - more info to follow  
17 Nov - Amethyst Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall  
24 Nov - Sunstone Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall  
26 Nov - Kent 11+ Test Results from 4pm (subject to change)  
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	Dudley M
Opal	Coming soon!	Emerald	Kaiden M
Crystal	Coming soon!	Onyx	Sienna J
Diamond	Robyn M	Ruby	Thomas W
Sapphire	Poppy W	Topaz	Max E
Moonstone	James G	Sunstone	Olive K Archie C
Tanzanite	Jacob S	Amethyst	Daniel H
Aquamarine	Freya M	Peridot	Zac F
Turquoise	George F	Zultanite	Brooke L/R
Coral	Matilda W Oliver D	Quartz	Elliot B
Amber	Archie F		

#### Loose Primary School – Virtual School Tour

This year as a one off (hopefully!) as we cannot hold our usual parent tours for the September 2021 Year R intake, our amazing Year 6 children will be taking you on a virtual tour of our school which will give you a chance to meet our amazing pupils, teachers and school staff. It will also give you an opportunity to see our school and to understand why we are so brilliant. We will let parents know when this is available to watch. Online applications for parents will open early November. Once applications open, if you have any specific queries regarding medical or special educational needs please let the office know and we can arrange for someone to call you.

#### COVID UPDATE

For your own safety and that of the children and staff on the school site, we would encourage parents to wear masks whilst on the school site and also when collecting children on the main gates thank you.

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## Weekly Attendance

Opal	95.25%	Jade	96.13%
Crystal	96.64%	Emerald	98.75%
Pearl	98.67%	Ruby	97.96%
Diamond	97.87%	Onyx	96.75%
Sapphire	100.00%	Topaz	98.10%
Moonstone	95.30%	Sunstone	100.00%
Tanzanite	100.00%	Amethyst	97.80%
Turquoise	100.00%	Peridot	93.13%
Aquamarine	100.00%	Zultanite	97.28%
Amber	99.35%	Quartz	98.08%
Coral	96.79%		

**Whole School Target**  
96.5%

**Whole School Attendance**  
97.86%

## Weekly House Points Result

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

### Secondary School Applications

A reminder that 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**. KCC are hoping to get the Kent Test results to parents by the 26th November but this could be subject to change. As the results date is after the closing date for school applications you can therefore 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](mailto: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.

### Parent Council

A huge thank you to all the parents that have come forward to be rep's for their child's class. It's so important for parents to have a voice on school matters. We would confirm that the first meeting on Friday 9th October will be via Zoom from 1.30pm until 2.15pm. You will all shortly receive an invite to the meeting along with an agenda. We will also update the school website with the name of your class parent council rep in case you have any matters you would like to be raised. **We are still waiting for rep's for Pearl, and Sunstone so please contact the school office if you are interested.**

### Flu Vaccinations

The school nursing team will be in school on the 3rd November to give flu vaccinations to the children across all year groups. The letter giving parents all the details and a link for your permission or to advise you do not want your child vaccinated was emailed out earlier this week. See website link below for the letter :-

<https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6094&type=pdf>

### Road Safety

We would be grateful if parents could remind their children about road safety, especially if they walk to and from school on their own. We have done this in school this week too. If you drive your child to school could you please drive slowly and with caution on the roads round the school site. There are some great resources online that we use in school but that could also be accessed from home. <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/> and <https://www.brake.org.uk/parents> are particularly good sources of information.

### Safety

Some children are using the safety barrier at the end of the KS1 path on Lancel Lane as a climbing frame and sitting on the top of it. Please explain to your child why it is there and how it keeps them safe.

## Assistant Headteacher News

Hello everyone - Miss Burman here this week! It has been so lovely to welcome all the children back to school over the last few weeks. We are only three weeks in to Term 1 and yet they already seem very settled and have adapted brilliantly to their new routines, and the changes that we have made to ensure their safety at this time. We are also incredibly grateful to all parents who have been wearing face masks on and around the school gates. We are aware that social distancing can be difficult and feel that wearing a face mask can protect us all.

From this week, you may find that your child will be bringing home items from school, such as Learner of the Week certificates and reading books. Of course, if you do not feel comfortable receiving items from the school in the current climate, please let your child's class teacher know. We still request that items such as home learning journals and homework remain at home for the time being.

### Class assemblies

Although class assemblies will still be going ahead in school, we are unfortunately unable to invite parents in to watch in the current circumstances. Thank you for your understanding during this time.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Enjoy the weekend!

### EXTENDED SERVICES SCOPAY PAYMENT

If you have been using Extended services you will normally have received an invoice for this terms booked sessions. Due to Covid-19 we are trying not to send too much paper correspondence home to parents, therefore, please could I ask that you check your Breakfast and After School club balances by logging in to your Scopay accounts. The balances are calculated for this term subject to any additional bookings made outside of agreed days. Please ensure your balances are paid within the next 10 days. Kind regards. Mrs Penny Monksfield

### Learning Packs

At this time your child may not be in school for several reasons (e.g. awaiting for Covid test results or if their bubble is closed). We are therefore adding learning packs for your child to complete if you wish them to learn from home. This will be on the Home Learning tab on the school website <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=139>. To ensure your child is safe please read the statement below when learning online.

*I understand that my child needs a safe and appropriate place to access remote learning if school is closed/my child is absent in response to Covid-19. I will ensure my child's access to remote learning is appropriately supervised. If accessing video learning, I will ensure they are an appropriate location (e.g. not in bed) and that they are suitably dressed.*

### Reminder

We would like to remind parents and carers that our teachers at the end of the day are supervising the children leaving and are not available to discuss issues at this time. We need to encourage social distancing at all times and therefore any issues or queries you have with your child's class teacher should be emailed to them via the appropriate office.

### Absences and penalty notices.

Please note that as per our Attendance Policy, absence will only be authorised if exceptional. Planned absences, such as holidays are not generally regarded as exceptional. Penalty notices will be requested for any unauthorised absence of 5 days or more within any 50 day (term-time) period. Please also note that should a holiday during term-time result in an extended absence due to self-isolation upon return, we are unable to provide additional home learning material for your child to catch up with during this time. We do however provide a pack of work on our year group pages for children to access in periods of isolation or if a bubble needed to be closed.

### Hot Meals for KS1

We are delighted to be able to advise you that from the end of September we will be able to provide the KS1 cohort with hot school lunches. Dates are as follows: Year R will have hot lunches from Thursday 24th September. Year 1 and 2 will have hot lunches from Monday 28th September. Our aim is to offer hot school lunches to both KS1 and KS2 as soon as Covid-restrictions allow. For now our KS2 children will continue to receive the cold lunch-bag option if they require this. Information regarding when this is likely to change will be communicated to you as soon as we can.

### Communities

Please contact Clive @ H & F sports for any of your sports equipment needs , a local Independent retailer, specialists hockey, cricket etc. Pop along to Mill Street or phone for help and advise

Gabriela from Peridot class is raising money for the Little Princess Trust by cutting off 16 inches of her hair. The trust makes wigs for children who have lost their hair through treatment for cancer. She will be donating her hair as well as raising money to help pay for a wig to be made. If you would like to make a donation to Gabriela's fund raising, please see the link below.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gabriela-austen?utm\\_source=whatsapp&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=gabriela-austen&utm\\_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm\\_term=1b01878a9cdd4050a0aaacc97538f0cd](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gabriela-austen?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=gabriela-austen&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm_term=1b01878a9cdd4050a0aaacc97538f0cd)

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