



Loose Primary School Newsletter

5th March 2021



Headteacher News

As we come to the end of remote learning at home now that pupils can all return to school, we are looking forward to next week and seeing everyone again. We would like to take this opportunity to thank children at home and at school for showing such determination, respect for others online (and in person) and resilience in their learning. What wonderful children we have here at Loose and a big thank you to parents and carers for supporting your children whether at home or in school.

Parent testing for COVID

You will have heard in the news that parents are able to test themselves to keep the community safe. We sent you a separate email earlier in the week with information of how to get these if you are interested in home testing yourself.

Return to school

Please refer to our letter here <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6388&type=pdf> and responses to queries from parents here <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6402&type=pdf>

Gates and Timings for March 2021 onwards

We have decided to operate a more 'normal' drop off and collection facility to make things easier than previously, especially for families with siblings. We hope this helps everyone be as safe as they can be whilst entering and leaving via a gate that is easiest for them to use.

Start / Finish for EY and KS1 chn	Lancet Lane gate – Brook Playground / YR playground *	Start / Finish for KS2 chn	Main gate for collection at end of day unless meeting parent off site as they then can leave from any gate	Y4/6 gate for collection at end of day unless meeting parent off site as they then can leave from any gate
8.40 am / 2.40pm	Y2	8.40-9am trickle in - 3.00pm	Y3	Y4
8.50am / 2.50pm	Y1	8.40-9am trickle in - 3.10pm	Y5	Y6
9am / 3.00pm	YR*			

YR, Y1 and Y2 classes if entering via Lancet Lane gate with parent. Drop pupil at time shown and leave site immediately (children will walk straight in to classes as individuals / in groups, no need to line up). If you prefer to drop your child and any siblings at a different gate this is fine to do so from 8.40-9am as part of the trickle in system. Please note, parents of infant pupils only are allowed on site via the Lancet Lane gate. The other 3 gates are for drop off / collection only. KS2 children via any of the 4 gates and those entering site from Lancet Lane gate with no adults can do so and go straight to their classroom via lower cloakroom (Y3/5 chn) Y6 door or Y4 classroom doors from 8.40-9am as part of the trickle in system. Younger children are also welcome to enter their classrooms if dropped at any gate in this trickle in time without parents accompanying them.

Breaches of government guidelines

Thank you for your positive feedback regarding keeping the community safe. Each case will be looked at on an individual basis and discussed with the parents or staff member concerned.

World Book Day

We had a wonderful virtual and in school day – thank you so much for joining in our many activities to share our love of reading and great books. We definitely have learnt lots of new vocabulary to be trying out in our speech and writing. Fabulous and thank you so much to Miss Burman and Miss Pye for organising it for everyone to enjoy.

IMPORTANT - Secondary School Parent Appeals

Further to the secondary school offers on Monday, if you are planning on doing a parent appeal and would like a letter from the school to support this, you must let the school office know no later than Friday 12th March. Mrs Holman will co-ordinate these requests but if you would like us to include anything specific, any achievements or have input from a particular teacher, please let us know as soon as possible so these can be included in the letter. Mrs Holman will have the letter ready for your collection on Monday 29th March.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Sarah Holman

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

Dates



- 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

Term 5

- 19 Apr - Back to school
- 20 Apr - PTA Meeting 8pm - Zoom link to follow
- 30 Apr - Non uniform day
- 03 May - Bank Holiday - school closed
- 04 May - Pearl Class Assembly
- 18 May - Crystal Class Assembly
- 21 May - Parent Council Meeting via zoom 1.30-2.15pm
- 25 May - Opal Class Assembly
- 28 May - Last day of school - children return 8th June (7th June Staff Training Day)

World Book Day Vouchers

As we now know that all children will be back in school next week, 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.



