



Loose Primary School Newsletter



6th November 2020

Headteacher News

Well it is the end of another strange week where again we find ourselves in lockdown but at least we are able to stay open as a school so there at least is some consistency for the children and they can continue to learn and be with their friends. Even with all the worries about the spread of COVID the first week of term 2 has been a truly wonderful one. Oh to be a 5/7/10 year old again - the children all seem to be having a wonderful time in school and it is a small pleasure to know we are all protecting our children from the worries of the world at the moment.

Please be assured that we have a very thorough risk assessment to ensure we keep the risks of catching or spreading the virus as low as we possibly can in school. You can always access the most up to date version here should you wish to read it <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=COVID&pid=211>

Isolation

We have contacted a few families this week to check if they are isolating when asked to do so through test and trace after a positive case. We do expect parents to respect the health of all in the school and local community and abide by these rules. We would (as you would expect) report any such cases to Public Health England to seek and follow their advice if we thought any rules had been broken.

Remote learning

As per my letter at the end of last term we have all set up learning on google classrooms this term should children need to self-isolate or if we need to close a bubble. There is at least 10 days worth of lessons on the platform for you to access should you need to. Please note that learning will only be able to be marked online and feedback be given if a bubble were closed as the teachers are otherwise fully timetabled teaching the rest of the children that are in school. I hope you have all managed to log on and see your child's class and information on there. Please do contact your teacher via the brook & orchard emails if you cannot access your area.

Lockdown

We have made some adjustments to school life to make things even safer in school. Unfortunately, this has meant that we have cancelled swimming for Year 3 pupils and our lettings for swimming. All lettings are cancelled along with music teachers coming in to offer children lessons either individually or as groups. We have limited volunteers and visitors to the school even more and ensure all staff training and meetings are held in bubble groups or virtually. We thank you for your understanding regarding these matters

Sorry this seems to be a section about COVID this week but you would perhaps expect this this week.

Have a quiet but lovely weekend at home.

Sarah Holman

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

Dates



Term 2 -

- 11 Nov - Kittle Photography taking KS1 Individual & Class Photos
- 12 Nov - Kittle Photography in taking KS2 Individual & Class Photos (excl Y6)
- 13 Nov - Children in Need Day
- 18 Nov - Amethyst Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - **sorry no parents**
- 24 Nov - Sunstone Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - **sorry no parents**
- 26 Nov - Kent 11+ Test Results from 4pm
- 01 Dec - Topaz Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - **sorry no parents**
- 09 Dec - Year R Nativity to parents & siblings 9.30am Brook Hall - **arrangement to be confirmed - will be done virtually**
- 10 Dec - Year R Nativity to parents 2.00pm Brook Hall - **arrangement to be confirmed - will be done virtually**
- 11 Dec - Deadline for changes to secondary applications
- 11 Dec - Parent Council Meeting 2.15pm - **via Zoom**
- 15 Dec - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
- 18 Dec - Christmas Services All Saints Church - **via Zoom**
- 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	Back soon!	Jade	William R
Opal	Back soon!	Emerald	Owen A
Crystal	Back soon!	Onyx	Rhymer W
Diamond	Chloe E	Ruby	Ava W
Sapphire	Blakely R	Topaz	Joshua S
Moonstone	Amelia K	Sunstone	Bethany B
Tanzanite	Dexter F	Amethyst	James D
Aquamarine	Poppy P	Peridot	Stuart M
Turquoise	Scarlett S	Zultanite	Joel R
Coral	Amelie D	Quartz	Rachel V
Amber	Isabelle K		

Children in Need - Friday 13th November



We are taking part in the Children in Need Duck Race 2020! In class, the children will be looking at the ducks who will be racing this year. The children will be able to enter the competition by paying 50p on Scopay. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept cash due to current school guidelines. You will be able to pay to enter the competition until the **afternoon of Thursday 12th November**. Next Friday morning, they will be able to choose 1 of 20 ducks competing in this year's virtual race. All children will be watching the 2020 duck race in the afternoon. The children who have chosen a winning duck will receive a certificate and a small prize. All money received will be donated to Children in Need.

We also have a non-uniform day next Friday for a donation to Children in Need. A further email will follow regarding how you can donate to the charity using our online paying system. We have decided to keep the theme nice and simple this year to avoid anyone having to rush out and buy anything to avoid unnecessary travel in the current circumstances. Therefore, we simply ask your child wears something yellow if they own something yellow and if not, just wear their own clothes.

COVID UPDATE

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other

- Wash hands keep washing your hands regularly
- Cover face wear a face covering
- Make space and stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

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Weekly Attendance

Opal	98.28%	Jade	97.45%
Crystal	96.67%	Emerald	98.75%
Pearl	98.00%	Ruby	96.45%
Diamond	97.33%	Onyx	98.72%
Sapphire	98.66%	Topaz	98.74%
Moonstone	100.00%	Sunstone	100.00%
Tanzanite	99.00%	Amethyst	91.30%
Turquoise	97.97%	Peridot	97.42%
Aquamarine	99.33%	Zultanite	97.50%
Amber	98.65%	Quartz	99.37%
Coral	91.12%		

Whole School Target
96.5%

Whole School Attendance
97.63%

Term 1 House Points Results

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

PTA News

Your child(ren) should have brought home information for this year's Christmas Art project before half term. Due to the Covid restrictions we are unable to go into school to help the children create their artwork this year so we are relying on the children completing their pictures at home. Their design will be able to be made into Christmas cards, labels, water bottles etc.

