



Loose Primary School Newsletter



28th May 2021

Headteacher News

We are delighted to be able to say we have made it to the end of term 5. It feels a bit like we are running a marathon and pacing ourselves to make it to the end! We have been reflecting on the last year and cannot believe that this time last year we were in full lockdown and only had 20-60 children in school each day with most of us learning at home. We have considered how much has changed and how we can begin to look forward to normality, seeing friends and family in our own homes and visiting great places again. We would like to thank you for your support during the pandemic, how your children have coped and continued to learn has been largely down to this support and we are very grateful to you all.

Elmer Day

Thank you for joining us today to raise money for the Heart of Kent Hospice. The children enjoyed wearing their own clothes and costumes whilst supporting a fantastic local charity. We had our own Elmer Trail in school today along with an elephant quiz. We hope the children had good fun finding them across the school site.

Eco Council non uniform day – Friday 11 June

To start next term with non uniform for a charity close to our heart we look forward to wearing clothing suggested by our Eco Council. Of course, as with any non uniform day, the aim is to raise money for our chosen charities so children can of course wear their own clothes if they prefer not to join in with the theme the council have chosen. See page 2 for full details.

Parent Council

We had our Parent Council meeting last week. It was, as always, an interesting meeting where we talked about future opportunities for school residential visits and school dog visits and some exciting work that the school council are doing to make improvements in school. We value our pupil and parent voice and feel that by working together we always will get the best from our school. It is always a good way for us to hear any parent suggestions or worries so please do read the full minutes here <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Parent+Council&pid=92> to give you a flavour of the meeting and remember to contact us directly should you wish to discuss the progress or wellbeing of your own child (ren) at any time. We have a large inclusion and nurture team, working alongside teaching staff who are here to help and support you and your child if you need it, just let us know.

We look forward to our final term of 2020-21 starting on Tuesday 8 June and the many things we have to look forward to. Please look at our dates to the right of this section to keep up with all we have going on at Loose. We have some indoor events planned - our new parent evening for YR starters in September and our Y6 production afternoons and evenings – all with split and smaller audiences than we normally would plan for, but please do remember that these may be virtual events if risks identified nearer the time mean that we should not have larger groups of parents gathering in school. Our outdoor events too – sports day and PTA family day – we hope to run as planned, but of course we will not take any additional risks and may need to change these to keep everyone as safe as possible.

We are very proud of the Loose Community and the part that you play in it. Thank you for your support again this term.

Have a fantastic holiday and see you again on Tuesday 8th June.
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

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
30 Jun – Sports Day (Reserve Date 7th July) - change of date
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
17 Jul – PTA Family Festival – more info to follow
19 Jul – Rounders Match Year 6 v Staff 3.30-4.30pm
20 Jul – Year 6 Leavers lunch
21 Jul – Year 6 Leavers Assembly – parents invited – 9-10am
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	Megan P	Jade	Kaya C Toby M
Opal	Henry A Lilly A	Emerald	Sophia B
Crystal	Harrison H	Onyx	Rowan G
Diamond	Aharshan R	Ruby	Harriet M Lois A
Sapphire	Faye P	Topaz	Samuel P
Moonstone	Teddie F	Sunstone	Luke P
Tanzanite	Jacob W	Amethyst	Layla D
Aquamarine	Ethan B	Peridot	Aaron D
Turquoise	Hugo M	Zultanite	Kimberley G
Coral	Gabriel V	Quartz	Isabella B Aimee K
Amber	Millie H		

Sports Day

We have confirmed our Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 30th June. The reserve date will be Wednesday 7th July. We are still finalising plans for the events and exact timings but we aim to complete KS1 in the morning before lunch and KS2 Sports day in the afternoon after lunch. We are planning the day with the view that we will have parents attending however this will of course be COVID dependent.

Farewell

We would like to say farewell and thank to Chris and Becky from All Saints Church, Loose. Before Covid they came into school each week and did an assembly for all the children in school. We would like to wish them all the very best in their new adventure and let them know we will miss them.

Covid - IMPORTANT

Test & Trace - For the first 6 days after teaching ends for the May term break (29th May to 4th June), 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 4th June 2021.

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Weekly Attendance

Opal	93.62%	Jade	98.70%
Crystal	93.67%	Emerald	94.38%
Pearl	98.99%	Ruby	95.22%
Diamond	99.98%	Onyx	97.77%
Sapphire	97.96%	Topaz	95.94%
Moonstone	97.28%	Sunstone	95.60%
Tanzanite	96.67%	Amethyst	96.36%
Turquoise	89.61%	Peridot	93.75%
Aquamarine	90.67%	Zultanite	96.25%
Amber	91.43%	Quartz	96.45%
Coral	95.77%		

Whole School Target
96.5%

Whole School Attendance
95.50%

Term 5 House Points Results

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

Well done Donaldson!

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

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.

