



Loose Primary School Newsletter

30th April 2021



Headteacher News

We continue to be so impressed by the children's attitude to learning, their politeness and how they display the school values. All children have really have settled well back into school life following the Easter break and we are all working very hard to ensure children do the very best they can. As Mr Johnson said in a previous letter to you, your child may be selected in a group with their teacher or TA or be mixed in a new group to ensure they achieve of their best. Read the full letter again here for full information <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6455&type=pdf>

Curriculum

Our curriculum continues to go from strength to strength and some of the experiences that the teachers are planning really are helping to inspire your children to develop a real love of learning. This year's curriculum maps are available on the website using the link below which will give you an overview of the exciting learning opportunities children will have access to over the year. <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=22>

Learning Journals

Hopefully you are finding your child's Learning Journal useful to know about home learning and for you to record home reading in and to note short comments also for your child's teacher. Please note that in the younger children's classes these are checked daily but in other year groups we do not check them every day so please always email, catch up with a member of staff or call to let us know any urgent or important messages.

Meetings with Teachers

Teachers are always happy to meet with parents, this is easiest after school as in the mornings they are preparing for the day. Please do make an appointment if you ever wish to via the office. Mrs Dutch (our FLO) or senior leaders are always happy to speak with you if you need to in the mornings or after school. We can be found on each of our 4 gates and are always happy to pass a message on.

The Big Ask - a new national survey of children

We are delighted to have participated in The Big Ask, the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England, was launched by the new Children's Commissioner last week. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the pandemic. The results will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve. Please do use the link above or here <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/> to complete the adult survey to share your view too.

Twitter Pictures

When we take pictures of the children for Twitter we try to be extremely careful in making sure we only post images of children with consent. There may be some images of children without consent in the background of pictures or of their side profile or back of head. We would only post an image when we feel children are unrecognisable to the public, however if you are unhappy with any image posted please let us know and we are happy to remove it.

Non uniform / Break the Rules Day to raise funds for the PTA

Thank you for joining in the spirit of being encouraged to break certain (set!) rules today. It has been super to see children (and adults) wearing facepaint, non uniform, dyed hair, nail varnish and much more! We will let you know how much we have raised next week. Thank you to our PTA for organising this fun event for the children.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend, we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday.

Sarah Holman

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

Dates



Term 5

- 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	Harper L	Jade	Jacob C
Opal	Gabriela N	Emerald	Florence W
Crystal	Victor A	Onyx	Ethan S
Diamond	Gabriella A	Ruby	Joseph H
Sapphire	Elsie D	Topaz	Willow D
Moonstone	Maxwell B	Sunstone	Shannay S
Tanzanite	Benjamin B	Amethyst	Frank M
Aquamarine	Brooke C	Peridot	Marta C
Turquoise	Ruby W	Zultanite	Camron T
Coral	Frankie D	Quartz	Joel O
Amber	Fred-Parker S		

Year 3 Computing

Year 3 have had a lovely week this week, and have particularly enjoyed their computing lessons. They have been looking at creating graphs on Purple Mash, and algorithms on Lightbot, practising their coding skills.

They have also enjoyed the start of their sound topic for Science, looking at how vibrations cause sound using water and tuning forks. They are also really enjoying the story of The Iron Man, creating beautiful expanded noun phrases. Some even challenged themselves to use personification. Here is an example of a fantastic sentence: 'The sweet smell of the salty sea danced around me.' Next week, they are going to be writing some poetry..watch this space!



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.

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](#)

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Weekly Attendance

Opal	99.00%	Jade	99.06%
Crystal	99.67%	Emerald	99.06%
Pearl	100.00%	Ruby	98.44%
Diamond	99.33%	Onyx	98.74%
Sapphire	99.33%	Topaz	99.38%
Moonstone	98.67%	Sunstone	98.13%
Tanzanite	100.00%	Amethyst	98.18%
Turquoise	98.66%	Peridot	97.81%
Aquamarine	95.33%	Zultanite	99.38%
Amber	97.16%	Quartz	95.63%
Coral	96.88%		

Whole School Target
96.5%

Whole School Attendance
98.46%

Weekly House Points Results

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

Eco Council Traffic Wardens

Further to some concerns raised regarding inconsiderate parking by a few parents at drop off times, the Eco Council is to restart its traffic warden system again this term. Having discussed the problem of unsafe parking, the children have concluded that the following parking is considered unsafe:

- parking on any zigzag or yellow lines
- blocking gates or driveways of local residents
- blocking pavements, forcing pedestrians to walk on the road to get past
- double-parking
- leaving engines running when parked

