



Loose Primary School Newsletter



21st May 2021

Headteacher News

The end of another great week at Loose with so much going on as usual!

Fantastic Learning

Leaders have popped in to many classes again this week, spoken with children about their learning and looked at books and displays. We continue to be very proud of all our learners (we include staff in this group!) and the fact that we have all embraced changes needed following the lockdowns and worked so hard to make great progress.

Road to normality

We are all delighted that we are able to work in table groups again in many classes. The need to discuss learning and share ideas and strategies to help us remember our learning is made much easier when you can work as part of a team. We have also started to sing again in class groups which has been just fabulous to hear around school. After such a long period of not being able to do so many things it is such little things that mean a lot to us all and make us feel better and more normal!

At break and lunchtimes we have more equipment we can use and our literacy leaders are preparing our swap shop book sheds in each playground so we can share great books and our love of reading. More information to follow from them soon on this!

Reading focus

Many children are working hard to collect their reading points to be in with a chance of getting a token to choose a book from our book vending machine. I cannot wait to see who will be first to do this – keep reading everyone!

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school with them each day now the weather may be getting warmer. Please do not send squash as this is sticky if spilt and attracts wasps in the classrooms.

Coats/Waterproof Jacket

Please ensure that your child brings a waterproof jacket or coat to school with them daily, regardless of the weather. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Medical Appointments

Could we please remind parents again that where possible dentist and medical appointments should be made outside of school hours so that they don't impact on attendance at school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Non uniform day

Remember that we have our last non-uniform day of the term next Friday to raise money for the Heart of Kent Hospice and celebrate diversity and the Elmer trail that starts soon in Maidstone. Read more here <https://elmermaidstone.co.uk/> and do visit the trail starting on 19th June and on display for 9 weeks. Will you be able to find Loose's elephant??

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



Term 5

- 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

Term 6

- 07 Jun - Staff Training Day
- 08 Jun - Children back to school
- 11 Jun - Eco Themed Non-Uniform Day for Loose Amenities Association
- 15 & 17 Jun - Perform Drama Workshops for Year R, 1 & 2
- 15 Jun - Coral Class Assembly
- 21 Jun - Year 6 group & individual photos
- 22 Jun - Jade Class Assembly
- 23 Jun - New Year R Open Evening for September Intake 6.30-7.45pm
- 28 Jun - Year 6 trip to Bewl Water 9-4pm
- 29 Jun - Amber Class Assembly
- 01 Jul - Sports Day (Reserve Date 12th July)
- 08 Jul - Meet the Teacher Day for Year R to 5 children
- 09 Jul - Parent Council Meeting
- 13 Jul - Year 6 performance to parents 2pm & 7pm - changes
- 14 Jul - Year 6 performance to parents 2pm & 7pm - changes
- 16 Jul - Non School Uniform Day - more info to follow
- 16 Jul - Open Afternoon - to be confirmed
- 16 Jul - Year 6 Leaving Event - more info to follow
- 17 Jul - PTA Family Festival - more info to follow
- 19 Jul - Rounders Match Year 6 v Staff 3.30-4.30pm
- 21 Jul - Year 6 Leavers Assembly - parents invited - 9-10am
- 21 Jul - Year 6 Leavers lunch
- 21 Jul - Last day of term

Larners 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	Ria N	Jade	Eni M
Opal	Lily-Mae W	Emerald	Back next week
Crystal	Luke W	Onyx	Jude B
Diamond	Maisie J	Ruby	Andrew W
Sapphire	Jacob H	Topaz	Laila A
Moonstone	Tyler T	Sunstone	Leon M
Tanzanite	Stanley H	Amethyst	Isaac C Ronnie-Leigh W
Aquamarine	Wolfie D	Peridot	Elizabeth G
Turquoise	Evie H	Zultanite	Liam P Rafiqul H
Coral	Darcy M Navid M	Quartz	Harry H
Amber	Charlotte P		

'Popping' Fidget Toys

We would like to remind everyone that fidget toys, including the new 'popping' ones, should not be being brought into school. These items should be kept at home to prevent bringing in unnecessary items and possible contamination.

Extended Services - After School Club

We are delighted to advise parents that as of next term, term 6, the after school club will go back to the normal finishing time of 6.00pm. We will also provide all ASC children with a small snack. The club will continue to operate from both halls so please collect your child/children as you currently are doing. Kind regards, Mrs Cornell

Covid

Lateral Flow Testing - 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, please **do not** send your child, or any siblings, into school. They will need to self isolate at home and will need to be tested using the full PCR test which can be booked via 119.

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Weekly Attendance

Opal	99.66%	Jade	99.06%
Crystal	97.97%	Emerald	95.22%
Pearl	97.33%	Ruby	99.05%
Diamond	100.00%	Onyx	99.06%
Sapphire	99.00%	Topaz	98.10%
Moonstone	100.00%	Sunstone	98.13%
Tanzanite	98.63%	Amethyst	97.86%
Turquoise	99.68%	Peridot	98.75%
Aquamarine	96.00%	Zultanite	98.75%
Amber	98.43%	Quartz	98.75%
Coral	97.48%		

Whole School Target
96.5%

Whole School Attendance
98.42%

Weekly House Points Results

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

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

During term 6 children in Year 4 will participate in the MTC (Multiplication Tables Check). This check is not statutory in schools this year, however, we feel the importance of times tables is paramount so have decided to continue with the testing. We will be testing throughout the three weeks of June like we would have done if the results were being passed to government but we will keep the results for ourselves and use it to plan future provision and support.