Orders must be placed by midnight on **Wednesday 11th November**. Any orders placed after this date will be classed as a late order and will be subject to a handling and postage fee. The artwork must then be returned to school by **Friday 13th November**. Remember that APFS cannot create printed items without the artwork! Benefits to ordering online include being able to personalise your items with your child's name and/or school, creating your own custom greeting(s), and secure payment by debit or credit card. If you have any questions about the project, please email loosepta@yahoo.co.uk or speak to Art Projects for Schools directly on 0800 027 1939.

Kittle Photographs

We are pleased to confirm that Kittle Photography will be joining us to take our school photographs next week on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November 2020. The KS1 children will have their pictures taken on the Wednesday with KS2 children, **excluding year 6**, on the Thursday. We are hoping to take the Year 6 individual and year group pictures next summer. Due to social distancing, the class photographs will be taken in a traditional style and not a posed long picture. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform, including cardigan, ties and jumpers. Many thanks.

Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter Donations

A huge thank you for all your donations for the Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter. There was enough donations to fill up 3 big cars which was wonderful and will help people much less fortunate this winter during the cold months.

Children's Hospital Charity

Thank you for the lovely pyjama donations for The Children's Hospital Charity. There is a box at the Lancet Lane gate and one at the main gate for further donations. All donations go to children in hospitals as per the letter sent home before the end of last term. Many thanks, Mrs Bremerkamp



Remembrance Day 2020

During Lockdown, Loose Primary School celebrated VE Day by holding socially distanced street parties and sharing photos of this event on Twitter. This video clip is a reminder of those warmer times. <https://video.link/w/vgKE?src=syt> A suggestion for **Remembrance Sunday** (8th November) and **Armistice Day** (Wednesday 11th November) would be to make a poppy/poppies or a picture of a poppy/poppies and put it in your window as a mark of respect. You could take a photo of your child holding your poppy/poppy picture or take a photo of your picture in your window. Parents could then tweet the picture on our Loose Primary School Twitter page. It would be great to fill the school Twitter feed with images of the poppies you have made. Mrs Whittaker (History Lead)

Assistant Headteacher News

Mobile phones

We have found many KS2 children walking both in and out of school using their mobile phones this week. Please could you remind your child that they should only be bringing their phone into school if they absolutely need it (e.g - they walk home alone) and that if they do bring it in, it must be switched off at all times on the school premises. Thank you for your co-operation.

Reading books

We are trying to limit items being passed between school and home, but we understand that many children would like to bring a reading book home from school. We are happy for this to happen as teachers are 'quarantining' returned books for three days before they are put back in the class book corner. If your child has not yet brought a reading book home from school, please speak to their class teacher via brook and orchard emails.

Have a good weekend.
Miss Burman

Year R Admissions for September 2020

If you have a child due to start in Year R in September 2021 we would advise that online applications are now open for parents wanting to apply. The closing date is midnight on the 15th January 2021. Applications should, where possible, be made online using www.kent.gov.uk/ola. Offer day is 16th April 2021 where you will be offered a school for your child. Please see www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions for full details or contact Mrs Thomson in the school office should you have any enquiries.

Please see our Admissions page by clicking on the link below where you can find an admissions flyer with dates and deadlines and a PowerPoint. We are hoping to get our virtual tour on there too next week. There will be a link on the front page of the website too when it's available.

<https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=15>

Snacks

A reminder that if children bring snacks into school for their break they must be healthy snacks like fruit or vegetables, raisins, cereal bars (nut free) or plain biscuits. Please do not send chocolate or crisps in. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

PE Kits

Children should bring their PE kits in on the first day of term and then leave them and take them home on the last day of term. This is to ensure they have them for their PE lessons each week. Children in KS2 must have football boots and shin pads as well as their normal PE kit. The children in Year 1 and 2 need their normal PE kit. All children must have a hoody and tracksuit bottoms too as part of their PE kit to stay warm in the cold weather.

Year 6 parents

For the next two terms, we will be reading 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll as our core text for our World War 2 topic. Although we do have some copies in school we do not have enough for one per child so if you would like to purchase your child their own copy and send one in to be kept in school that would be great. The Year 6 Team

Hot Dinners

A reminder that Contract Dining will be providing hot meals again for children in Years 3 to 6 from next week. Please can all parents ensure they book on the ParentPay system if a hot meal is required. We also require parents whose children have free school meals to book on the ParentPay system however when you checkout the balance will be zero. This is to ensure the kitchen have the correct daily/weekly numbers of hot meals required. The menu can be found on the school website <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6189&type=pdf> The menu next week is Week 1 with pizza on Monday - a popular choice!

School Office - delivery of forgotten items

Please do not drop off forgotten items for the office staff to deliver to your child after the start of the school day. This is to reduce cross contamination and staff having to enter other bubbles to deliver the items. Children should be encouraged to take responsibility for their own things as part of growing up and as a preparation for their next school if older pupils. Our thanks to all parents who have supported office staff in this matter - your help is much appreciated.

Extended Services Invoices

Please be advised that the invoices for extended services will again not be sent out on paper this term. Please could I ask you to refer to your Scopay account for any balances outstanding and pay within the next seven days. Any queries can be raised with Mrs Monksfield on 01622 743549 or Lasc.Asc@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk Many thanks.

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