



# Loose Primary School Newsletter



## 19th March 2021

### Headteacher News

It is a joy to start the newsletter by saying how wonderful your children have been again this week. Just fabulous to see their smiles and laughter, hear their chatter and talk about their learning. Exactly what a school should be and we are so delighted that children seem so settled and able to step right back into school life.

This then leads me to a disappointment that we have had to close a class bubble this week. Such a shame for these children to be learning from home again so soon. At least the systems and routines for home learning are known by us all but it is a poignant reminder of how this virus can shut us down so we keep as many people as safe as possible in the school community. We are thinking of Corals this and next week and cannot wait to see you all again on Friday 26 March.

#### Bubble closures

If we do need to close a bubble we isolate the bubble during the school day and request that parents come as quickly as they can. We do, of course, keep children in class until the end of the day if parents need this time. It should be pointed out that Public Health England do stress that immediate isolation for all in the room is the best way to stop the spread of the virus for anyone who has been in close contact with infected staff / children. We cannot accommodate children in these cases at after school clubs, children do need to be collected please by the end of the school day. Thank you for your understanding and support.

#### Twitter

Have a look on Twitter – we are delighted to be able to Tweet as we go so you will be able to see your children in 'real time.' We try very hard to ensure a variety of school life is shown over the week so please keep looking to see what your children are up to in school. Please note, we may have back or side-of-head shots of any pupil but they should not be recognisable if we do not have your permission to put them on our website or Twitter account. Please do always speak to the class teacher or let the office know if you have any queries about Twitter so we can assist you and remove images if needed.

#### Uniform

It has been wonderful to see such pride in our appearance again this week. It is vital to look smart and to uphold our high expectations at Loose. Please can we remind you that we only allow small, school coloured bows as hair accessories and only stud earrings and watches for jewellery. Your child should be able to remove their own earrings for PE / swimming sessions and it is sometimes a good idea to provide a box to keep them safely during the lesson if you wish to so they don't get lost. Of course we do not expect children to come to school with temporary tattoos or nail varnish. Please see here for our uniform expectations as a reminder <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=33> but remember until Easter when shops reopen, we are happy for different footwear to be worn if needed until the correct size black shoes can be purchased or other uniform if outgrown. Please do email brook or orchard emails if you wish to purchase our great price nearly new uniform and we can discuss your needs with you and prepare your clothing for payment and collection. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### Comic Relief

We have had the most fantastic day today dressed up as superheroes and raising money for a great charity. Thank you for your generosity and we will let you know the amount raised next week. Please do look at Twitter for the fabulous costumes.

Have a wonderful 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



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)

#### School Council

This week the School Council were delighted to meet for the very first time this school year in the lovely setting of the newly built gazebo in our Woodland Walk. The class representatives discussed well-being and future school trips and have been tasked to take these discussion points back to class to discuss further. Mr Hogwood and Mrs Furniss can't wait to hear their feedback at our next meeting!

#### Nurture Update

Each term, we spend time with a year group at a time in small groups. Our sessions work on building children's self esteem, confidence and resilience, which in turn ensures they feel even more part of the whole school community. The sessions run over a six week period and all year groups will get this opportunity over time. There is no need to be concerned at all if your child mentions they have spent time with the Nurture Team, this will be for a positive reason. Mrs Bremerkamp, Nurture Lead Teaching Assistant

#### COVID

Although we are going in the right direction to be able to come further out of lockdown we ask that you please remain vigilant to any signs of your child or anyone in your household being unwell. If a parent, close family member or sibling develops symptoms or is told to get a test while your child(ren) are at school, the school must be notified immediately and your child(ren) must be collected as soon as possible. They will be placed in isolation until they are collected. If your child or anyone else in the household has any symptoms they must get tested and the whole household must isolate until the result is received. If the result is positive then the whole household must isolate for 10 days. We are so nearly there, so please keep adhering to the government lockdown and testing guidelines to keep our community safe. The symptoms are:-

- High temperature (38.5 degrees or more)
- Cough
- Loss of sense of smell or taste

### Covid

**Lateral Flow Testing** - As Lateral Flow Testing is being rolled out to households with children of school age, we would like to remind you that due to government guidelines, children of primary school age **cannot be tested by using the lateral flow tests**. If your child has any of the 3 symptoms, loss of taste and smell, new continuous cough or high temperature, they will need to be tested using the full PCR test which can be booked via 119.