Year 3 Recorder Lessons

Next term, Year 3 will be learning to play the recorder in their music lessons with Mrs Harris. We will provide the recorders, however if your child would like to bring in their own they are more than welcome. The music lessons are as follows: Amber - Monday, Coral - Wednesday, Jade - Friday

Year 2

Year 2 having been working exceptionally hard this past term using our story 'One night far from here', they have travelled around the world learning about animals, and landscapes. As we approach the end of term we are publishing our leaflets which is a culmination of all our literacy and topic learning using paragraphs, adjectives and factual vocabulary. We are also busy completing our sewing projects. The children have astounded us with their sewing skills and we are excited to share their final outcomes with you as they complete their animals based on their own ideas and designs.



Year 3

Not only have Year 3 been working hard this week in maths, working on fractions and division, and in literacy working on our text, The Iron Man, but also in their creative subjects and sports. It was lovely for the year 3 staff to watch their class performances of An English Country Garden, with beautiful singing and instrumentals, led by Mrs Harris. They also produced some stunning artwork in the style of Eric Joyner.



Assistant Headteacher News

Mr Johnson writing to you this week. Before we went into lockdown last academic year, I was in the process of generating a database of adults linked to that school that could offer some form of support in a specific area. I had lots of responses from sewing support, language teaching, financial management, etc. It was amazing and we even had Year 6s having weekly Spanish lessons which is amazing. This is something I am still looking to develop and curate so that we can use the expertise in our community to enrich the curriculum that our children receive here at Loose especially as we move out of current restrictions. If you've got a specific skill/interest or job that you feel could benefit and enrich the learning here at Loose please do drop me an email with the skill/interest or job and possible availability. Please don't worry if this is very sporadic or if availability needs to be discussed on request this is fine.

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.

Eco Council:

The eco council are collecting **plastic bottle tops** for a recycling themed piece of artwork they hope to complete next term. Therefore, we would like your help. Please could you send into school any old plastic bottle tops for us to use, ideally in the first 2 weeks of term 6; they can be any colour or size. Many thanks, Eco Council

Eco Dressing Up Day

On Friday 11th June we will be having an Eco themed non-uniform day with all proceeds going to support the Loose Amenities Association, who recently supported children planting trees in the Loose Valley. We thought this would be a lovely way to give back to our local community. The eco council have decided that they would like children to come dressed in one of the following eco themed ways:

- recycling
- nature
- endangered species
- dressed all in green

There will be a small prize for the best costume in each class. Thank you for your support. Eco Council

Eco Council Report - Rainforest Animals

- 1) Rainforest animals are endangered by deforestation causing the loss of their habitat. These animals are harpy, eagles, jaguars, sloths, emerald tree boas, humming birds, parrots, toucans, bats and vultures.
- 2) Many farmers in Brazil and other countries surrounding the Amazon Rainforest are burning the natural habitats of these innocent animals to make way for crops and cattle farming.
- 3) These are the things you can do to help the rainforest environment:
 - A) Reduce your waste –don't litter and throw cans, glass, paper and plastic in your recycle bin
 - B) Reduce the amount of meat you eat
 - C) Reduce the products you buy containing palm oil
- 4) FACT: The rainforest trees give us over 20% of the world's oxygen
- 5) So please Recycle, Reduce, Re-use. Thank you. Izzie S Zultanite

Eco Traffic Warden Report

On Thursday we put a ticket on a van called Green Thumb. We put a ticket on the van because he was parked diagonally and causing obstruction so people were walking on the road. Walking on the road is dangerous as there might have been cars driving on the road at the same time and then they might have been run over. Afterwards, we put 3 tickets on 3 different cars so we did 4 vehicles in total. Friday I asked someone to turn off their engine and she did but asked 'okay do you know why?' So I said the exhaust fumes can damage the environment. **Angela T, Coral**

Bad Parking

We have received a photo of a Mercedes registration number **EA10 KHT** blocking someone's driveway on Lancet Lane. This is extremely inconsiderate. Please park with care and consideration for the residents around Loose. The photo has been sent onto the PCSO.

Communities

Rugby Taggers is non contact rugby for boys and girls aged 3 and over. We are located at Marden Primary Academy in Kent, every Saturday morning, all year round. Rugby Taggers is the perfect opportunity for your child to burn off energy whilst learning a sport that promotes Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship. We play games, learn skills and co-ordination, make new friends, grow in confidence and most importantly **we have fun! FIRST SESSION IS FREE!** Visit our Website to book your free session and to find out more: <https://rugbytaggers.com> You can also find and follow us on: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DReevesRugby> or on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/rugby_taggers/ We look forward to meeting you soon.

Aerial Circus Fitness for Kids. Aerial Hoop, Silks and Trapeze. After school Thursdays 4.30pm and 5.30pm classes. Half Term Tuesday and Thursday 10am-12 www.HeavenlyFitness.co.uk to book. Loads of fun for ages 6 and above. Limited spaces, must be prebooked.

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