



Newsletter Friday 3rd November 2023

Headteacher News

Dear Community,

Welcome back to a wet and windy term. A term of excitement and wonder as we work our way towards Christmas!!! There, it's been said. The magic of Christmas will build through the term and we will all be treated to a wonderful nativity from our Year R pupils and a lovely service at the Church. I know Mrs Dutch is already planning a big tree and some of the children will be tasked with making decorations for it.

I wanted to thank you all again for such a warm and friendly parents evening. It was lovely to be able to connect with some of you and talk about school but also get to know you. Thank you for being open to these conversations. I was also really blown away by the atmosphere in both halls and the buzz and hubbub of conversation about the children of Loose. Everyone looked engaged and interested in what was going on.

We are updating things on the website and around the school to reflect the current work we are doing. Our main priorities this year will be 😊

1. **To continue to build an academically challenging curriculum, tailored to Loose Primary, one that makes coming to school every day meaningful and fun.**

2. **To develop our teaching practise so that we are experts at checking how well our curriculum is supporting our children to remember more.**
3. **All of our children, particularly those with additional needs, to keep up with the curriculum and access the highest quality of education.**

We were also blessed to have the support of Fusional in the last week of term to help us get some up-to-date photos of the school. Our new prospectus will soon be on the website so please do take a look. They are stunning pictures of a very happy school.

PTA NEWS

I've worked in many schools over the years and all with really supportive PTA's. However, I am absolutely blown away by the support that the PTA of Loose give to us and the children here. This year we are sadly losing two phenomenal members who have given up a huge amount of their time to make sure that the PTA is a model of excellence and the children get to have special things the normal school budget couldn't afford. Under the leadership of Ruth Relfe, the PTA has truly become a unique and wonderful group who really do exceptional things. This year they have donated £16k to the school so that we can ensure a high volume of reading books, a new pool cover to keep the water warm, supporting the development of a reading room on the playground and many other resources which we will update you on throughout the year.

On behalf of us all I would like to thank **Ruth Relfe** and **Sophie French** for their relentless dedication and legacy of excellence in their leadership of our PTA.

Thank you again for the ongoing support and engagement in our wonderful school.

Warmest wishes,

Trevor North



Deputy Headteacher News

Mr Johnson writing to you all this week. I hope you all had a restful half term that was filled with lots of time together making memories. However, sometimes we know that this is not the case and that sometimes things do not go brilliantly for everyone therefore please remember we are here to support. If something has happened and you feel you would like some support from the school, then please do contact Ingrid Dutch our Families & Community Manager via the school office. A positive home-school partnership is hugely important to allow children to feel safe, supported and excel academically so please do reach out if you feel you want some support.



Diary Dates

Term 2

06 Nov - Year R parent tours 9.30am & 1.45pm - book via website (9.30am full)

09 Nov - Year R parent tours 9.30am & 1.45pm - book via website (9.30am full)

10 Nov - Remembrance Day Events

13 Nov - Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week - See details below!

14 Nov - Coral Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

17 Nov - Children in Need - casual dress day - more info to follow

21 Nov - Amber Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

27-30 Nov - Scholastic Book Fair - times to be confirmed

28 Nov - Drama Workshops for Years R, 1 & 2

28 Nov - Jade Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

06 Dec - Year R Nativity to parents & siblings 9.30am Brook Hall

07 Dec - Piano Assembly (Jo Wilson) 9.00-9.30am Orchard Hall

07 Dec - Year R Nativity to parents 2.00pm Brook Hall

12 Dec - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day (to be confirmed)

15 Dec - Last day of term

15 Dec - Christmas Services at All Saints Church Loose

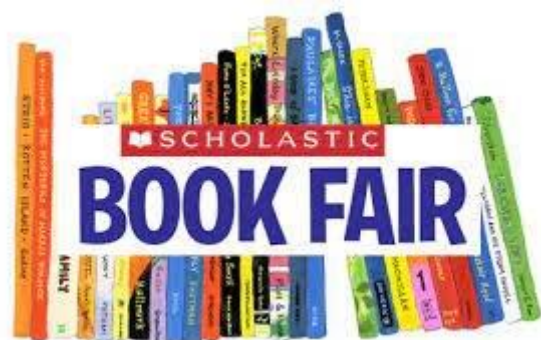
15 Dec - Open afternoon from 2pm - children can be signed out from 2pm onwards



Scholastic Book Fair

On Monday 27th November until Thursday 30th November, we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in school. More details will follow shortly but please put the dates in your diaries. This will be the perfect opportunity to stock up on any books that you might like to buy your children as Christmas presents.