Chosen eco councillors will be checking parking and issuing tickets to parents demonstrating any of the above unsuitable parking habits. Hopefully, this will highlight the dangers and make parents consider the impact of their actions. Eco council would like to thank parents who continue to park safely when dropping off and collecting their children and hope that this scheme will encourage all parents to do the same. We will keep you posted regarding the impact of the eco traffic wardens. So look out for us this term in our high-vis vests!! Thank you, Eco Council

England does the Daily Mile

Today, our school took part in a England Primary Schools Event (within our school). England does the Daily Mile, where all children have the opportunity to run / walk in their year group bubble for 15 minutes on our school field, whilst knowing over 900 other primary schools in England were doing the very same thing. This was a fun event for our children, with the added bonus that they were in non school uniform. Please do check twitter for pictures of this mornings event. Miss Carter

Eco Council Environmental Tips:-

Save our Bees

The bee population is reducing and has been for many years.

From the past decade 30% of bees have been lost and up to 17 species of bees have become regionally extinct.

What you can do to help?

- Grow more flowers in your garden
- Stop using pesticides
- Make better habitats in your garden for bees to rest
- Reduce pollution
- More people looking after bees
- Make little beehives out of wood and little bamboo sticks for bees



Why not try some of these simple changes, as they will make a difference to our little buzzing friends? *Article by Daniel D In Peridot Class*

Assistant Headteacher News

Hello everyone, it's Mr Farley this week.

You only need to spend a minute scrolling through our Twitter page to be bowled over by the broad learning children have been part of this week. Children have continued to talk enthusiastically about their music and PE lessons, and are showing great determination in reading, writing and maths. We have basketball hoops in KS1 now, which the children are very excited about, and we have some very exciting changes happening to our school site over August to promote our Global Themes. We are beginning to return to some sort of normality in school; year group assemblies are now back in the hall and more significant changes will take place from term 6.

I'd like to also highlight the huge amount of online professional development that staff have carried out during lockdown and continue to carry out. This week alone staff have received training on maths and phonics provision as well as sharing expertise on feeding back to children with maximum impact. I think this demonstrates that despite all the challenges this year, Loose Primary School has never stopped moving forward, as your children deserve nothing less.

We are always happy to accept donations of laptops at school. We have gratefully received some laptops from local companies recently and all are currently in use in school. Please contact the office.

Please enjoy the long weekend and we look forward to seeing your children back in school on Tuesday 4th May.

Elmer Dress Down Day 28th May

On Friday 28th May we have another dress down 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'.



Parking

We have been sent a photo of a white Mercedes estate Vehicle Registration GJ62 VBU parked so far up on the pavement on the Loose Rd that parents and children had to walk onto the road to get round it. It was extremely dangerous and inconsiderate of them. Please ensure you park with care and consideration for the safety of your children.

Walls & Railings

Could parents please ensure their children are not climbing on the walls and railings outside the main gate and the Year 4/6 gate. This is for their safety. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Site Staff Job Vacancies

We would love to hear from you and receive applications from anyone who wants to make a difference to the amazing pupils and school community at Loose. Both roles offer flexibility and you taking responsibility for your own work, both of which are fabulous additions to the thanks you will receive from staff and pupils in keeping our school buildings and site to such a high standard.

<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=86641>

<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=86648>

Extended Services

As we are continuing not to send out invoices for Extended services, please could I ask you to check your Scopay accounts for any balances outstanding and make your payments as soon as possible. Should you have any queries regarding the amounts showing, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Penny Monksfield on Lasc.asc@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk, and she will be happy to check and confirm sessions that are currently booked and being charged. If you make your payments by HMRC/Government Tax Service and have not provided the email address with a copy of your payment, please take this as a reminder to send this through. Kind regards. Mrs Penny Monksfield 01622 743.

Year 2

In year 2 we have been learning about plants and looking at their structure under a magnifying glass. The children were able to label the parts and explain what each part does. They were very excited to plant a sunflower seed in their improvised greenhouses and are looking forward to watching it grow into a beautiful sunflower



Community

NEW "Little Kickers football" sessions will be starting (from 18 months to age 5) at the King George V Recreation Ground (opposite the school) on Saturday mornings from 22nd May 2021.

Little Kicks 9.15am – 10.00am for 1.5 to 2.5 years

Junior Kickers 10.15am – 11.00am for 2.5 to 3.5 years

Mighty Kickers 11.15am – 12.00pm for 3.5 to 5 years

Find more details and booking at www.littlekickers.co.uk or contact martinojo@littlekickers.co.uk

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