



Newsletter Thursday 19th October 2023

Headteacher News

It is with pride that I close this wonderful term out. It has flown by quicker than expected and in what seems like just a few blinks, half term is upon us. I am so proud of the work the team have done but even more proud of the pupils. They have risen to the challenges set around our values and are certainly modelling excellent character. There has been some lovely topics being taught in the classrooms and I am sure you've seen some of this during our recent parent and teacher evening sessions. The wonderful bird sculptures appearing in our Year 4 area and ingenious teddy bear chairs in Year 2 are just a small snippet of what the children are doing here. I often talk to the children during their lunchtime and they tell me that they enjoy their lessons and clearly are remembering what is being taught.

Just yesterday morning I was in awe of the choir. A room full of pupils singing together with Mr Hogwood joyfully leading from the front. I honestly couldn't think of a better way to start the day.

We were all hugely proud of the levels of compassion and respect demonstrated by our children at our annual Harvest Celebration. The radiant smiles, the enchanting poems, and the sense of togetherness warmed our hearts on this beautiful occasion. It really felt like a school community. Weren't the Reception pupils amazing?

As the weather takes a turn towards colder days, we urge you to help your children prepare for the changing seasons. Warm clothing and a great breakfast can do wonders to make the start of term 2 a comfortable one.

Parents Evening: We truly appreciate the time you invested during our Parents Evening. Meeting each of you personally, discussing your child's progress, and hearing your valuable insights is a key part of our school's success. It's a reflection of our shared commitment to your child's education, and we are grateful for your active participation. A massive thanks to Mrs Bashford she has filled our hearts with compassion and our bellies with the tastiest caramel shortbread slices too. Delicious!

Striding Towards Christmas: With the chill in the air, we also turn our attention towards Term 2. This is the time when excitement builds as we stride towards the magical Christmas season. Our school will be a hub of activities, learning, and fun as we prepare to celebrate this joyous holiday. We look forward to your continued support and engagement.

Recognition Boards: As part of our ongoing efforts to promote positive values and good citizenship, we have introduced the recognition boards. These boards serve as a reminder of our core values - Pride, Determination, Trust, Compassion and Respect. It's our way of instilling these values in our students, helping them become good citizens and role models in their own right. I hope you got to see them during parents evening.

We encourage you to discuss these values at home and reinforce the importance of living by them. By doing so, we can collectively shape a generation of empathetic and responsible citizens.

Once again, thank you for being a part of the Loose Primary School family. Together, we will create an atmosphere of excellence and nurture our children to a future without limits.



Assistant Headteacher News

Hello everyone, Ms Burman here this week! I am the Assistant Headteacher responsible for Assessment at Loose Primary School, which means that I work closely with class teachers to ensure that we are assessing children's work accurately and to ensure that children can access the learning at school. I am also the Phase Leader for Years 5 and 6, which is a very exciting role, as it means I get to pop into Year 5 and 6 lessons frequently and witness all the incredible learning opportunities taking place in these classrooms.

This week in Year 5, the children have celebrated their class text 'Stormbreaker' by taking part in a Spy Day. Their teachers provided them with lots of top secret missions to complete and it was very interesting to see our Year 5 children in disguise, walking surreptitiously around the school! It was great to see our Year 5s so immersed in their text and this experience really brought the children's learning to life. Thank you to our Year 5 team for providing our children with such enjoyable and valuable learning experiences.

Our Year 6 children find out their Kent Test results this week and I wanted to pass on a little message to them. Tests are just a small part of your time at school and they do not assess your kindness, strength of character, wit and all of the other incredible characteristics you have. Do remember this! If any parents would like to meet with me to discuss Kent Test results or secondary school applications then please do send me an email via the School Office.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing you again on 30th October! 😊



Diary Dates

Term 1

20 Oct - Staff Training Day

30 Oct - Children back to school for term 2

Term 2

30 Oct - Back to school

01 Nov - Flu Vaccinations for Years R to 6

06 Nov - Year R parent tours 9.30am & 1.45pm - book via website

09 Nov - Year R parent tours 9.30am & 1.45pm - book via website

13 Nov - Anti-bullying Week - Odd Socks Day - more info to follow

17 Nov - Children in Need - casual dress day - more info to follow

21 Nov - Amber Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

28 Nov - Drama Workshops for Years R, 1 & 2

28 Nov - Jade Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

06 Dec - Year R Nativity to parents & siblings 9.30am Brook Hall

07 Dec - Piano Assembly (Jo Wilson) 9.00-9.30am Orchard Hall

07 Dec - Year R Nativity to parents 2.00pm Brook Hall

12 Dec - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day (to be confirmed)

15 Dec - Last day of term

15 Dec - Christmas Services at All Saints Church Loose

15 Dec - Open afternoon from 2pm - children can be signed out from 2pm onwards



FINAL REMINDER - Secondary Applications

Online applications close secondary school applications at midnight on the 31st October 2023. You can apply for up to 4 schools, putting them in order of preference. It's in your best interest to list 4 schools. Naming only one school does not guarantee your child a place at that school or give your child priority for a place over another child, neither does naming a school more than once. For advice call 03000 41 21 21 or email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk

You can also find lots of information on the following link:-

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2>

National offer day is 1st March 2024.

