



Loose Primary School Newsletter



11th June 2021

Headteacher News

Unbelievably we are in our final term already of the year! How time flies when you are having such fun! Thank you for joining in our non-uniform day today to raise funds for Loose Amenities Association. We will let you know how much we have raised next week but we know they were delighted that the children chose to raise funds for such a super local charity.

Transitions

We have continued our visits to nurseries this week and it is great to get to know our new Year R children for September. It is a poignant reminder that we are all getting older and that our current Year R children are coming to the end of their first year, all other year groups are getting ready for their next year group and of course our Year 6's are preparing to leave us for their secondary schools and meeting their new Year 7 leaders and staff as they visit us at Loose.

We will be sending out class arrangements in a few weeks once they are finalised. Teachers and teaching assistants all have time later this term to meet their new class and liaise with their current teacher, teaching assistants and SENCO so we can ensure there is a smooth handover for every child. New staff visit also in July so they are included in these meetings and feel at home at Loose, ready for September.

Term 6

We have updated our risk assessment here <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=COVID&pid=211> Please note that due to the current increase in cases we are not planning on hosting any parent sessions in school (see date changes to the side) which is such a real disappointment, but we are sure you agree, we cannot risk the health of our children, ourselves and the community unnecessarily. Of course, if things improve we may be able to reconsider arrangements, but thought it best to let you know now rather than at the last minute. We will photograph and video all end of term events so you can be part of them, even though not in person.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Adam to our office team. She will be based in the main office and will be taking over daily registration arrangements, absence of pupils and school lunches.

Staff training

Staff on Monday were inspired with a Trust session to share our vision and values for the three schools and to think about our brains, how our memory works and tips of how to learn and remember more. We love to share best practice and consider how to implement current research and ideas that we can use in the classroom. This is something we hold very dear to our hearts at Loose and in our partnership with Coxheath and St Katherine's so that the children get the very best deal in all of our schools. We of course want all learning to be excellent at Loose, but also school to be a place where we make great memories that will stay with us for our lifetime.

Feedback from parents and families

It was a pleasure to receive feedback from you in our recent surveys. We will share the results with you soon and of course focus on the things we need to improve and be proud of the things we are getting right.

We of course may get things wrong, please do always speak to one of us if you are worried or unhappy so we can try to resolve things together.

Have a great weekend & enjoy the gorgeous weather.
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 6

- 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 - via Zoom. More info to follow
- 28 Jun – Year 6 trip to Bewl Water 9-4pm
- 29 Jun – Amber Class Assembly
- 30 Jun – Sports Day (Reserve Date 7th July) - sorry no parents
- 08 Jul – Meet the Teacher Day for Year R to 5 children
- 09 Jul – Parent Council Meeting via zoom - 1.30-2.15pm
- 16 Jul – Non School Uniform Day – more info to follow
- 16 Jul – Year 6 Leavers Event
- 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 – 9-11am in class groups. Parents will receive a separate letter explaining changes.
- 21 Jul – Last day of term

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	Lana D	Jade	Mia R Matilda C
Opal	Bella Y	Emerald	Maja J
Crystal	Lola H	Onyx	Simon R
Diamond	Aneiran W	Ruby	Amora K
Sapphire	Olivia C	Topaz	Alex P
Moonstone	Tallulah B	Sunstone	Alana C
Tanzanite	Liam H	Amethyst	Caydence P Harry F
Aquamarine	Isaac R	Peridot	Lettie L
Turquoise	Arthur W	Zultanite	Olivia J
Coral	Tommy-Lee S	Quartz	Aidan M
Amber	David A		

Mrs Hopper

We are sad to say that Mrs Hopper is leaving Loose on the 24th June. She has worked at Loose for nearly 20 years in the infant school, junior school then the primary school and seen a lot of changes along the way. We would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication over the years - the staff and children will really miss her. We wish her all the very best in her new venture.



Year 6 Individual & YearGroup Photographs

Tempest will be in school on the 21st June to take Year 6 individual photographs and a whole year group photograph too. Photos will then be available to order online.

Covid - IMPORTANT

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 (37.8 or above), they will need to be tested using the full PCR test which can be booked via 119.

