

Weekly Newsletter 15th October 2021

Headteacher News



A reflective post from me this week after, you may be aware, some staff and governors nominated me for an award which I feel very humbled to accept.

As teachers, most of us entered the profession to make a difference, ensure children wherever possible achieve their best and work with you, their parents and families to give our children the best start and grounding for their lives possible.

In my 25 years experience in 6 schools this has always been the same. Great staff at all levels make a school what it is and strive for the best for the children that make schools wonderful places to learn and be.

I moved into senior leadership very early in my teaching career as Deputy Headteacher at Park Way Primary School and moved to what was then Loose Junior School (again as DHT) in 2008. Only leaving to work as Head of School at Coxheath Primary from 2017-2019 I have worked with many of you and the families at Loose for a long time. Like so many long-term staff at Loose we are all part of this exceptional community and feel a sense of loyalty, pride and belonging to our school.

One thing that does not change in schools is the desire to strive for excellence, in a rapidly moving world with different expectations from so many, staff always go back to why we came into the profession - to make a difference to primary children.

Loose is no different to anywhere else, we don't always get things right but are open and honest to feedback and making changes wherever we can. This has been one of the most difficult things in the last year and you will see this in our first parent council minutes of the year when they are published shortly on here <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Parent+Council&pid=92> where we explain reasons around some decisions we are making to keep things as safe as possible in our large primary school.

Please do always know we are trying to do the best we can at all times. The team we have at Loose offers your children the chance of a truly superb learning experience, one we are continually working hard to further improve and for that I would like to end this week by thanking the children

of course, you too as our families but also the staff who make my job as headteacher such a wonderful one.

Have a lovely weekend

From Sarah

Learner of the Week



A huge well done to the children who got their achievement certificates in assembly this week.

Diamond - Summer L

Sapphire - Back next week

Moonstone - Violet K

Tanzanite - Faye A

Aquamarine - Isla A

Turquoise - Millie S

Coral - Jax S

Amber - Fadeelah O

Jade - Darcy-Rose W

Emerald - Poppy O

Onyx - Charlotte P

Ruby - Jacob C

Topaz - Olivia F

Sunstone - Daniel H

Amethyst - Fraser C

Peridot - Harry B

Zultanite - Adam R

Quartz - McKenley R

Diary Dates



18 Oct - Year R Biscuit Bake followed by **cake sale KS1 Playground 3.10pm**

18 Oct - Fantastic Fred Workshops - whole school

19 & 20 Oct - Outer Space Drama Workshops Yrs R-2

20 Oct - Parents Evening Consultations 4-7pm

21 Oct - Year 5 Spy Day - children to come to school dressed as a spy

21 Oct - Parents Evening Consultations 3.40-6.30pm

21 Oct - Kent 11+ test results to parents - emails from 4pm

21 Oct - last day of term

22 Oct - Staff Training Day - no children in school

Term 2

01 Nov - Children back to school

02 Nov - Flu Vaccinations for Year R to 6

08 & 11 Nov - Tours for Sept 2022 Year R parents - 9.30am or 1.45pm - call office to book

09 Oct - Year R to Year 2 Individual & class photos

10 Oct - Year 3 to Year 5 Individual & class photos (Y6 will be done later in the year)

12 Nov - Children In Need - Non-uniform day for a donation to charity

12 Nov - PTA Disco - more info to follow

15-19 Nov - Antibullying Week/Road Safety Week

17 Nov - Change for Life Roadshow for Year 4 - Orchard Hall

22 Nov - Year 4 trip to Horton Kirby

30 Nov - St Andrews Day - whole school celebration

02 Dec - Family Trust Christmas Panto - whole school

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

09 Dec - Year R nativity to parents 2pm Brook Hall

10 Dec - Parent Council meeting

14 Dec - CDC Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (to be confirmed)

17 Dec - Christmas Services

17 Dec - Open Afternoon from 2pm-3.30pm - children can be signed out from 2pm onwards

17 Dec - Last day of term - children return to school 5th January 2022

Ethan Sparks -Amazing Achievement

We want to celebrate and share with you the amazing achievement of one of our Year 6 children. Ethan has always amazed us with his motorbike abilities but this week he has achieved even more and more impressively came back from a setback. Please see below for a more detailed recount of Ethan's incredibly achievement:

