



Loose Primary School Newsletter



26th March 2021

Headteacher News

As we approach the Easter season and the end of this term we reflect on all the good work achieved by all our pupils both at home and in school. It has been wonderful to catch up with you all for parent consultation evenings this week where we can really discuss your child and how well they are doing. We are very proud of our children (as you are too) and cannot believe how well they have done in the last year and coped so admirably with so many changes to their structure and routine. They are truly marvellous.

We would like to thank the pupils and teachers for their continued hard work and congratulate them on their achievements to date. We would also like to express our thanks to our school community for making sure that timings are adhered to and children are in school and enjoying their learning with their peers once again.

We have great children here at Loose and it is a great pleasure for all of our staff to work with them.

Parent Council

We had our meeting last week. You can read the full minutes here <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Parent+Council&pid=92>. Please email any comments so we can share them out at the next meeting.

Easter holidays

We break up on Thursday next week and look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 19 April.

Fridays

Today is the last of our dress-down Fridays. We hope you have enjoyed them (the children definitely have!) but we will return to full school uniform each day next term.

PTA Raffle

We have drawn the raffle today and will contact you should you need to collect items (e.g alcohol) that we cannot send home with your children. Thank you for supporting another PTA event and thank you of course to our great PTA who continue to think of lovely ways to raise money for school during quite difficult and unusual circumstances.

Staff leaving

We said goodbye and good luck last week to Mrs Fagg who had been our MDS and Breakfast club leader for 7 years at Loose. We wish her the very best of luck in her new post. We wish Miss Burman all the best as she starts her maternity leave. We will of course let you know when the baby is born!

Have a lovely 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 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)

Woodland Walk

Moonstone class have enjoyed exploring the woodland walk this week. Lots of team work and encouragement but most importantly lots of smiles and laughter.



Mrs Woods 300 Mile Challenge for Cancer Research

Diamond class currently have the addition of Mrs Wood's bicycle in class. Mrs Woods has pledged to cycle 300 miles in the month this March (10k a day). Diamond class are currently encouraging Mrs Woods with her daily cycle as they read to her while she's on the bike. This is all in aid of raising money for Cancer Research and anyone who could spare a few pennies to help Mrs Woods over the finish line would be gratefully received.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/kellys-cycle-300-fundraising-page-41>



Music

Music is thriving at Loose with Year R and Year 1 learning to play Hot Cross Buns on the chime bars. This follows a term of learning how to read and write music using pictures of body and un-tuned percussion. Meanwhile in Key Stage 2, Year 3 have been adding music to their group layered picture composition, Year 4 have been learning about the djembe drum, Year 5's enthusiasm has seen them add keyboard to their Bossa Nova performance and in Year 6 the children have been writing their own songs of encouragement. Well done all. Mrs Harris - Music Teacher

Contract Dining—Change of Menu

Please note that there will be a change to the published menu next Thursday 1st April. The main meal will be **fish and chips**, not spaghetti as advertised. See menu here:- <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Dinners&pid=26>

Covid

IMPORTANT - Covid Test results

If your child is absent from school as they are having a Covid test can you **please ensure you contact the school with the result** and where possible send the email onto the school office office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk. Please do not send your child back without letting us know the result otherwise we will have to put your child into isolation until we manage to speak to you regarding this. Thank you.

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. Emails will be checked between 9-10am each day up to and including 7th April 2021.

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Weekly Attendance

Opal	99.00%	Jade	98.11%
Crystal	98.33%	Emerald	96.25%
Pearl	97.33%	Ruby	99.38%
Diamond	98.00%	Onyx	98.08%
Sapphire	96.64%	Topaz	96.25%
Moonstone	97.00%	Sunstone	96.25%
Tanzanite	95.92%	Amethyst	94.55%
Turquoise	100.00%	Peridot	97.48%
Aquamarine	94.93%	Zultanite	94.72%
Amber	98.08%	Quartz	94.90%
Coral	90.63%		

Whole School Target
96.5%
Whole School Attendance
96.99%

Weekly House Points Result

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

Hello from the Early Years

It has been so wonderful to have all of our children back together the last few weeks. Our youngest children in the school have been truly incredible and have shown such resilience in such forever changing times. Learning at home for more time than they had been in school, they have transitioned back into school life so well and with such maturity. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and their amazing parents who have been so supportive during the National Lockdown. Here are just a couple of snapshots of the fun that has been taking place since 8th March...