Miss Spelman and Mrs Coleman



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Anti-Bullying Week is fast approaching. This year the theme is '**Make A Noise About Bullying**'. The Anti-Bullying Alliance has consulted with teachers and pupils and concluded that this year we wanted a theme that empowered us to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

The message from the Anti-Bullying Alliance this year is a strong one: *'Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as 'just banter'. It doesn't have to be that way. Of course, we won't always like everyone and we don't always agree, but we can choose respect and unity. This anti-bullying week, let's come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.'*

Anti-bullying week will remind everyone whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online we can bring an end to bullying.

The week will begin on **Monday 13th with 'Odd Socks Day'** when children will be asked to come to school wearing odd socks. The serious message behind the fun being: let's pull-on odd socks to show we're all unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality.

In addition, the children will have the anti-bullying message 'Make A Noise About Bullying' the focus of their PSHE learning for the week.

If you would like to find out more about the Anti Bullying Alliance campaign, please follow the link below:

[Anti-Bullying Week 2023: Make A Noise About Bullying \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)



Curriculum Support

At the most recent parent council meeting, I spoke to the fabulous team about how we are looking to make our curriculum have real meaning and purpose so it is memorable and exciting for the children. One way for us to do that is to inspire the children to present their learning to a professional audience. Our community can be that professional audience. If you are an expert within a specific field e.g. art and design, sports, science, or anything that you may feel benefits our children then please do contact myself via the school office so we can discuss. One brilliant recent example is we had a parent who is an electrician come into school at the end of Term 1 to discuss how to stay safe around electricity with some of our Year 4 children.

Ethic of Excellence

A huge well done to the following children from their Ethic of Excellence Award!

Week ending 3rd November 2013

Maddie W & Sofia K - Diamond Class

Lenny M & Chezanne G - Sapphire Class

Grace K & Caspian B - Moonstone Class

Mya F & Logan H - Tanzanite Class

Riley H & Elliot S - Turquoise Class



Shout Outs

A shout out to our wonderful **Year 6 pupils** who are giving up their time to help with the parent tours next week for the new Year R intake.

Well done to **Spencer from Turquoise class** who bravely went to a football class without knowing any one and won trophies too!

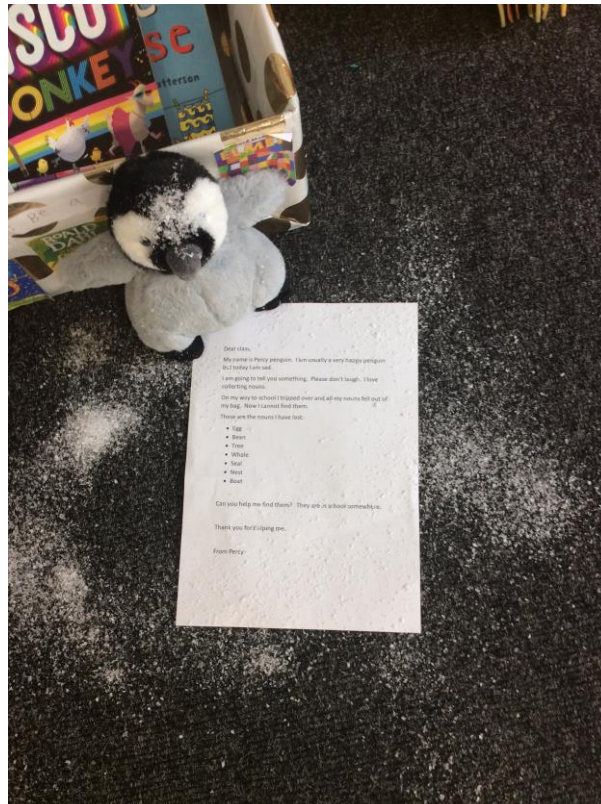
Well done to **Eloise from Turquoise class** who has been awarded a Blue Peter Badge for reading, well deserved 😊

A big shout out to **all of Turquoise class** on their swimming this week, they really are showing improvement and being very sensible when getting changed. Thank you!