Having attended 7 rounds all over the country since April this year, Ethan has been competing in the Fab-Racing British Mini bike Championship in the Metrakit 70 class. This is the premier class of the championship with everyone wanting the prestigious title of MKGP70 CHAMPION. The final round of the season took us to Llandow South Wales and thankfully the weather was on our side! Ethan was leading the championship by 15 points, but a double points round meant there was a lot at stake. Unfortunately in Race 1 there was a race incident, in which Ethan was knocked off the bike, with damaged fingers and dented pride, Ethan finished Saturdays racing in a 9 point deficit. It was make or break for Ethan on Sunday and despite the badly bruised fingers, he was not to be deterred, he reset, refocused and went out in Race 2 and claimed the win. It now all went down to Race 3, he needed to win for the championship. It was a very tight race, we could barely watch from the side, but what we witnessed was Ethan come back from the disappointment and despair of the day before and fight for his win to take the title of MKGP70 British Champion 2021. During the weekend Ethan was spotted for his talent and determination by Michael Laverty a ex MotoGP rider and BT Sport commentator who came to see the final round, he now plans to support and develop Ethan in the coming years, which is very exciting for the family.

We are all so proud of you Ethan and you are a role model to your peers and the children here at Loose. Well done!



October Holiday Play Scheme - Bookings Open

Online bookings can now be made for the October Holiday Play Scheme.

See flyer <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6649&type=pdf> and to book click on the following link:-

<https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/form/?pid=13&form=237>

Assistant Headteacher News

This week we have been celebrating the fantastic achievements of our fabulous Headteacher. At the weekend, Sarah was awarded not one but TWO headteacher awards. Sarah was given district Headteacher of the year for Maidstone and then went one better and was awarded overall Kent Headteacher of the Year. As a staff team, we are hugely proud of Sarah and thank her for everything she does, leading the school in such a positive and enthusiastic way.

Calling All First Aiders!

Year 4 are looking for a couple of parents to teach their classes some basic first aid in Term 5 (after Easter), to support their work on Personal Safety. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs Muir via the school office - this term if possible. Many Thanks

Online Safety Coffee Afternoon Link

For those of you who could not make it on Wednesday to the Online Safety Coffee Afternoon, see the slides and links here <https://loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Safer+Internet+Day&pid=28>

PTA News & Events

Happy's Circus!

What a delight to see the Big Top on the school field and to see the children so excited! If you don't want to miss out on seeing Happy's Circus we will be selling tickets on the door today – come along to the "Ticket Sales" table outside the Big Top to buy yours. Today's show starts at 4pm. We hope everyone who came along yesterday had a fantastic time, and those watching today do too!

PTA Uniform Shop

We have received lots of uniform donations this term and our stock is now overflowing! You can buy pre-loved jumpers and cardigans, in addition to shirts, blouses, trousers, skirts, pinafores and shorts. Please email your uniform requests to loosepta@yahoo.co.uk and we will do our best to find the items you need! Jumpers and cardigans cost £5 each, all other items £1. Unfortunately we don't have any ties at the moment, so if you have any good quality unwanted ties laying around at home, please bring them in for us as these are always in high demand. Thank you.

Lucky Lotto

Thank you to those of you that have purchased Lucky Lotto numbers this year. The first draw will take place next week so keep an eye on your email to find out if you are a winner!

Running Engines

We have had complaints from parents and residents about people sitting in their cars on Lancet Lane and leaving their engines running. Not only is this not environmentally friendly, but all parents and children queuing for school entry are left breathing in the fumes in high concentrations. Please turn your engines off where possible and think of others and the environment. Thank you for your co-operation.

Weekly House Points

Attenborough - 4th

Curie - 1st

Donaldson - 2nd

Parks - 3rd

Well done Curie House this week!

Contact Us

brook@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - this is for parents to contact teachers re work/passwords & every day matters etc in KS1 (Year R, 1 & 2)

orchard@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - this is for parents to contact teachers re work/passwords & every day matters etc in KS2 (Years 3 - 6)

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