



# Loose Primary School Newsletter

## 26th February 2021



### Headteacher News

It has been a wonderful start to Term 4 at Loose with lovely weather and great learning seen in our classes online. We are always pleased to share the wonderful learning the children are doing at Loose. Our leaders are regularly checking learning on Google Classrooms and we tweet each week a sample from each class. Do make sure you have a look. We are very proud of the great learning that goes on even though children are not all able to be in school. Well done to families at home.

We are delighted to be able to offer more normal schooling from Monday 8 March. A separate letter was sent this week to detail arrangements for all pupils to return to school.

#### Dress down Fridays

These have been a huge success and to celebrate 'back to school' and let everyone join in we propose to continue the arrangement until the Easter holidays so everyone can join in. Friday 19 March is Comic Relief day so this is a non-uniform day anyway (more info to follow) but we feel this is a lovely way to celebrate the end of each week we are back to school this term

#### World Book Day – 4th March (Next Thursday!)

This year we have again decided to host a vocabulary parade for World Book day! We will celebrate by dressing up as the definition of a word both online and if we are in school. Please do join us in the fun. Have a little search of 'Vocabulary parade' and see what inspiration you come across. We are also very much looking forward to sharing our books with you as 'masked' characters. You will be able to guess who is who and much more fun too planned...

#### School improvements

Just to keep you informed the holidays are an incredibly busy time for our site team. So much goes on when we are not in school to allow for improvements, decoration, etc. This holiday a number of classrooms have had new furniture (Y1 and Y3), many areas of the school have had new carpets and of course outside the new outdoor classroom and trim trail is now complete. We have also had new drains put into the KS2 playground to hopefully stop large puddles forming and stopping ball games in the wet (very important to the children!) and the toilet is finished too in the swimming pool so this is nice and new and DDA compliant also so all swimmers can use it safely.

#### Admissions

We are delighted that over 100 families have applied for a reception place at Loose as their first choice this year. The total choices were again over 200 and show the popularity of our amazing school.

#### Return to school

Our nurture team and all staff are looking forward to ensuring all children have a safe and settled time in their return to school on Monday 8 March. Please rest assured that we are offering lots of support to any child who feels anxious or who just needs some TLC at this time – we are there for your children every step of the way to make sure they are well cared for and well supported by us.

#### Uniform

A couple of parents have asked about outgrown uniform and shoes and the difficulty in having shoe fittings. Whilst we very much encourage school uniform is worn from 8 March of course we understand the difficulties if your child has had a growth spurt since December! With the road map opening retail from 12 April we do therefore ask that if for any reason uniform needs to be slightly adjusted until after the holidays this is fine, but after the holiday we do request full uniform is worn by all children. Mrs Dutch and the PTA are setting up a second hand uniform purchase shop for next week in case you need some good quality low cost items – more info to come from Mrs Dutch on how this will work. Thank you for your understanding.

Have a great weekend  
Sarah Holman

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

### Dates



- 01 Mar - National Secondary School Offer Day - emails from 4pm
- 02 Mar - Sapphire Class Assembly - 11.30am via Google Meet more info to follow
- 04 Mar - World Book Day
- 05 Mar - Diamond Class Assembly - 11.30am via Google Meet more info to follow
- 05 Mar - Moonstone Class Assembly - 11.30am via Google Meet more info to follow - **CHANGE OF DATE PLEASE NOTE!**
- 08-12 Mar - British Science Week
- 19 Mar - Comic Relief Day
- 19 Mar - Parent Council Meeting - via Zoom 1.30-2.15pm
- 24 Mar - Parent Evening Consultation 4-7pm via zoom - more info to follow
- 25 Mar - Parent Evening Consultation 4-7pm via zoom - more info to follow
- 01 Apr - Easter Services at All Saints Church - virtual service
- 01 Apr - Last day of term - children return to school 19 April

#### World Book Day

World Book Day will be taking place on 4th March 2021 this year which means that for many of us it will be a virtual event. This year, we will be continuing our vocabulary parade tradition and encourage you to begin thinking about which word you may wish to represent in costume form! We will be sharing lots more exciting details with you in the weeks ahead but for now we suggest you browse through this fantastic PDF full of creative and original words to get you in-spired: [https://www.scholastic.com/content/dam/teachers/blogs/alycia-zimmerman/migrated-files/vparade\\_frasierwordlist.pdf](https://www.scholastic.com/content/dam/teachers/blogs/alycia-zimmerman/migrated-files/vparade_frasierwordlist.pdf)



#### World Book Day Vouchers

As we now know that all children will be back in school very soon, we will be sending home paper copies of the £1 World Book Day vouchers during the week beginning 8th March. Most book retailers have kindly agreed that they will extend the deadline to use these vouchers until the end of March.

#### Rope Needed!

Mrs Planck needs some rope for an exciting rainforest display that she is working on this term! If you have any lengths of rope that you no longer need then please could they be sent in by Monday 15 March, via your child. Any thickness of rope is fine, although nothing too thick or heavy as they will be turned into hanging vines! Many thanks.

#### Channel 4 Junior Bake Off

Channel 4 have recently opened applications for the 7<sup>th</sup> series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. They have asked schools to help spread the word. They are looking for young budding bakers between 9-15 years old. Filming would take place from July 2021, but our applications close on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Interested bakers can apply online at: [www.appl4forjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.appl4forjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)



#### Music Lessons Resuming!

We are delighted to let you know that in line with government guidance, along with our risk assessment, guitar and piano lessons will resume week beginning 8th March. Music teachers will contact parents directly with a timetable of lessons for your children.

### PTA News

#### PTA update

We had our PTA meeting this week and discussed some great ideas now that things look like they are improving so watch this space for family events that we hope to run in the summer. We are planning a 'No Rules Day' on Friday 30 April that the school council will be key in helping with and also have planned a circus visit next year that had been postponed due to COVID restrictions. You will hear soon about our amazing Spring raffle and how to buy tickets to help raise much needed funds to buy great things for your children. The meeting this time was just a core group of 6 dedicated Mums – we cannot thank you enough for your time, dedication and commitment to the PTA and are so grateful to you for continually finding ways to raise money for Loose Primary School. Thank you so much.

Congratulations to this month's Lucky Lotto winner, Mrs Shirley Finnegan. We hope you enjoy spending your £43! Thank you so much for your support.

#### Road Crossing Patrol

We are hoping to have Mr Woods, the Road Crossing Patrol, back from Monday 8th March at the main entrance to the school.

### Assistant Headteacher News

Mr Johnson writing to you this week! I want to start by saying I hope you all had an amazing half term and got to spend as much time outside as you could. I am a big believer that getting outside and exploring is the very best way to spend a day. My wellies and trainers are mud covered and I still can't stop myself climbing a tree whenever I see one that looks like a good climbing tree. This leads me nicely on to the Loose In Lockdown photography competition because I want to say a HUGE well done!! The entries we've received are amazing and Mrs Furniss and I couldn't believe the amazing quality of photos we got from across the school. What we have done is shortlisted the entries to one winner per class and are going to ask children in school to pick the final winner for each year group (like we did for the Bake Off) and Mr Johnson will announce the winner in an assembly next week. We are also working closely with Mrs Planck to decide on how best to showcase all the amazing entries in one nature themed display.



Finally, I am so pleased with the new equipment we've had installed in the woodland walk. This was an area we've been keen to develop for a few years and the new equipment we've added to the area looks amazing and will benefit the children at Loose for many years to come. My particularly favourite is the covered area we have installed which will act as a lovely setting for outdoor learning, story times and roleplay.

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