



Weekly Newsletter 5th November 2021

Headteacher News

We hope everyone had a good autumn break. This term we continue to focus on the continued development of our new curriculum. As a school we have thought deeply about our Curriculum “Intent” wanting our pupils to make sense of the increasingly complex and rapidly changing world in which they live. Our knowledge-based curriculum aims to develop essential skills, equipping them for their futures.

This term has many exciting learning opportunities to look forward to. Please look on our website <https://www.looseprimary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=22> to find out what your child will be learning and of course, we cannot forget our YR Christmas Nativity and end of term church services which we very much hope can go ahead.

Primary Admissions for 2022

We look forward to welcoming prospective parents next week for our Open Day tours at 9:30am and 1:45pm on Monday 8th and Thursday 11th November. There is an opportunity for you to see learning in

action and the quality of provision being offered in all year groups. We are very proud of our school and its learning environment. If you have a child starting school next September and would like to come along for a tour, please contact the school office. Please do click here <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=15> for more information and to view 2 videos of our amazing school.

School Uniform

Thank you so much for ensuring that your children are dressed appropriately in our school uniform at all times. We strongly believe that our uniform is a vital part of us setting the tone for our school and it helps to develop a sense of pride and high expectations amongst the children. Please also ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named, thank you.

With the dark evenings and Firework Night tonight, we do hope that everyone stays safe and has an enjoyable weekend.

Sarah Holman



Diary Dates

Term 2

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 - PTA Disco - Yrs 3 & 4 - 3.30-5pm Yrs 5 & 6 - 5.30-7pm - see letter that's been sent home

15-19 Nov - Antibullying Week/Road Safety Week

19 Nov - Children In Need - Non-uniform day with a 'spotty' theme for a donation to charity - see change of date!!

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 -Children invited to dress up in blue and white (flag colours) or to wear something tartan**

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



Learner of the Week

Diamond - Charlie L

Sapphire - Lana D

Moonstone - Lily M

Tanzanite - Zachary S

Aquamarine - Belle J

Turquoise - Emilia T

Coral - Leo P

Amber - Alex S

Jade - Ethan C

Emerald - Luke E

Onyx - Isadora P & Thais C/H

Ruby - Ethan H

Topaz - Jonathan V/G

Sunstone - Ella B

Amethyst - Finley N

Peridot - Betsy E

Zultanite - Florence H

Quartz - Jenson K



Children in Need - Friday 19th November

On Friday 19th November Loose Primary School will be celebrating Children in Need by dressing up in anything spotty! Be as creative and inventive as you like. There will be prizes for the best dressed in each year group (chosen by the School Council).



September 2022 Year R Admissions

If you have a child due to start in Year R in September 2022 we would advise that online applications are now open for parents wanting to apply. The closing date is midnight on the 17th January 2022.

Applications should, where possible, be made online using www.kent.gov.uk/ola. Offer day is 19th April 2022 where you will be offered a school for your child. Please see www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions for full details or contact Mrs Thomson in the school office should you have any enquiries.



Thank you from Year R

The Early Years staff and children would like to thank you all for your generosity and support with the 'Biscuit Bear Bake-Off' and cake sale at the end of last half term. We raised an incredible **£441.29!** We have already bought a fire station, airport and space rocket for our small world areas which the children have been buzzing with excitement about - they are busy plotting what they would like to buy next with the money from their venture! Thank you again - fundraisers like these benefit your children so much.



Remembrance Sunday All Saints Church Loose

Next **Sunday 14th November** there is a Remembrance Day service at All Saints Loose Church where there will be a poppy wreath presented by the school. The service starts at **10am** and everyone is welcome - young and old alike! It is a great way of raising your children's awareness of and being involved in such an important part of our British history. Plus, there will be refreshments and cake back at the church afterwards which is always a bonus on a cold autumn morning! Hope to see you there.



Poppies

A reminder there are poppies and other poppy merchandise on sale from the main reception until the 11th November, for a donation to The Royal British Legion. Unfortunately we have no poppy pins left. Year 6 children will be going round the KS1 classes so if you would like a poppy for your child please put your donation in a named envelope with 'poppy' written on it. KS2 children can come to the main reception for theirs.



Assistant Headteacher News

Hi everyone, Mr Farley this week. I hope you all had a lovely holiday. Children have come back to school refreshed and looking very smart. Year groups have fantastic learning activities planned for your children this term, and we have a big focus on oracy, enabling children to engage in conversations and respond to other children's comments. It would be good if you could have a big speaking and listening focus with your children at home over the next few terms.



Weekly & Term 1 House Points

Attenborough - 2nd

Curie - 1st

Donaldson - 3rd

Parks - 4th

Well done to Curie this week!

Curie were also the winners of term 1!



Term Dates 2022-23

Please find the link below for next years term dates - we have still to add the 5 staff training days to these dates where children do not attend school. We shall send final dates out once these have been confirmed.

<https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6696&type=pdf>

PTA Events & Dates

KS2 Disco, Friday 12th November, Years 3/4 3.30pm to 5pm, Years 5/6 5.30pm to 7pm

We're all looking forward to the first disco since February 2020! Paperless tickets are now on sale for £3 each (please note no actual tickets will be issued), by payment online to the PTA bank account, or by cash payment placed in the drop box outside reception. Please make all payments by **Thursday 11th November**, and see the letter sent out on Wednesday for further details and items available for sale at the discos. We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone that has offered to help us on the day, we now have enough helpers for both discos!

PTA AGM - Tuesday 16th November, 8pm

We will be holding our AGM in the staff room at school on Tuesday 16th November at 8pm. This is your chance to come along and find out what we do and how we do it! To continue to run all events in the

future we do need more members to boost our numbers. Without your help we will not be able to raise additional valuable funds to enhance the children's experiences at school. If you have ever thought about joining the PTA then now is the time, please come along and share your fundraising ideas with us. If you need any more information please contact loosepta@yahoo.co.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you!



Bad Parking

We have received photos of a grey Peugeot that was parked so far up on the pavement on the Loose Road parents with buggies were having to go onto the road to get round it. This is extremely dangerous. The vehicle registration is **BU65 DYX**. Please park with care and consideration.

Inclusion Team

As Mrs Holman mentioned in the last newsletter, staff received training from our district Specialist Teaching and Learning Service during our development day. The focus of the session was to support class-based staff (teachers and Teaching Assistants) in understanding how they can adapt our school curriculum so that all groups of learners are included. It was a valuable and thought-provoking session, with emphasis on how small changes can have a big impact on how successful our teaching can be for those that have additional needs or find learning tricky. We focused on making sure learners are as independent as possible - this means making sure we provide children with scaffolding (the supports and frames of reference they need before learning is embedded), thinking about alternatives to writing

to demonstrate our children's amazing knowledge-base, reflecting on how long children really need to listen to and understand our many questions, the importance of visual references and how technology can 'lift barriers' - among many other things. I know that lots of teachers were going away to find out more about Microsoft's Immersive Reader - more on that from me in another newsletter item! Thank you to all staff that attended such a worthwhile session, which will no doubt impact positively on all the children in school.

Laura James



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)

lasc.asc@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - please use this email address for **ALL** extended services bookings/queries/requests etc. Please do not email the office with these.

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