Spellings - School Website

Your children's spellings for Term 4 are now on our school website for your reference. You can find them by clicking on the link below. Please do use the website to practice spellings with your child at home, rather than requesting a paper copy from teachers. We are trying to limit things being passed to and from school. Thanks for your co-operation. <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Spelling&pid=66a>

Camouflage Nets

As you will have seen in last weeks newsletter and on Twitter, we have invested in our Woodland Walk area this year with some amazing new equipment. As part of the installation, we have had two tepee frames built for the children to use. We are hoping this will encourage imaginative play and den building. In light of this, I am asking if you have any camouflage nets (see picture) or anything similar at home that you don't use any more and would like to donate that would be amazing. If so, please send into the office FAO Mr Johnson. We are also looking out for high vis jackets and hard hats. If you know anyone who'd be willing to donate or sponsor some of this equipment please contact the school office FAO Mr Johnson.



PE Kits

We understand that Monday will be the first time back in school for many children and PE kits may have been in the school the whole time and need to be washed. Children will still have PE lessons next week and therefore could you please send your children in PE kit as close to the school uniform expectations as possible. We understand with shops being closed that new kit buying will be difficult so we understand if some children are wearing different PE kit.

Comic Relief

The theme for Comic Relief 2021 is Superheroes so we are going to ask children (if they would like to) to **dress up as a Superhero** on Comic Relief Day which is Friday 19th March 2021. As always, we ask for a voluntary contribution for this. This contribution can be paid for via Scopy which will open on the morning of Friday 19th March and close the following Friday to give you plenty of time to donate. We will tweet some ideas for dressing up over the next two weeks and will promote with children in classrooms. Any size of donation is very welcome, it all counts towards this amazing charity.



TT Rockstars - a new feature - introducing Jamming mode

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables. We have seen excellent use of this during school closures and can see the excellent progress being made. There are many modes on the platform which children can select for practising their times tables which they will be familiar with but our eagle-eyed users will have spotted a new mode on the platform called jamming mode launched during the half term. If children prefer, they can now practise without the pressure of the clock and pick their own times tables, choosing whether to focus on multiplication or division. If you haven't tried it yet then make sure you log in and have a go.

PTA News

Spring Raffle

We now have over 50 prizes up for grabs in our Spring Raffle, which will be drawn on 26th March by Mrs Holman. Tickets are £1 each and available now! Please see email that went out for details on purchasing tickets. Please do ask friends and family too. Good luck!

Assistant Headteacher News

Hello everyone, it is Mr Hogwood here this week. I cannot believe it is March already, where does the time go?! I appreciate some children will be excited about the return to school on Monday and some will be a little apprehensive, all these feelings are perfectly natural and normal. Please do look at the poster (Preparing Your Child for the Return to School) attached in the email, which may help you with some discussions with your child over the weekend (it is also on our website under letters home and our COVID section). All our teachers, teaching assistants and other adults working in the school are there to support your child in this situation, and are looking forward to seeing each one of their class return safely to school.

I have been so impressed with the dedication on Google Classroom by both the children and staff providing a range of activities for the children to engage in. In the not too distant future we will be introducing a new whole school wellbeing initiative that will help support the children's understanding and provide them with the skills needed to look after their own wellbeing and that of others. Look out for some monsters appearing around school! I am very much looking forward to meeting all your children next week, have a great weekend and stay safe.

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Nurture Update March 2021

Sorry we were late this morning. My son had bumps in his socks!



Being a mum to both a boy and a girl, I can totally relate to this! We know that getting your children back to school and into a routine again may raise all sorts of challenges. Stay strong—you will no doubt have nailed it by week 1 or possibly even day 1!

We are all very excited about welcoming back all 650+ children on Monday. I just wanted to reassure you that any feelings of worry/angst will soon ease in the first week or so. The children will soon feel safe and secure again with all their friends and so many adults looking out for them. We have all been through a difficult time and there will be a few children that just can't shake that feeling. Our eyes are trained to spot these children and we will be looking out for anyone not settling in as planned. We will do our utmost to ensure they will receive some extra support to help them along their way.

If you have a particular concern regarding your child's return to school or maybe a change in your home/health circumstances that we might need to know about, please do email either Mrs Dutch or myself via orchard@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk

Kind regards,
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Nurture Lead Teaching Assistant

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