



Loose Primary School Newsletter



12th March 2021

Headteacher News

What a wonderful first week back where we have welcomed all the children and it feels amazing to hear children playing, laughing and enjoying school. We all (staff and pupils) realise how much we have missed each other in the last term and have spent time considering the importance of face to face, human contact and have been pleased to share dreams and aspirations for the rest of the year. We also spent time considering our feelings – good and bad – and have talked about lockdown and what we are now looking forward to doing when we can. The children have offered very mature responses and been quite insightful in what they want for their futures. We definitely have a school full of amazing, strong and resilient children (or adults of the future!) and we cannot wait to see them continue to grow, develop and flourish.

We thank you for your understanding with some changes we have made and now we are more used to the new routine feel that the opening of all gates along with allowing siblings to come in and leave via the same gate have generally been an improvement to what we did in the autumn.

Leaving a Legacy

This leads me on nicely to remembering our wonderful Executive Headteacher, Darren Webb. Tuesday was the year anniversary of Darren's death which shook the school community just before the first lockdown. Darren wanted the very best for all local children and in the growth of our small trust, was beginning to see such strength in what we could offer the children in all three of our schools by working together, developing a global and relevant curriculum, sharing the best learning opportunities for our children and being a compassionate and caring community. Darren had great plans to continue developing the strengths in our schools and we have no doubt, would have wanted these to continue in his absence. We feel that although not the year any of us envisaged or planned, we always try to focus on the positives in life and are looking at ways to continue to grow and offer amazing things to the children at Loose so they get the very best from a primary school.

We did have a short assembly on Tuesday to think about those who leave a legacy, including Marcus Rashford and Sir Tom Moore and what legacy we would like to leave. We also enjoyed the daffodils and crocuses that are starting to bloom in the school grounds. The children were delighted to remember planting them in the autumn and these are a wonderful reminder of the simple pleasures in life and the joy of nature.

Masked Reader

To follow on from the very successful World Book Day last week, we did the big reveal this week – the children loved it and many guessed us correctly – even when wearing full headgear and disguising our voices!

IMPORTANT - Secondary School Parent Appeals

Further to the secondary school offers on Monday last week, 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 TODAY. 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 by Monday 29th March.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you again next week.

Sarah Holman

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

Dates



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)

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 Scopay which will open on the morning of Wednesday 17th March and close the following Friday 26th 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.



#BRITISHVALUES

Thank you to those families who managed to tweet some great British Values photographs recently. A big shout out goes to Jack M, Evie and Henry in Ruby Class and Scarlett in Aquamarine whose photographs were really inspiring. The whole school community are very proud of you. Mrs Muir

Parent Evening Consultations - 24th & 25th March 4-7pm

We are looking forward to speaking with you and meeting you later this term. These meetings will not be like the usual spring ones. We will be using the time to understand from you where you feel your child's needs are for the rest of the year, what your aspirations for them are and share any emerging gaps we need to work on during the rest of the school year. We are not carrying out spring tests so cannot offer detailed analysis of attainment until later in the year.

The meetings will be done via zoom this term and the invites will be emailed out to parents/carers the week beginning Monday 22nd March. You should by now have booked your 10 minute appointment - **if you still haven't got a time slot please contact the main office to manually book one as the online booking system has now been closed.**

Holiday Play Scheme

A reminder the Holiday Play Scheme online booking system is now open for the Easter holidays. Places are going quickly. Click on the link below to book:- <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/form/?pid=13&form=237>

Covid Reminders

When to self-isolate

Self-isolate immediately if:
you have any **symptoms of coronavirus** (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)

- you've tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus
- someone you live with has symptoms, is awaiting test results or tested positive
- someone in your support bubble has symptoms and you've been in close contact with them since their symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started
- someone in your support bubble tested positive and you've been in close contact with them since they had the test or in the 48 hours before their test you've been told you've been in contact with someone who tested positive – **find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app** you arrive in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk – see **GOV.UK: how to self-isolate when you travel to the UK**

POTENTIAL IS LIMITLESS

Weekly Attendance

Opal	100.00%	Jade	98.81%
Crystal	97.48%	Emerald	99.60%
Pearl	98.78%	Ruby	100.00%
Diamond	100.00%	Onyx	100.00%
Sapphire	100.00%	Topaz	98.44%
Moonstone	96.67%	Sunstone	98.05%
Tanzanite	100.00%	Amethyst	100.00%
Turquoise	100.00%	Peridot	100.00%
Aquamarine	100.00%	Zultanite	100.00%
Amber	99.22%	Quartz	100.00%
Coral	99.22%		

Whole School Target
96.5%
Whole School Attendance
99.35%

Weekly House Points Result

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

Waldron Drive gate

There are only around 10-20 children entering and exiting via this gate each day. If you would like a less crowded route into school, you may wish to use this gate as an alternative to Lancet Lane. Parents will not be able to enter site through this gate but children will walk along the tarmac path to the playground, then into the school building. A member of staff will be standing at this gate both morning and afternoon.

