



# Loose Primary School Newsletter



## 23rd April 2021

### Headteacher News

#### Welcome back

What a welcome back it has been this week with so many amazing things going on across the school. It has been lovely to hear of all the things children have been able to do in a less restricted holiday. I think the most important thing has been being able to see some family members whom we have not seen for such a long time. I know staff too have really appreciated the new freedom we feel in being able to see friends and families in a garden and we look forward to continuing on this positive path throughout the summer until things are even more normal for us all.

#### Social Distancing

We do still ask that you adhere to social distancing at drop off and collection each day and wear masks to protect yourself and others. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in keeping everyone as safe as we can.

#### Risk assessment

Our new risk assessment is here should you wish to read it <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=COVID&pid=211>. We are delighted to be able to swim again (Y3s only as of course they did not swim in Y2 either so will have longer sessions to ensure they learn to swim and be confident in the water). Also to welcome back volunteers who help our children so much with reading, maths and time - we are very grateful for their helping the children to do the best they can. Assemblies will be in our halls again, one year group at a time and we also are delighted to be able to allow books and learning journals back in school to allow for this method of communication to be shared once again.

PTA - We had a great meeting this week where we are planning lots of great things for you to attend or join in for this and next year. Save the date - we are hoping to hold a family event on Saturday 17 July 3-7pm. More info to follow.

#### Staffing

We welcome Mrs James back following her maternity leave and want to express our thanks to Mrs Maynard who expertly covered her absence. The SEND team will continue to work with 3 key staff - Mrs Stanley offering a constant support for children, families and staff as our SEND assistant, Mrs Black as our SENCO assistant leading on LIFT, personalised plans and support for children with HNF. Mrs James will work for one day a week in the summer terms on Tuesdays if you need to contact her. Of course our AHTs, leaders, nurture team and class teachers can all support you with any matters regarding your child's learning or emotional and social wellbeing. Please just let the office know and one of us can get in touch with you to help.

Mr Chatley, our new trust leader, has started with us too this term and it has been lovely for him to start to get to know us and see what wonderful things we are doing at Loose.

We finish with lovely news - congratulations to Mr Johnson and Miss Burman on the birth of their daughter in the holidays.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.  
Sarah Holman and the team at Loose

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

### Dates



#### Term 5

- 30 Apr - Non uniform day - Break the Rules Day! See page 2
- 03 May - Bank Holiday - school closed
- 11 May - Pearl Class Assembly - change of date! - will be recorded & uploaded for parents to watch
- 18 May - Crystal Class Assembly - will be recorded & uploaded for parents
- 21 May - Parent Council Meeting via zoom 1.30-2.15pm
- 25 May - Opal Class Assembly - will be recorded & uploaded for parents
- 28 May - Non uniform day - Elmer Heart of Kent Hospice event - see info page 2
- 28 May - Last day of school - children return 8th June (7th June Staff Training Day)

#### Learners of the Week

A huge well done to the children who got their achievement certificates in assemblies this week! Congratulations for all their hard work.

Pearl	Harrison F	Jade	Belle N
Opal	Louise B	Emerald	Daniel H
Crystal	Ralf S	Onyx	Charlotte V
Diamond	Zabi M	Ruby	Mollie F
Sapphire	Teddie D	Topaz	Dominic G
Moonstone	Connie W	Sunstone	Alex D
Tanzanite	Tommy N	Amethyst	Emilia D
Aquamarine	Gary F	Peridot	Connor M
Turquoise	Archie S	Zultanite	Michelle Z
Coral	Sonnie H	Quartz	Jayden S
Amber	Jaden S		

#### Swimming

It's been really nice having Swimming lessons back with Year 3, seeing the children enjoy the water again, after a whole year without regular pool time. I will be looking at water safety over the next few weeks as well as stroke improvements. Mr Wylde

#### Medical Appointments

If your child has a medical appointment please email a copy of the letter to [office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk) so that we can update our records and authorise the absence as medical.

#### Year R Request

Year R are embarking on a new topic 'Wild' World'. If you have any old **pots or containers** that we can use for planting we would appreciate any donations! If you have any old **gardening books or magazines, seeds or seedlings** (flowers, fruit or veg), they would be handy too. Also, if anyone has some frogspawn growing in a pond at home, we would love to have some to observe in school - we promise to take care of it and release any frogs safely afterwards.