Congratulations to **Ella and Macey (Emerald and Ruby class)** who raised money for the Air Ambulance service by walking 2.5 miles around Mote Park on Saturday in the pouring rain - both girls received a t-shirt and a medal which is well deserved!

Well done to the **Year 1 team** for making the first literacy topic for their children so much fun with a snow and a talking penguin...

The children were very excited to make the discovery in their classrooms this week. Percy the Penguin needed their help! The children were very successful in helping Percy. They have all developed good understanding of what a noun is.

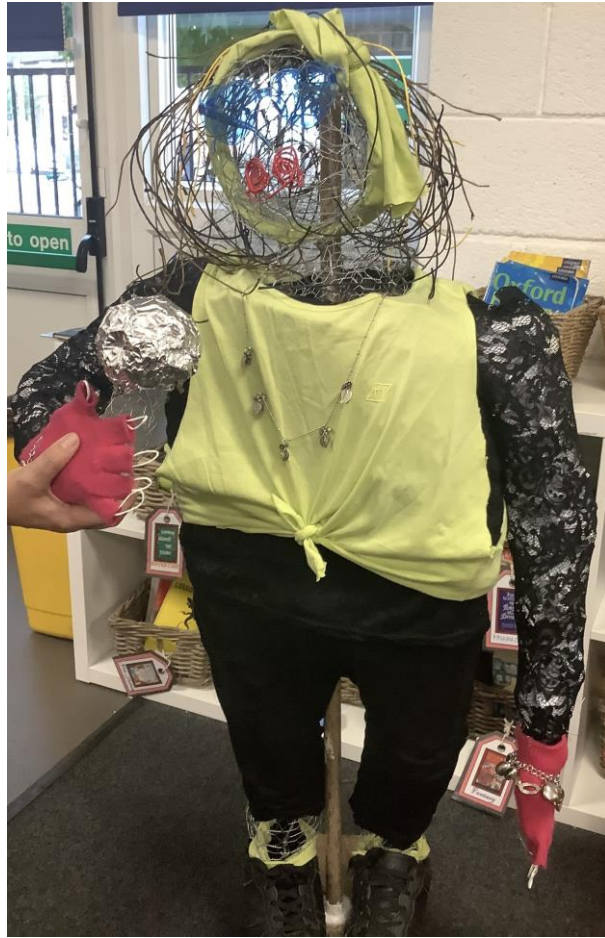


Staff Shout Outs

A huge happy birthday to **our caretaker Derek (Mac)** ..70 years young and still running around like a whippet!

Huge congratulations to our lovely **Mrs Seldon-Todd** and our site manager **Mr Todd** on the birth of their gorgeous baby boy born yesterday. We wish them all the best and hope to meet Elias in school soon.

Thank you so much to **Mrs Cottage** for taking the time and effort to create 'Madonna' for the Maidstone Scarecrow Trail. The children used their wire skills to make this superb sculpture. Mrs Cottage was fantastically creative with this and inspired the children!



House Points

1st - Donaldson

2nd - Attenborough

3rd - Curie

4th - Parks

Well done to Donaldson this week!

PTA Events & Dates

Don't forget to drop your children's festive artwork into reception by the 8th November. We can't wait to see all your mugs/cards and tea towels come to life. And for every item you buy the PTA will receive £1. They will make a wonderful personalised gift to friends and loved ones.

Our uniform shop is open Wednesday mornings in the room opposite Moonstone class. If you can't make it to the shop, please email us and we will be happy to help.

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching on the 25th November. We have got lots of festive stalls and games so please come along to support our school.

Many thanks,

Lisa

(on behalf of the PTA)

Community News

LOOSE SWISS SCOUTS – QUIZ NIGHT, SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2023

Loose Swiss Scouts have their annual quiz night on Saturday 18th November. Why not gather your family, friends and neighbours, create a team of between 6-8 people and come along for an evening of fun whilst supporting a good cause.

Venue: LOOSE PRIMARY SCHOOL **Tickets:** £7.00 per person

Arrive: 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINK** To book call Kay on **01622 757449**



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