



Loose Primary School Newsletter

7th May 2021



Headteacher News

This week we have again seen a number of new displays go up in classes and corridors in school. Please look on Twitter - they are a showcase of the great work your children have completed recently and model our high expectations and excellence that are at the heart of our school.

Coppice Instagram

To view some of the amazing displays celebrating our curriculum and learning across Coppice Primary Partnership view or follow here:- <https://instagram.com/coppiceprimarypartnership?igshid=1gpy0nd6b5jn>

Term 6

We are hoping to alter timings from next term if all continues to go well with the national roadmap.

Drop off - Drop off for all pupils (unaccompanied) will be via any gate from 8.45-8.55am and from 8.40-8.55 for parents with pupils in Year R or KS1 via Lancet Lane entrance. We will be operating a drop and go procedure so we can stop having staggered entry times and will monitor how this goes. Year R and KS1 children will leave parents (as they do currently) from the Brook playground and walk in to their classrooms unaccompanied. Please can we ask you say good-bye to your children as quickly as you can to keep the flow of parents dropping off smooth and congregation on the playground as limited as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Home time - Year R will finish at 3pm, Y1 at 3.10pm and Y2-6 at 3.20pm. Children, as now, can leave via any of our 4 gates to meet parents offsite. If parents of our younger children wish to enter the site to collect their children they can enter the site (Lancet Lane entrance only) Year R from 2.55pm, Y1 at 3.05pm and Y2 at 3.15pm. As in the mornings, please leave as soon as you have collected your child to avoid too many parents and children on the playgrounds. Thank you.

Year 5 parents - 11+ and transfer to secondary school 2022 Registration for the Kent Test (11+) opens on 1 June 2021. Parents should register for the Kent Test online via <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test> It is advised you register online and then you will receive your child's assessment decision via email. Should you wish your child to sit the test, once you have applied, the same log in will be used to apply for a school place by adding your preferences to the information you have already given regarding your child.

If you wish to discuss the Kent Test please do make an appointment to speak with Mrs Holman or a member of the Y6 team. Secondary School application information will be sent in September 2021.

School Uniform

Thank you for ensuring your children look so smart at school. We have spoken to all of the children about the importance of looking smart. We consider your support important and it is very much appreciated. We would ask that all parents ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately, without nail varnish and with only plain stud earrings and watches for jewellery. Please could we also remind you that children should not come to school with large bows in their hair, small accessories in school colours are fine.

Thank you so much for your valued support. Our school is a vibrant place to be and your children are a real credit to you all. We are not able to get everything right all the time but we can assure you that we will always work tirelessly to secure the very best for all children.

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



Term 5

- 11 May - Pearl Class Assembly - 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
- 01 Jun - Online applications open for the Kent 11+ test
- 08 Jun - Children back to school

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	Nico K	Jade	Joshua M
Opal	Harry C	Emerald	David I
Crystal	Florence R	Onyx	Eliza G
Diamond	Alex K	Ruby	Tommy C Jack M
Sapphire	Freddie S	Topaz	Harry A
Moonstone	Shay T	Sunstone	Isabella F
Tanzanite	Jacob S	Amethyst	Isabelle T
Aquamarine	Thomas N	Peridot	Daniel D
Turquoise	Murphy B	Zultanite	Archie C Alfie K
Coral	George B	Quartz	Ewan H
Amber	Hannah F		

School Bags

Children are able to bring in small school bags if needed to help them carry books, bottles, etc. Please do remember to clean these frequently to ensure we limit cross contamination wherever possible, thank you.

Year 5 Science

Sunstone class were outside for their Science lesson this week investigating sound using boxes and elastic bands.



Eco Council Traffic Warden Report

When Lochlann, Sienna, Andrew and me went traffic warding, there wasn't many people who parked badly. However there was one nice man who hadn't turned his engine off and I went up to him and said "May you turn your engine off as all the smoke goes into the world and kills animals" and he said "Of course I can and you are absolutely right" I said thank you and we walked off. He had been given a message. SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT!



We did see people parking on the pavement but people in wheelchairs and those with buggies could get through the amount of space that was left so we didn't give them a

ticket. Loose primary school tries their best to save the world.
Written by *Matilda M* in Ruby Class.

Covid

Social contact - As part of Step 3, no earlier than 17 May, the government will look to continue easing limits on seeing friends and family wherever possible, allowing people to decide on the appropriate level of risk for their circumstances. This means that most legal restrictions on meeting others outdoors will be lifted - although gatherings of over 30 people will remain illegal. Indoors, the Rule of 6 or 2 households will apply - we will keep under review whether it is safe to increase this. As soon as possible and by no later than Step 3, we will also update the advice on social distancing between friends and family, including hugging. But until this point, people should continue to keep their distance from anyone not in their household or support bubble.

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Weekly Attendance

Opal	95.80%	Jade	99.22%
Crystal	94.58%	Emerald	99.21%
Pearl	97.50%	Ruby	99.61%
Diamond	99.17%	Onyx	97.66%
Sapphire	99.58%	Topaz	99.22%
Moonstone	99.17%	Sunstone	98.44%
Tanzanite	100.00%	Amethyst	99.24%
Turquoise	98.32%	Peridot	96.48%
Aquamarine	92.92%	Zultanite	93.36%
Amber	97.24%	Quartz	96.88%
Coral	98.44%		

Whole School Target
96.5%

Whole School Attendance
97.73%

Weekly House Points Results

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

Year 4 Coding

Year 4 this week really enjoyed getting to grips with coding. They worked on how algorithms work and the impact varying the input can have on your desired output. Brilliant learning Year 4.