### 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.

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## Weekly Attendance

Opal	98.33%	Jade	96.88%
Crystal	97.00%	Emerald	99.69%
Pearl	99.33%	Ruby	98.75%
Diamond	100.00%	Onyx	98.74%
Sapphire	98.66%	Topaz	97.81%
Moonstone	99.00%	Sunstone	97.50%
Tanzanite	99.33%	Amethyst	100.00%
Turquoise	100.00%	Peridot	95.94%
Aquamarine	96.33%	Zultanite	96.25%
Amber	99.06%	Quartz	96.25%
Coral	99.38%		

**Whole School Target**  
96.5%

**Whole School Attendance**  
98.29%

## Weekly House Points Results

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

### Uniform

Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform. Your child should be wearing a white shirt (no polo shirts please) and only Loose Primary school embroidered jumpers or cardigans, no other jumpers or hoodies are permitted. Here is the link to Pages our uniform stockist, items can be delivered to your home or to the school. <https://pages-schoolwear.co.uk/Products/Index?schoolid=24>

Also please make sure that your child has their hair neatly tied back if it is longer than shoulder length. Also if they wear earrings these should be plain silver or gold studs and your child should be able to remove them themselves for PE or swimming. If your child cannot remove them please make sure they do not come to school wearing them on the days they have PE or swimming. Many thanks

### Year 1

Year 1 have been enjoying using the laptops this week in school. They are learning to log themselves into the laptops independently.



### Sapphire

Sapphire Class have been scientists investigating plants and flowers outside with magnifiers. They can't wait to plant their own sunflowers next week and measure them whilst they grow!

### Mrs Woods 300 Mile Cycle for Cancer Research

Mrs Woods would like to say thank you to everyone that sponsored her for her 300 mile cycle challenge. She raised over £150 for Cancer Research.

### Swimming Hats for Year 3 Children

A reminder that children with hair shoulder length or longer must wear a swimming hat for their lessons. We don't hold spares in school so if your child doesn't bring a hat in they won't be able to swim unfortunately.

### Year R Fun

Year R have been having fun in the sunshine whilst exploring and learning in the outside classroom. We have made music, explored goo, searched for minibeasts, played imaginatively with boxes and designed our own plant pots. We have started our topic on growth and have planted sunflower seeds which will be looked after and their growth observed each week. What a busy week we have had!



## Assistant Headteacher News

Mr Hogwood with this week's Assistant Head teacher news. Welcome back to the SUMMER term (hopefully temperatures will increase!). Our Wellbeing superheroes are fully up and running and your child should have met Professor Pinwheel and learnt how to deal with the negatron by using breathing to blow it away! As a school we are looking at creating some wall art around our global themes of Innovation, The Environment, Wellbeing, Expressive Arts, Technology and Identity and Social Justice, we need your help! We need to know from you and your children some ideas of things you should do at Loose before you leave for Secondary School related to each Global Theme. For example, it might be for the Environment, grow a plant from seed. Any ideas will be greatly received and then the School Council will select the top 10 for each theme. I look forward to seeing some examples of activities or experiences. The link for the google form is here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOPHTm2D3OwFbExhCpHalN50dSU6zvJGSpFPDuDWIrc54g/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOPHTm2D3OwFbExhCpHalN50dSU6zvJGSpFPDuDWIrc54g/viewform?usp=sf_link)



### Non School Uniform Days

We wanted to give you updates on two future non school uniform days. Firstly next Friday **30th April** we have a 'Break the Rules' day which has been set up by the fabulous PTA (see below). All money donated on this day will go directly to supporting the children in school. Secondly, on **Friday 28th May** we have another day to coincide with the 'Elmer' project on diversity which was started last year before lockdown. The theme for this day will be bright colours or patchwork like the Elmer elephant. The money raised for this will go towards the 'Heart of Kent hospice'.



## PTA News

### Break the Rules day - Friday 30th April

Are you going to wear your sports kit on top of your PJs with a painted face and blue hair? Break the rules and raise money for the PTA at the same time. Donations (suggested minimum of £1) to come in as loose cash on the day and handed to the class teacher who will place in an envelope then hand to the PTA.

We have 28 subscribers to our new Amazon Smile account, totalling over 90 purchases! Every purchase via Amazon Smile really does raise money for the children. Please do consider adding the PTA as your chosen charity and raise money from the comfort of your own home! Please click on the link below to access the very easy to follow instructions to sign up. Many thanks for your continued support. <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6480&type=pdf>

### Royal Visit!

HRH Queen Elizabeth made time from her very busy schedule to visit Diamond class today on her 95th birthday. Diamond class got to ask lots of questions and find out how many corgis the queen really had and what it was like to live life as a monarch!



### World Earth Day

Yesterday was World Earth Day. Diamond Class were out litter picking rubbish from the school site.

### Year R News

What a beautifully sunny start to Term 5 for YR! We have been enjoying the slightly warmer weather and really making the most of our outdoor classroom. The children are excited by our 'Wild World' topic and have already been busy planting flowers, fruits and vegetables. We would like to say a HUGE thank you for all of your kind donations of pots and seeds - we have been overwhelmed!



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