Hockey Tournament - 6th October

Year 4 (morning)

On Friday 6th October ten children from Year 4 took part in a Maidstone Schools Hockey Tournament, playing all schools taking part, in a round robin format. We won 4, drew 1 lost 1 and moved through to the semi-finals. We then went on to beat Greenfield's in the semi-final and came away with gold medals 🏆

Years 5 & 6 Hockey Tournament (afternoon)

Ten children from Years 5 & 6 also took part and were unbeaten in the group, winning all their games. Going through to the semi-final and after extra time and then the equivalent of a penalty shootout they lost but went away with bronze medals 🏆

I'm so proud of all 20 children for their individual work but also for working so well as a team. A wonderful day!

Special thanks go to Mrs Lumbard and Mrs Sutton for their help and support with the children all day. Please see X (formerly twitter) for pictures of the day. Miss Carter

Harvest - Thank You!

We would like to say a massive thank you for the huge number of donations for our Harvest collection. These all went to the Shepway Community Larder who help local residents struggling with the costs of buying healthy food, either for themselves or their families, due to the cost of living crisis. It's open to everyone. You'll be warmly welcomed with a friendly smile and a cup of tea. We all need a little help sometimes and the larder is there to provide it. For a voluntary contribution of £3 you could get a shopping bag of 10 store cupboard and household products of your choice, plus some chilled food like eggs, cheese and meat and also fresh fruit and vegetables. It will also act as a warm hub, and a place to access confidential advice and support.



Restart A Heart Day

Over 280 children at Loose Primary learned how to become potential life-savers on Monday 16 October 2023 by taking part in the Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS) Restart a Heart Day with KSS CPR Awareness Sessions. We're so proud that so many of our children now have the confidence and skills that could help them to save a life.

Across the South East, an average of 22 people each day suffer a cardiac arrest out of a hospital. Sadly, the overall survival rate last year for this group of people was around 11%, and survival falls by up to 10% for every minute a patient doesn't receive CPR or defibrillation.

But bystander CPR can make a critical difference.

KSS Paramedic Ben Paul, who has led on the initiative, said: "We're incredibly excited that so many people joined our Restart A Heart with KSS Online CPR Awareness Sessions as we couldn't be more passionate about equipping as many people as possible across our communities with the confidence and skills that could help them save a life."

For information visit aakss.org.uk/restart 280.



Kids save Lives



Biscuit Bear Bake Off

We would like to say a HUGE thank you for the 'beary' nice donations for our Biscuit Bear Bake-off. There were so many wonderful creations and delicious treats. Well done to everyone that took part.

Many thanks for your all your support.

The Early Years team



Ethic of Excellence

A huge well done to the following children from their Ethic of Excellence Award!

Week ending 13th October

Olive H - Coral Class

Ria N - Amber Class

Isaac J - Jade Class

Chloe W - Emerald Class

Lennon E - Onyx Class

Dylan K - Ruby Class



Shout Outs

Ruby Class were amazing in the 'Restart a Heart' session on Monday afternoon. They all performed CPR on their teddies. It was wonderful to see Macy's dad appear on the livestream as he actually did save a life! Ruby Class spontaneously gave him a round of applause.

A big shout out to **Topaz Class** for the beautiful clay eyes they made in their art lesson! They all worked so hard and the results are fantastic.

A big shout out to all of **Year R** - their first trip outside of the school when going to the church last week. Their little legs worked hard to get there on time and walk back up the hill afterwards! All of their behaviour was impeccable throughout and the Early Years team are extremely proud of them! Well done, Year R!

Mrs Muir's favourite quote this week was from **Jacob S in Ruby Class**. Mrs Muir asked, 'What is 45 x 4?' Jacob replied, 'I just think of a football game, it just 2 of them!' Smashing thought process!

Kadie from Turquoise has independently continued her learning from school and completed some fantastic work! Well done!

Eloise from Turquoise is taking part in 'The Big Wild Walk' Challenge raising money to protect nature on behalf of The Kent Wildlife Trust. She has so far raised £105, which is over her Target! Well Done





Henry from Turquoise took part, in the Children in Need/Countryfile Ramble. Alongside some other children at Loose.

It was a circular walk from Coxheath through Boughton Monchelsea and back. Starting at 10am finishing at 1pm. Well done Henry!



House Points - Term 1 Winner

1st - Curie

2nd - Parks

3rd - Attenborough

4th - Donaldson

Well done to Curie for being term 1 winners!

