



Loose Primary School Newsletter



13th November 2020

Head of School News

What a 'quackers' day we have had for Children in Need today! It has been special seeing the compassion children showed in their understanding of making others' lives better. Mrs Weston organised the Children in Need virtual duck race. Who would have guessed this time last year that children would loudly be cheering for Ducktor Who, Vincent quack Gogh, James Pond and Matt Beaker in a virtual duck race? Thank you for all your support.

It has also been wonderful to see how the school marked the very special occasion of Armistice Day. The children approached the subject with great maturity, empathy and had a true understanding of its significance. Thank you to Diamond Class who quietly left a painted poppy on a pebble and a compassionate message by every door in the school. What a beautiful thought!

We do encourage the children to be aware of current affairs and the world around them so programmes such as Newsround are great starting points for discussion.

National Road Safety Week
Next week is National Road Safety week. With evenings getting darker please remind your child of the importance of road safety and being seen. We will be discussing this next week.

Our supportive PTA are creatively arranging to raise funds. Thank you for your Christmas Card orders as every little bit helps. Their AGM was held remotely this week and we would like to express our gratitude for the time commitment given by such a small group of parents and the passion they show for supporting the school whilst looking after their own families and navigating Covid restrictions.

Finally, one bonus of this second lockdown is that it is stopping that mad Christmas shopping rush. Instead, my family has been making the most of autumn walks. Can your children find acorns, name trees, make a pile of leaves to then jump into? Let's help our children have some great memories of their childhood.

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 2 -

- 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	Emily H
Opal	Back soon!	Emerald	Ilias L
Crystal	Back soon!	Onyx	Jonathan V
Diamond	Demi M	Ruby	Robbie H
Sapphire	Harry R	Topaz	Jessica W
Moonstone	Theo W	Sunstone	Betsy C
Tanzanite	Mai-Lan B	Amethyst	Violet S James D
Aquamarine	Arabella S	Peridot	Ben D
Turquoise	Teddy R	Zultanite	Caiden W
Coral	Evainne-Ava W	Quartz	Harry W
Amber	Isabella R		

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week is next week, Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November. To mark the beginning of Anti-bullying week we would like to ask you to dress your child in **odd socks (as bright as possible!!!)** on Monday. In every class during the week we will be raising awareness about bullying and the children will be involved in discussions and various activities around this extremely important issue! Many thanks for your continued support. No donation required for this. From Tracy Smith and Sarah Weston



New Assistant Headteacher

We are delighted to welcome Mr Chris Hogwood to our team from January 2021. He will work alongside our current leaders and will be a member of the senior leadership team alongside Mrs Holman, Mr Farley, Miss Burman and Mr Johnson. Mr Hogwood brings a wealth of experience and currently is a leader at Claremont Primary School in Royal Tunbridge Wells.

COVID UPDATE

Please find the link below for the most up to date guidance for parents and carers on what they need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. This update provides information on the national restrictions that came into force on 5 November, the latest advice for clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people and advice on the use of face coverings in education settings.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=12%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%

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Weekly Attendance

Opal	98.95%	Jade	98.06%
Crystal	100.00%	Emerald	98.75%
Pearl	100.00%	Ruby	99.02%
Diamond	100.00%	Onyx	99.35%
Sapphire	100.00%	Topaz	99.38%
Moonstone	100.00%	Sunstone	100.00%
Tanzanite	100.00%	Amethyst	92.26%
Turquoise	100.00%	Peridot	97.74%
Aquamarine	99.67%	Zultanite	99.06%
Amber	99.38%	Quartz	99.67%
Coral	97.00%		

Whole School Target
96.5%

Whole School Attendance
98.96%

Term 2 House Points Results

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

Kittle Photographs

I am pleased to confirm that all KS1 and KS2 children that were in attendance on the mornings of Wednesday 11th November and Thursday 12th November have had their photographs taken. The individual pictures should be available in 3 to 5 days time for you to view using the QR code on the Individual Photo Ticket. These will be sent home with your child by the end of the week. The class photographs will be available to view hopefully next week - QR tickets for these will be sent home separately once received. Any queries, please contact the school office on 01622 743549.

Year R admissions 2021

We hope you have seen our virtual tour here <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=15> we would like to thank Mr Farley and the Y6 prefects who helped make the video and Y4 children who filmed Mrs Holman (many times to get the final take!) and of course YR pupils and staff for showcasing what we can offer prospective parents at Loose.