Reminder - Year 6 Yearbooks

If you would like to order a yearbook for your child to commemorate their time at Loose, then please could you let me know by Friday 19th March at the latest via the Orchard email address orchard@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk. Miss Spelman.

Year 5 Virtual Flash Mob

Children in Year 5 have been given the opportunity to be part of a really exciting outreach project, facilitated by Mrs Knight, the Performing Arts Outreach Coordinator at Valley Park School. This project aims to encourage students to participate in a virtual performing arts workshop, where they learn a movement sequence, to create a **Virtual Flash Mob!** On Wednesday, Mrs Knight taught an excited Year 5 the routine to 'Better When I'm Dancing' by Meghan Trainor in a live virtual session. The children were brilliant and quick to learn a series of dance moves. After a bit more practise, their performances will be filmed and added to those of children in other local primary schools to create the finished virtual flash mob video.

Extended services

With extended services having started please could you ensure that you have booked your requirements for After School and Breakfast Club. We still have places in both clubs available. If you previously used extended services prior to COVID and still require them, sessions will only have been opened again if we have heard from you, otherwise we have presumed you no longer require them. Please email lasc.asc@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk with any requests. Please could I also ask that you pay for any bookings by SCOPAY or childcare vouchers ASAP. Many thanks. Mrs Penny Monksfield

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!

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.

No Dogs

A reminder that dogs or puppies are not allowed on the school site, even if carried. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Assistant Headteacher News

Hello – Miss Burman here this week. I'm so pleased that I get to write the Assistant Head Teacher section of the newsletter this week for our first full week back altogether! Despite not currently being in school myself, I have heard just how much of a buzz there has been through the corridors this week and it's lovely to hear of how excited both the students and staff are to be back. I'd like to take this opportunity to once again thank you all for the hard work and dedication you have shown towards home learning, both students and parents! We know it is not an easy task but our children have come back fully ready to learn and engage and this is all down to you.

It seems like a lifetime ago already, but I cannot write this section of the newsletter without commenting on what a success World Book Day was last week! Our first ever World Book Day in a 'virtual world' yet it was wonderful to see our children and staff getting so involved and excited, and of course, celebrating a love of reading. World Book Day this year was an overwhelming success and our vocabulary parade was no exception. As well as parading in school, Miss Pye and I were inundated with such creative virtual entries so a very big thank you to all the adults at home who we are certain played a part in making this a success! The reading leaders met virtually with Miss Pye on this day to undertake the almost impossibly task of deciding upon five winning entries from both school and home.

Our winners Hunter (Crystal), Rocco (Tanzanite), Sienna (Jade), Beatrice (Onyx) and Kieran (Topaz) blew us away with their imaginative costumes and words - well done! They have all received a £5 book token to contribute towards a book that we hope will inspire their love for reading.

PE Kits

From Monday all children will need their PE kits in school, (after having the opportunity to take them home and wash them this week)
Year 1 & 2 - house top, shorts, tracksuit top and bottoms (for colder days), plimsolls or trainers
Year 3 to 6 - house top, shorts, tracksuit top and bottoms (for colder days), trainers and football boots, football socks (no shin pads are needed for tag rugby).

Spare socks if your child wears tights please. Thank you from the Sports Team

Spare items for PE

If any of your children have grown out of any football socks, shin pads and they are still in a good condition (too good to throw away) our Sports Team would appreciate them as spares for our lessons - thank you

Camouflage Nets

As you will have seen in last week's 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.



Reminder - Breakfast Clubs Arrivals

A reminder that the drop off time for Breakfast Club is between **07.30 – 07.45am**. You need to bring your child to the drop off point and staff will bring them to their designated room/hall. **You should not try to drop your child off before or after this time.** Year R, 1 & Year 2 – Lancet Lane entrance, Brook playground. Please hand your child over to a member of the Breakfast Club team on the Brook playground. Year R will form one bubble and Year 1 and 2 will form a mixed bubble. Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Yr4/6 side gate (this is the gate to the left of the main gate).

IMPORTANT - Nut Allergies in School

There are a number of children at the school who suffer from severe nut allergies, which in some cases could be fatal. We would therefore be very grateful if parents avoid sending in food items that contain nuts in their child's packed lunch or snacks. Many thanks for your help.



Parking

We have received a photo of a Volkswagen Beetle registration **CX07 SYZ** parked at the Lancet Lane Exit on the zig zag lines. This is extremely dangerous as this is where the children walking to and from school themselves cross the road. The photo has been passed onto the PCSO and we would remind parents to park with care and consideration for others. This is to keep **your** children safe.

Keeping a safe distance from others

is helping to stop the spread of the virus.

Let's keep going



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