Contract Dining Company Vacancies

The Contract Dining Company are looking to recruit in all areas for kitchen assistants and cook managers, to work within their primary schools. Hours are term time only, so If you would be interested in joining a great team ,please contact our office manager below for more details. Petra Thorpe 01622 890922

PTA Events & Dates

Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped us at the KS2 Disco last week. The children had a blast! As always your help is really appreciated and without you we wouldn't be able to hold such events. So thank you.

Our Lucky Lotto Winner this month is Zoe Scotton. Congratulations Zoe.

The PTA Chair Ruth Relfe is officially stepping down this term and handing over to Tanya Bennett. We want to thank Ruth for all the exceptionally hard work she has put into the PTA over the years. Ruth has overseen festivals, discos, Christmas Fairs and so so much more. Her hard work has made the last few years of the PTA some of our most successful yet. We wish her all the best, and THANK YOU RUTH! You will be missed.

Thank you to all the children who took part in our Pumpkin Competition. Your designs were fantastic! We had Lego pumpkins, painted pumpkins, real pumpkins, pumpkin families and lots of beautiful pumpkin pictures. We look forward to seeing what creations you come up with next year.

We have lots more events coming up next term and our Christmas Fair on the 25th November with a special Whoville visitor so keep your eyes peeled for further information.'

Many thanks,

Lisa on behalf of the PTA



Community News

Following the success of winning Coolings in Bloom, best community project, Tiger Gardeners have 2 vacant raised beds on their allotment plot in Loose, available for a budding young gardener. Being involved with Tiger Gardeners allows you to see how fruit and vegetables are grown from seed, watch and care for the plants as they grow and enjoy your produce at the end, a great way to encourage you to try new fruit and vegetables. Please contact me on emma_castle@aol.co.uk if you are interested in getting involved. Emma Castle



Star Swim School

Star Swim School has lessons available at Loose Primary School and Lancet Lane Swimming pool, all abilities from Ducklings, Stage 1-9. Group lessons and individual (if space available due to demand)

Loose Primary School days and times are (lesson are ½ hour long):-

Monday from 3.30pm, Tuesday 9.45am until 10.45am (being last lesson (pre-school age only) or home-schooled children

Tuesday from 3.30pm, Wednesday from 3.30pm, Thursday from 3.30pm, Friday from 9.15am until 11.45am (being last lesson) or home-schooled children, Friday from 3.30pm, Saturday from 8.30am, Sunday from 9am

Lancet Lane Swimming pool (Loose) days and times (lessons are ½ hour long):-

Monday from 3.30pm, Tuesday from 3.30pm, Thursday 9.30am until 12noon (babies from 3 months, pre-school and pre-school lessons only), Thursday from 3.30pm

Also swimming crash courses available during the holidays (these are all individual lesson)

For any further information or to book, please contact Duncan Clements, Star Swim School @ dc1979@hotmail.com



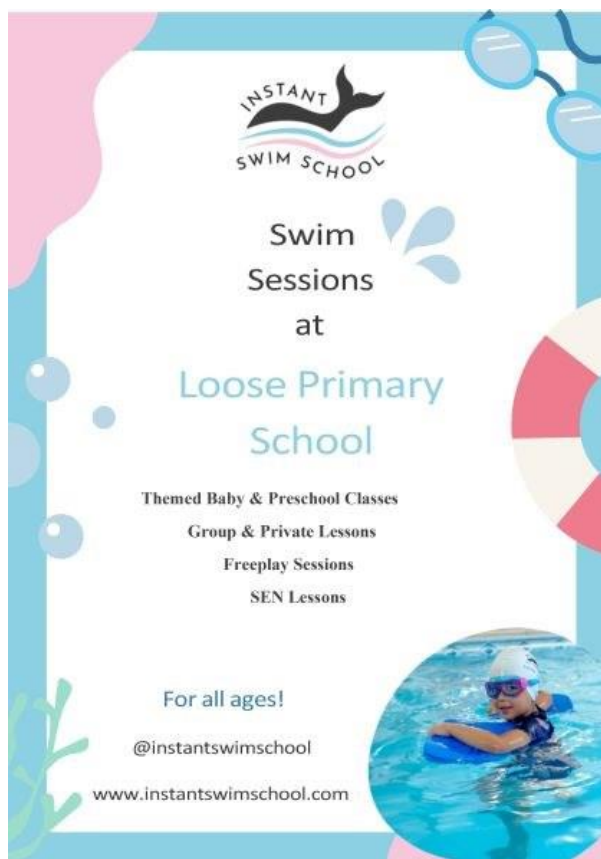
Instant Swim School

Daytime Lessons:

Here at Instant Swim School at Loose Primary we have a range of daytime lessons available for those from 3 months and up! Our sessions include splash & play sessions, themed baby & preschool classes, SEN lessons, home educated classes and adult lessons. Visit www.instantswimschool.com to learn more!

School Lessons:

Instant Swim School are delighted to be delivering Loose Primary School's swimming lessons to Years 2 & 3. Following the Swim England curriculum, pupils will learn water safety and core aquatic skills, helping them stay safe and have fun in the water!



Correct Contact Details

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