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Weekly Attendance

Opal	99.58%	Jade	99.61%
Crystal	90.72%	Emerald	99.22%
Pearl	100.00%	Ruby	98.44%
Diamond	97.50%	Onyx	99.22%
Sapphire	100.00%	Topaz	99.22%
Moonstone	97.92%	Sunstone	96.88%
Tanzanite	100.00%	Amethyst	98.11%
Turquoise	99.19%	Peridot	92.97%
Aquamarine	99.15%	Zultanite	98.83%
Amber	93.25%	Quartz	98.83%
Coral	98.05%		

Whole School Target
96.5%

Whole School Attendance
97.94%

Weekly House Points

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

Elmer Parade

On the last day of term, we held a multi-coloured dress-up day in honour of Elmer Day. We also set up an Elmer trail including elephants designed by each class in the school. The children had a great time following the trail and finding out the names of all the different elephants. Donations were asked requested to fundraise for The Heart of Kent Hospice. I suggested a possible target of £1000 and I am delighted to tell you that we raised an amazing £1029.50. I presented the cheque to a representative of the charity yesterday when I attended the launch of the mini Elmers designed by local schools. The Elmers designed by Loose and Coxheath schools will be on display from **Friday 11th June in Maidstone Museum** if you would like to go and visit it. The full trail of Elmers does not start till the 19th June. Thank you all so much for your donations. Mrs Whittaker



IMPORTANT - Secondary Transfers

If the secondary school your child is going to has changed due to appeals already heard, or changes between now and mid July, can you please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Drama Workshops

We are excited to have Perform for Schools visit Years R, 1 & 2 next week for an 'Under the Sea' themed drama workshop. We are hoping the children will enjoy have good fun

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.

Assistant Headteacher News

I want to say a huge welcome back to all our students this week. I have been blown away by the brilliant attitudes to learning I have seen already this term. I am sure many of us were delighted to see the sunshine make an appearance over half-term and hopefully it is here to stay for the foreseeable future. The sun may be shining but it has still been a tough year for all of us and I want to reiterate the message that we as a school are here to support our children in every possible way. One way we can do this is through the Pupil Premium funding which schools are allocated. If your circumstances have changed over recent months and you think your child may be eligible for some additional support (including free meals in KS2) then please do contact the office and speak to a member of staff about how to gain access to this support for your child. Mr Johnson.

Year 5 parents – 11+ and transfer to secondary school 2022

Registration for the Kent Test (11+) opened on 1 June 2021 & closes at midnight on 1st July 2021. Parents wishing their child to sit the test and be considered for a grammar school place 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. You will receive a letter with CATscores and what these mean shortly from the Year 5 teachers.

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

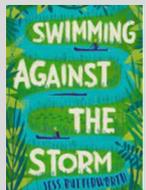
Reading Sheds

The KS2 Reading Leaders were involved a very exciting project this Wednesday with Miss Pye and Mrs Planck; the culmination of a lot of work that they have been getting up to behind the scenes to create as many opportunities for reading as possible in the school! Paintbrushes in hand, our Reading Leaders got to work on transforming our reading sheds into inviting hubs for reading. Thanks to their efforts, our KS1 and KS2 reading sheds are a vibrant red, fully stocked and ready for budding readers to use! The reading leaders would like to encourage as many children as possible to pick up a book from their shed and take a quiet moment to read in their outside time if they would like to! Miss Pye cannot wait to spot our avid and enthusiastic readers taking a peek inside our sheds and seeing what wonderful worlds they can be transported to! Happy reading!



Swimming Against The Storm

Year 4 have settled well into Term 6 and have continued reading their amazing core text 'Swimming Against The Storm'. The story is written by an author named Jess Butterworth who produces a wide variety of high quality texts. Her other stories include 'Running On The Roof Of The World' and 'When The Mountain Lions Roared'. Her books are definitely worth a read for children in Years 4,5 and 6.



Times Tables

Year 4 this week have taken part in a times tables battle on TT Rockstars and one class has shown above the rest. Ruby Class have worked exceptional hard and have a large lead over the other two classes. This term, Year 4 will sit the multiplication check so we are focusing on developing their rapid recall of these facts.

Info	Class Results	Pupil Results	Edit
Class average / user	Class total		
1 Ruby	736		736

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