Tree Planting

This week our very lucky KS2 Eco Councillors got to plant some trees in the Loose Valley. The trees were donated by The Wildlife Trust to the school and Loose Amenities Association have been amazingly kind in supporting us with the planting. The LAA helped us select appropriate trees and did an amazing job clearing the area for us to plant. More photos will follow next week of the trees and where they are within the valley so you can recognise them on your walks through the valley and watch them as they grow over the years. Mr Johnson.

PTA News

Thank you to everyone who supported the fun 'Break the Rules' day—the children looked wonderful! It raised an amazing £730 to put towards more projects for all the children. Congratulations to our April Lucky Lotto winner, Kateryna Boruk - thank you for supporting the PTA, enjoy your winnings!

Please do consider adding the PTA as your chosen charity with Amazon Smile 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>

London Calling

In Year 5, we have started our London Calling topic. We launched with a quiz in the woodland walk to see what we already knew about our capital city and also found out some new facts. For example, we didn't realise that Big Ben is the name of the bell in the clock tower, not the clock tower itself. We also created some amazing pencil sketches of a London skyline which included many of London's famous landmarks. As part of our topic, we are also learning about rivers and found out some of the key words such as source, mouth, meander, tributary and also related these to the River Thames which flows through London. In Science, we have kicked off our Sound Topic by looking at Vibrations made by tuning forks, a range of percussion instruments and finally our own homemade "guitars". It's certainly a noisy topic. Also in music, we are learning about different genres of music, starting with rock and roll and the music of Elvis Presley. It's been an action packed start to our term and there's still plenty more to come.



Assistant Headteacher News

Hello everyone! Mr Johnson writing to you this week. I have returned to school this week after two weeks at home with my new daughter. In my newsletter section this week I want to talk about reading. Reading is such a huge passion of mine. One of my favourite things to do is get absorbed in a really good book. I believe that all children deserve the opportunity to get that passion for reading. The best thing to develop a true love of reading is reading good quality age appropriate texts. I want to share with you the website below. This is an amazing website filled with high quality book recommendations for all different age ranges. Please do have a good explore of the website and see if you can find your next favourite story.

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/>



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' and should be paid via Scopay. Please do not send cash into school.

Parking around the School Site

You may have seen our Eco council team around on our local roads reminding parents to turn off their engines whilst waiting to collect or drop their children at school. Drivers have also been reminded by them to keep pavements clear so our families can safely walk to and from school. This initiative has been fully supported by our local PCSO who will join them on some of their morning walks in the weeks to come. Despite many requests, we are still dealing with a small minority of cars obstructing our local pavements most days and we would encourage you to let us know when this happens so this can be reported. You can send pictures to office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk and these will be passed on to the local PCSO and the local council team. A meeting between the school, parking enforcement and the local council has been arranged for June and should you have constructive ideas regarding how to deal with inconsiderate parking and congestion around our roads during school drop-off and pick-up hours, please email the office for my attention. Ingrid Dutch.

Greek Pottery in Year 4

Year 4 have completed a rather exciting project this week; the culmination of a series of engaging lessons on Ancient Greece. We have created our very own clay pots after developing intricate designs based on secondary sources and detailed research. The children have relished the opportunity to plan pottery designs that reflect accurate representations of the lives and beliefs of Ancient Greek society. Results across the year group have been truly outstanding and we are so proud of what our Year 4 learners have achieved!



Sunstone Outside Learning

Sunstone class explored how sounds are made outside in the sunshine. We had fun seeing the effect of the vibrations from a tuning fork in water.



Parking

We have been sent several photos this weeks of badly parked vehicles. MT14 DRV, GL10 TYS, AJ14 FUM, FD60 YFO, GL16 OLO & GV59 PYU. These vehicles have all been parked along the Loose Road so far up on the pavement that parents have struggled to get past and have had to walk round them onto the Loose Road. Please ensure you park with care and consideration for the safety of your children.

COMMUNITY

Following the Parish Council meeting this week we would like to promote a few things locally that you may not be aware of and who desperately need your help – either in donations or your time. Please do read the links below to see if you can help. Just a few pounds could make all the difference to keep our valley the lovely open space that it is.

<https://www.facebook.com/loveloosehatelitter/>

If you care about your neighbourhood, hate litter and the affect it has on the environment then join this group determined to make a difference.

http://www.looseareahistorysociety.org.uk/?page_id=207

The Society meets regularly (see website for more details) and there is a programme of lectures on historical subjects. In addition we undertake two summer visits to places of historical interest in Kent (or near-East Sussex), participation in which needs to be booked at a meeting of the society.

<https://www.loose-amenities.org.uk/our-team/> and <https://www.loose-amenities.org.uk/getting-involved/> Loose Amenities Association is run by volunteers. We are responsible for the care and day to day management of the valley land we own. We care for the natural and built environment of the Loose Valley Conservation Area and organise the smooth running of individual events. Get involved! Most of the work of LAA is done by volunteers. We run fundraising events throughout the year and none of them would happen without help from people like you. We also have monthly working parties in the valley. Whatever your skills, talents or interests we would like to hear from you.

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