Eco council news:

The eco council have finally had their first proper meeting this year. We met outside in the beautifully refurbished Woodland Walk and discussed our plans for the next few weeks. One of which was launching our 'environmental tips' in the school newsletter. We will be keeping you posted about what we are up to, but for now, do check out our new newsletter feature all about helping our hedgehogs. Thank you.

Eco Council's Environmental Tips: Save our hedgehogs!

The hedgehog population is in decline and has been for many years. Numbers are 50% down in rural areas and 30% down in urban areas, since the year 2000.

What can you do to help?

- Pick up litter – hedgehogs can get entangled in it.
- Watch out for hedgehogs crossing the road – they can easily get run over.
- Before gardening (lawnmowing or strimming) check for hedgehogs; they may be hibernating or sleeping under leaves in your garden - they can easily be injured by mowers and strimmers.
- Consider making 'hedgehog highways' (or gaps in the fence) in your garden, so hedgehogs can move through your garden – this allows them to wander freely looking for food.
- Make a hedgehog house and put down meaty cat or dog food for them to eat.
- If you have a pond, they will like swimming in it, but make sure you add a grippable board so that they can use it to get out safely.



Why not try some of these small simple changes, as they will make a difference to our prickly friends? **Thank you – from your Eco Council**

Assistant Headteacher News

Mr Johnson writing to you this week and what a brilliant week we've had in school. I've been amazed walking around at all the fantastic work being completed. I was particularly impressed with Year 6 and their engagement with the online learning talk delivered by UK Government on Monday.

I also want to send a special message to the children in Coral Class. You're the first class to have another period of isolation but you've all been amazing. I have checked your work regularly and spoken to Miss Krangel who can't stop saying how wonderful you all are. You deserve a very special mention in the newsletter this week for your resilience and determination to keep learning. **Well done Corals!!**

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 everyone that bought tickets for our Spring Raffle. We will be sending winning items home with your children or contacting you directly over the next few days. Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful Easter!

Comic Relief

A huge thank you for all the donations received last week for Comic Relief - we raised a total of £802.00 which is amazing!!



LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of unnamed school uniform, particularly jumpers, in the lost property boxes. If your child is missing an item, please encourage them to look in these boxes during their break. With the weather getting warmer, children are taking off their jumpers at playtime and forgetting to take them in, so it is very important that the uniform is named so items can be easily returned to their rightful owners.

Year R Wellness Wednesday

Next week on our Wellness Wednesday we are looking at another of our Wellness Monsters. Eggmo is the Self-Love Monster and helps children understand how to take care of themselves. In support of this, Early Years are excited to announce our Easter competition. The task: Design an eggcellent character on a **HARD BOILED** egg. Bring it to school on **Wednesday 31st March**. Show you can care for your egg all day and show it how you look after yourself. One winner will be chosen for the best independent design and one for how well it has been cared for (i.e. has not sustained any cracks or nibbles throughout the day). We are looking forward to lots of Easter themed learning next week and we can't wait to see what fabulous designs you come up with.



Loose All Saints' Easter Trail

Join the All Saints' Easter Trail through Loose Village on Easter Saturday. You need to solve some clues to crack a code to reveal where the Easter goodies are! A phone with a camera and internet access is needed to join in the trail. Please observe the social distancing measures and keep to groups of 6 or two households maximum. Full details on our website. Have fun!
<https://www.allsaintsloose.org.uk/>



Lancet Lane

We have had complaints of children running up driveways, swinging on gates, running over lawns and sitting on the walls of the residents properties in Lancet Lane, while queueing to get into school. Can you please make sure your children are not doing any of these things and have consideration for the local residents thank you.

Millbrook Minis' Springtime Fun!

To celebrate the arrival of Spring, Millbrook Garden Centre in Staplehurst, have put together a **FREE Springtime Fun activity pack** for children to enjoy at home. Get closer to nature and see if you can spot our 7 signs of Spring! Visit our [website](#) to download our Springtime Fun activity pack and discover how you can earn a FREE packet of Thompson & Morgan kids' seeds (while stocks last). Keep an eye on our [website](#) for more fun activities coming soon!

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