**Test & Trace** - For the first 6 days after teaching ends for the Easter break (2nd April to 7th April 2021), if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus, **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

For the first 6 days of the holiday, if this is the case, please report a positive test by emailing [office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk). Emails will be checked between 9-10am each day up to and including 7th April 2021.

**POTENTIAL IS LIMITLESS**

## Weekly Attendance

Opal	95.97%	Jade	95.31%
Crystal	98.33%	Emerald	97.40%
Pearl	99.33%	Ruby	99.06%
Diamond	98.67%	Onyx	97.19%
Sapphire	99.32%	Topaz	94.94%
Moonstone	98.33%	Sunstone	99.06%
Tanzanite	99.32%	Amethyst	98.79%
Turquoise	99.66%	Peridot	98.13%
Aquamarine	98.29%	Zultanite	96.51%
Amber	96.44%	Quartz	95.91%
Coral	98.39%		

**Whole School Target**  
**96.5%**

**Whole School Attendance**  
**99.35%**

## Weekly House Points Result

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

### Wellbeing Update

We have introduced a new wellbeing initiative across the school to enable the children to talk about wellbeing. This week Loose were visited by our first Wellbeing Monster Flump, who is an anxious monster, and the children were asked how to help him become less anxious and try new things. It is great to see and hear children and staff talking about wellbeing strategies to make us all feel calm and happy. Next week we will meet Yin Yan who will help the children think about self-care and how it can help boost self-esteem, and then in the final week Eggmo will help the children learn about self-love and how accepting flaws is part of being human. Please do speak to your child about these monsters. This will continue after Easter with mental health super heroes who will teach the children about their amazing super powers to help improve wellbeing and give children lifelong skills.

### Medical Appointments

Please make your medical and dental appointments outside of school hours and during school holidays where possible, to avoid children missing school. We understand parents cannot choose hospital appointments so these appointments are fine and we understand these may be during school hours. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### Hair

Hair should be tidy and neat to reflect the tone set by the uniform. Long hair (shoulder length & longer) should be tied back at all times, to avoid interfering with learning during the day. Hair accessories should be small, simple and in school colours.

### Jewellery

As a rule no jewellery may be worn at any time in school. It is school policy to discourage children from wearing earrings in school. However, plain stud earrings are acceptable provided your child is able to remove these by themselves for PE, games and swimming activities. Following KCC guidelines, we do not allow earrings to be covered by sticking plaster for games and PE lessons

Should you be considering having your child's ears pierced we would ask you to do so at the beginning of the longer Summer Holiday to ensure the earrings are ready for daily removal for school.

### Sweets

Parents were asking about bringing sweets in for birthdays. This is fine however we would ask that the sweets are all individually wrapped. They will be handed out at the end of the day then it's up to parents whether their child is allowed to eat them or not.

### ParentPay

For the parents of children in KS2, school dinners on ParentPay must be booked by midnight the day before. If you leave it any later then the system won't allow you to book it online. If you have any problems please contact the school office on [office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk) for help.

## Assistant Headteacher News

Hi everyone, it's Mr Farley. A lot of our assemblies this week have been based around perseverance. Having spent a lot of time walking around school this week, I can see that many of the children have really taken this on board. From persevering with difficult maths problems to learning unfamiliar skills in art or DT, children are challenging themselves and are not afraid to make mistakes along the way. This is something not only helpful to their education, but in life as well.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you on zoom next week for the parent/teachers consultations!

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

We are looking forward to speaking with you and meeting you next week. 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 on 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>

## PTA News

### Spring Raffle

A big thank you to those of you who have already bought your tickets for the raffle! There are only a few remaining days left to get your tickets to win one of over 50 amazing prizes - tickets are only £1 each and are available until the end of Wednesday, with the draw to take place next Friday, 26th March. Please see previous email for details, or contact [loosepta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:loosepta@yahoo.co.uk). Thank you for your continuing support, and good luck!

### 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](mailto: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

### Comic Relief

A huge thank you for all the donations received this week for Comic Relief. There were some amazing superhero costumes today in school! We hope the children enjoyed the day. If you haven't managed to donate yet then there is still time so please do so before next Friday when Scopy will be closed.

### Waldron Drive gate

There are only around 30 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 the end of today** at the latest via the Orchard email address [orchard@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:orchard@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk). Miss Spelman.

