



Loose Primary School Newsletter

9th October 2020



Head of School News

There have again been some amazing things happening in school this week. Have a look on Twitter. There is beautiful art work using creative techniques, active phonics, talented authors throughout KS1 and 2 plus Year 5s investigating how to spy effectively. We all need to watch out!

Personally, I would like to say thank you to those of you who have spoken to me on the gates this week. I have a mixture of emotions; sad to leave Loose after being associated with the school for so long but also excited to take up my post as Headteacher of Hunton in January. I have had the pleasure of working alongside special teams over the years; admin, teaching, support, catering and cleaning teams. Together they have all made Loose Primary the place it is today. To the children of Loose, you continue to make me smile and glow with pride. I'm still here until Christmas and intend to value and enjoy every moment until then.

I am hoping that you all received the letter this week about the daffodil bulbs we will be planting in memory of Mr Webb over the next two weeks. At that very tragic time there were bunches of bright, yellow daffodils in and outside our school. The thought is that each spring we will see daffodils around our school site and remember his work and amazing vision for our school.

We intend to start planting next week. Each year group has been allocated a different place on the school site to plant their bulbs (YR have crocus to plant as they are smaller and easier, also the children may not have known him.).

If at all possible, please send your child in with a trowel or bulb planter and gloves in a named plastic bag. Even if your child does not have any to bring in they will still have a chance to plant a bulb.

We are looking forward to seeing any Year 7 pupils who we know remember Mr Webb with great affection and respect on Thursday 15th October 3.45pm - 4.45pm where we will meet them at the main gate.

We hope that these flowers will come up each spring and serve as a lovely reminder for everyone.

Have a good 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

09 Oct - Parent Council Meeting - 1.30-2.15pm - via zoom
12 Oct - Onyx Class Assembly - sorry no parents
15 Oct - Kent 11+ Test
20 Oct - Year 5 Spy Day
21 Oct & 22 Oct - Parents Evening Consultations - please make sure you book your appointment
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
02 Nov - Deadline for online Secondary Applications
03 Nov - Flu Vaccinations for Year R to Year 6
05 Nov - Online applications for September 2021 Year R Intake open
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 - Deadline for changes to secondary applications
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	Tilly A
Opal	Coming soon!	Emerald	Ronnie B
Crystal	Coming soon!	Onyx	Liam F
Diamond	Erina W	Ruby	Rayhan H
Sapphire	Barnaby R	Topaz	Jaycee C
Moonstone	Millie S	Sunstone	Harrison B
Tanzanite	Harry M	Amethyst	Finlay W
Aquamarine	Henry S	Peridot	Charlotte A
Turquoise	Toby J	Zultanite	George M
Coral	Poppy O	Quartz	Ashley A
Amber	Harry P		

Emails

For any breakfast or after school club queries/bookings please email lasc.asc@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk

For message to class teachers regarding work please email:-
brook@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk for children in Years R, 1 and 2 use
orchard@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk for children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

For anything else please email office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk thank you.

MAIN SYMPTOMS OF COVID

a high temperature of 37.8 degrees – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

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Weekly Attendance

Opal	94.58%	Jade	93.13%
Crystal	99.98%	Emerald	98.44%
Pearl	98.31%	Ruby	98.04%
Diamond	98.30%	Onyx	97.81%
Sapphire	97.64%	Topaz	98.75%
Moonstone	98.67%	Sunstone	100.00%
Tanzanite	99.66%	Amethyst	97.85%
Turquoise	99.33%	Peridot	99.06%
Aquamarine	98.33%	Zultanite	98.13%
Amber	96.45%	Quartz	99.38%
Coral	99.33%		

Whole School Target
96.5%

Whole School Attendance
98.15%

Weekly House Points Result

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

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder 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 term. **The deadline for completing the online form is the 27th October.** See website link below for the letter:- <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6094&type=pdf>

Holiday Play Scheme

We still have spaces in our forthcoming Holiday Play Scheme which commences on Friday 23rd October until 30th October 2020. If you need to book any sessions, please visit our school website where you will find the facility to book your slot under Extended Services. The closing date for booking is 12th October 2020.

Year 5 Spy Day

On **Tuesday 20th October**, all Year 5 students who have successfully completed a series of missions in their initial training are invited to spend the day undergoing specialised training and participating in a series of Top Secret activities. These potential new recruits will be briefed in Orchard Hall by senior agents at precisely 09:00. All Secret Agent trainees are encouraged to wear appropriate undercover clothing to school on this day. This could be dark clothing with dark glasses, a disguise or an overcoat and hat. Any appropriate gadgets or devices may also be brought along to support training, at the owner's risk.