Parking

While staff were manning the Year 4/6 gate this week some parents were seen driving up onto the path on the yellow zig zag lines to drop their children off. This is extremely dangerous and puts the safety of children and parents at risk. Please do not stop here to drop your child off.

Gates

Please note that we may shut the Loose Road gates at 8.55am (not 9am) if there are no children around now the weather is getting colder / wetter. If your child arrives after this time and the gates are closed please just buzz at the main gate. The office will open the gate so your child can walk in and enter their class via the main reception and get to their class safely.

Children's Hospital Charity

Thank you for the lovely pyjama donations for The Children's Hospital Charity. There is a box at the Lancel 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



PTA News

The PTA are delighted that all children will have the opportunity to purchase a Christmas gift for their parents / carers this year. Each gift will cost £2. Cashless payments will be required please. All payments will need to be made in advance and the deadline is **Friday 27th November**. The PTA will be sending full details home early next week. The children will be able to choose their gifts at school and bring them home w/c 7th Dec. Please note that all gifts will be quarantined for at least 72 hours before they are distributed to each classroom / bubble. Due to these measures being in place we will be unable to accept any late orders after **27th November** deadline. Thank you for your support and understanding. We hope all the children love taking part in this event. Due to the busy and expensive time of year, we have decided to postpone our raffle until after Christmas—look out for more information in the new year.

After School Club Reminder

We would remind parents that when you are collecting your child from the After School Club can you please make yourself known to the person on reception in Orchard building. Parents should not walk onto site and down to Brook building without a member of staff being made aware. Many thanks,

Assistant Headteacher News

Your children have been working exceptionally hard as always, with a particular focus on Remembrance this week. Many Year Groups have focused on exploring school values, and we have also been quite lucky with the weather this week, meaning many children have used the school grounds to carry out exciting learning tasks.

Please continue to use the home learning resources whenever possible, including TT Rockstars and Bug Club. Of course, real books are great too, and chanting tables on the way to school is still a great way to learn them.

For those parents dropping off at Lancel Lane, we think the new arrangement of 'drop and go' is working brilliantly, and your feedback suggests this too. The playground is more empty than usual and children are getting into classrooms much more quickly. Thank you for all your help with this.

Have a great weekend

Ben Farley

Year R Admissions for September 2021

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.

Google Classroom

Before half term we emailed all parents advising you that the government had passed a law which became active stating that every school must have home learning available in case of isolation or lockdown. The facility we have chosen to use is Google Classroom. This facility does give children the opportunity to post replies to teacher comments, or message the teacher to ask for help. For this reason, we attached an acceptable use policy which we asked you to go through with your child regarding how to use our online programs safely. We have now put a link below for parents that will allow you to 'digitally sign' the attached agreement, confirming you have read and understood this.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ClyzJRppUWVU-mXyitG0cYiGwHNp5RPqbm0i-XVLadUMIZTWtk1M0RKOfdKNkq0S1Y1U0IMNU0zMC4u>
This online form needs to be signed by a parent/carer for each child in school, no later than Tuesday 17th November.

Reading Wishlist

You will have received a newsletter from Miss Burman and Miss Pye today, letting you know of all the exciting things we are doing at school involving reading! On this newsletter we gave details of an Amazon Wishlist for the school. We are regularly asked by parents, carers, grandparents and friends of the school as to how you can support us to continue to provide a rich, wide-ranging curriculum and a high standard of education. If you would like, and are able, to support the school and your child's education, please buy one of the books on our Amazon wishlist (link below). This will arrive at the school a few days later and be added to the children's classroom libraries. Thank you!

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2V5F26XLP2TL?ref=wl_share

Hot Meals

We are pleased to advise that everything has run smoothly this week with the return to hot meal for KS2 children. These are now being provided across the whole school. If your child would like a hot meal during these cold winter months the menu can be found on the school website using the following link:- <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6189&type=pdf>. Payments and orders for children in Years 3 to 6 should be made via ParentPay.

Children in Need - Friday 13th November

Thank you to all the children today for entering into the fun by coming to school in their own clothes and participating in the Duck Race! Thank you also to all the parents that pre-ordered Pudsey badges. We have raised lots of money for this amazing charity that helps change young lives around the UK. We shall give you the final total soon.

The Year R team went totally 'quackers' today! The children did some lovely duck pictures and some Pudsey colouring in.



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