PTA News

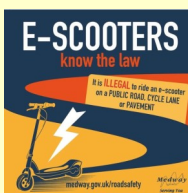
CONGRATULATIONS Emily Holland—you are this month's Lucky Lotto Winner! Enjoy your winnings and thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE! We are planning on having a relaxed summer festival afternoon on Saturday 17th July - more details to follow soon. **We are looking for any festival style musicians that could play from 3.45pm-6pm. Or any time slot in-between.** Please email the PTA on loosepta@yahoo.co.uk if you are interested.

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>

Uniform shop – Nearly new items

We will be holding a second hand school uniform shop stall on Friday 21st May from 2.30pm for KS1 parents on site and on Tuesday 25th May outside the main gate from 2.30pm. Ties £2, logo jumpers and cardigans £5, everything else £1. We will have lots of summer dresses and short sleeved shirts and shorts – grab them now! Cash payment please.



Adults on Electric Scooters

We have had complaints from parents about the increasing numbers of e-scooters on the pavement when walking to and from school. Did you know that currently e-scooters are classed as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEV's) which means they are treated as motor vehicles and are subject to the same legal requirement for their use such as Driving Licence, insurance, number plates, lighting, brakes, road tax, crash helmets etc. Therefore without these,

e-scooters can't legally be used on the road or pavements. To find out more about using an e-scooter legally and safely visit :- https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo&utm_content=Road+Saf&utm_

School Trousers - grey not black

Please note children should wear grey school trousers, not black. Black school trousers are not part of the Loose School uniform. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Bad Parking

We have received photos of a white Hyundai registration number LP11 OWX parked on the double yellow lines on the corner of Lancet Lane and Anglesey Avenue. This is dangerous and inconsiderate. The photos have been passed onto the PCSO.

Assistant Headteacher News

Hello everyone, Mr Farley this week. The learning taking place across school has been, as always, superb this week. Children are able to talk about their learning to staff around school really articulately. Please spend time talking to your children about their learning when at home. Repeatedly revisiting things children have learned is an excellent way to ensure they memorise these valuable skills and knowledge for a long time to come. Have a great weekend. Next week is the last week of term 5. Where has the term gone? Take care everyone.

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.

Ear Piercing

Should you be considering having your child's ears pierced we would ask you to do so at the beginning of the longer summer holiday to ensure the earrings are ready for daily removal for school. Children cannot participate in PE lessons wearing earrings and they cannot be taped over either. Thank you for your co-operation in the matter.

Now Press Play

Moonstone enjoyed acting out the story of Little Red Riding Hood whilst listening to Now Press Play. Please ask your children about this wonderful resource, we are delighted to be able to offer such immersive experiences to children to enhance their learning.



Year 6 Careers Fare

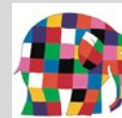
Year 6 are planning on holding a careers fair on Friday 25th June. We are hoping that by exposing our children to the wealth of job opportunities open to them in the future, it will both inspire them and put the purpose of their education into perspective. We are aware that there are lots of highly skilled members of our school community with a range of professions and expertise amongst you. If you would be willing to spare some of your time to come into school and talk to our Year 6 children in small groups, please get in touch with me via the school office by emailing office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk with your name, job role, times available and contact number. Any help would be greatly appreciated by the Year 6 team and of course, by our Year 6 children. Miss Spelman

Football

Celebrating English Schools Football week we are holding Inter House Football matches which will replace P.E lessons. Our mission is to get as many children playing football both in and outside of school from the week commencing 24th May. The children don't need to bring in any boots, football socks or shin pads but if they would like to bring Goalkeeper Gloves they are welcome to. We've had great football success over the past few years and can't wait to look and see what future talented footballers we have in our school.

Elmer's Big Heart of Kent Parade

Last year a trail was planned for Maidstone called "Elmer's Big Heart of Kent Parade" in support of the **Heart of Kent Hospice**. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, it had to be rescheduled to this year and will take place from Saturday 19th June for 9 weeks. Last year at Loose Primary, we were gifted one of the smaller Elmers by **Westerhill Homes**. Other schools had to fund raise to be able to receive one so we were extremely lucky to get ours for free. After a competition to design our school Elmer, it was painted with the winning ideas and will be on display in an indoor location from **12th June**. Once we know the exact location, we will let you know.



Next Friday 28th May (the last day of term 5), we are having a **multi coloured dress-up day** in honour of Elmer (who was a colourful patchwork elephant) and we will also be organising an **Elmer trail** of our own around the school grounds that the children can take part in on the day. To help us raise an impressive amount of money for **The Heart of Kent Hospice** (as we were donated our elephant for free), we would ask that **every child makes a donation of at least £2 on ScoPay** to pay for wearing their own clothes and taking part in our school trail. Wouldn't it be great if we could raise £1,000 to show the HOKH how much we appreciate all the amazing work they do?

Looking forward to a colourful celebration on the last day of term
Mrs Whittaker

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