PTA News

A reminder about the return of our Lucky Lotto. We hope lots of you take part so that there is a wonderful donation for the children and a decent prize fund for you! As you are aware, Covid is putting many restrictions on the number of events that we can run this year which means it will be very difficult to raise as much money for the children so any support you can give on these occasions would be hugely appreciated. Please see this link for a reminder of the details for the Lucky Lotto. <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6155&type=pdf>

Tanzanite

Tanzanite have had super fun creating moon art this week. The children have learnt to shade and tone with sketching pencils to show the craters on the moon. They have tried to use line to create an image that is 3D and spherical. They then used chalk to develop their skills. Their results are brilliant and they are very proud of their moon art. Mrs Cottage

Bad Parking

We have had several more complaints today about a grey Toyota registration **GV59 PYU** who was yet again parked so far up on the pavement on Lancet Lane that parents with buggies had to walk onto the road to get round it. The traffic this morning was even busier than usual due to the road closure too which made this even more dangerous. We have again passed this onto the PCSO.



Assistant Headteacher News

Hello everyone - Miss Burman here again this week! It has been another great week here at Loose. The children continue to impress us daily with their resilience and hard-work.

Just a few reminders from me this week...

1. This year for Harvest, we are collecting donations for the Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter and will be accepting these up until Friday 23rd October. If you have anything to donate, please put the items in the boxes that can be found on the KS1 playground and at the main entrance.
2. Could you please ensure that water bottles and lunch boxes are washed frequently (daily if possible) to ensure that we are minimising the spread of germs in school. I know that this is something many of you are doing anyway so thank you for your continued support.
Miss Burman

Harvest Festival and Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter Donations

A reminder we are collecting donations for the Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter who aim to provide comfort and support for the homeless and give them the opportunity for a brighter future. Due to current restrictions, the shelter are unable to offer overnight accommodation for the local community but the charity are working hard to provide a hot meal each evening from Monday 4th January – Sunday 28th March. Below is a list of items that you can donate.

Food items: any tinned/packet foods preferably with a long shelf life, tea bags, coffee, sugar, hot chocolate sachets, breakfast bars, cereal pots.
Hygiene items: antibacterial sprays, tissues, hand gel, reusable face masks, knickers/pants – men's and ladies (all sizes)
Other items: puzzle books, pencils with erasers, adult colouring books and coloured pencils.

We will be collecting in donations **until Friday 23rd October** as the items will need to be kept for 72 hours to decontaminate before sending them to the shelter. Any donations will be greatly received especially during the current climate and cold winter months. Thank you.

Secondary School Applications

A reminder that online applications for secondary school admissions opened on the 1st September and the national closing date for all online applications is midnight on the 2nd November. The Kent Test results will be emailed to parents on 26th November from 4pm. 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. Applications can be amended up to the 11th December by emailing kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk. 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 - LAST REMINDER

Please note this Monday 12th October is the deadline for handing the paperwork into school if you are completing a scholarship for your child's admission to secondary school (e.g. Valley Park Art Scholarship). This allows us time for the school section to be completed and ready to collect on the last day of term, Thursday 22nd October from the main office. We do need the application booklet to stick our section in and sign.

Year 3

Year Three have thoroughly enjoyed writing their own versions of 'Into The Forest' by Anthony Browne. They have included similes, expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials to make their writing super descriptive! We have been so impressed with their enthusiasm and creativity to make their stories come alive with their own unique characters...

Lost Property

Can you please ensure that all your child's belongings are named including school uniform, lunch boxes, water bottles and all other items brought into school. This means items that are found can be returned to their rightful owner instead of ending up in a lost property box. Thank you.

Communities

Gymfinity Kids is fast becoming the UK's number one destination for children's gymnastics, Ninja Knights classes, birthday parties, holiday camps, and more! We're excited to announce a wide range of structured gymnastics classes now available to the Maidstone area. All of our classes are designed to inspire a love of movement and children are taught by qualified gymnastics and ninja coaches. Children of all ages are welcome at Gymfinity Kids. Our classes start with pre-school gymnastics, advancing all the way to our special ninja knights classes and advanced gymnastics. Throughout their time at Gymfinity Kids, your child will develop a wealth of fundamental skills such as balance, coordination and flexibility in a state of the art facility. You can find us at the back of Newnham Court Shopping Village, Bearsted Road, ME14 5EL alternatively find us online at <https://www.gymfinitykids.com> or call us on 01622 291410.

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