



Weekly Newsletter 12th November 2021

Headteacher News

Writing Assessments

We are delighted to be taking part in a national study of comparative judgements made of pupil writing. This is for teachers to be able to compare differences and discuss and agree ways forward to improve writing outcomes for children. Y3 have completed this so far and Y5 are next. Comparative Judgement assesses open-ended work more reliably than traditional marking. It is a process where judges (teachers) compare two responses and decide which is better. Following repeated comparisons nationally by all schools taking part, the resulting data is statistically modelled and responses placed on a scale of relative quality. No pupil information is shared, just the writing itself and we will share more information with you as we continue the project.

Year 6 tour guides

This week we welcomed many prospective parents on tours of the school. I would like to thank our Y6 pupils and prefects for showing such pride and care in their role as tour guide. The feedback from

visitors and current YR parents last week was very positive and it is a delight to share such positivity with you.

Want to discuss your child?

Remember you can contact the class teacher via the office at any time for a meeting or phone call, We also have Mrs Oliveri our EY leader and our 3 Assistant Headteachers - Mr Farley for Y1/2; Mr Hogwood for Y3/4 and Mr Johnson for Y5/6.

Mrs Dutch is our FLO who is always happy to help also regarding any family matters. Click here to read more about her role and how she may be able to support you if you need it <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=FLO+support&pid=222>

Have a lovely weekend

Sarah Holman



Diary Dates

Term 2

12 Nov - PTA Disco - Yrs 3 & 4 - 3.30-5pm Yrs 5 & 6 - 5.30-7pm - tickets £3.50 on the door

15th Nov - 'Odd Socks Day' when children will be asked to come to school wearing odd socks

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

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

Term 3

04 Jan - Staff Training Day - children not in school

05 Jan - Children back to school

21 Jan - Non- uniform Day - more info to follow

24 Jan - Fire Safety talks for the whole school

25 Jan - Onyx Class Assembly - 9am Orchard Hall families invited

01 Feb - Ruby Class Assembly - 9am Orchard Hall families invited

02 Feb - Theatre ADAD Year 6

04 Feb - Parent Council Meeting 2.15pm -3.00pm

08 Feb - Safer Internet Day

08 Feb - Emerald Class Assembly - 9am Orchard Hall families invited

09 Feb - Parents Evening Consultations 4-7pm

10 Feb - Parents Evening Consultation 3.40-6.30pm

10 Feb - Last day of term - children are due back in school on 21st February



Learner of the Week

Diamond - Jason P

Sapphire - Oliver M

Moonstone - Oliver G

Tanzanite - Back next week

Aquamarine - Reuben T

Turquoise - Sophie H

Coral - Eliza M

Amber - Naomi Z

Jade - Kai L

Emerald - Emilia M

Onyx - Iris W

Ruby - Isla B

Topaz - Sienna J

Sunstone - Ava S

Amethyst - Jack M

Peridot - Woody B

Zultanite - Laila A

Quartz - Abigail G



Lancet Lane Issues

We have had more complaints from the residents of Lancet Lane about parents sitting in their cars and leaving their engines running. Please switch your engines off where possible and consider the residents and environment too. Please also try and time your arrival with the gates opening at 8.40am so that there are not queues up Lancet Lane too. Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.

Anti-bullying Week Odd Socks Day - Monday 15th November

Anti-bullying week

Once again, Loose Primary School will be taking part in this year's **Anti-bullying Week**, which runs from the **15th to the 19th of November**.

This year the theme is **One Kind Word**. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of people around us. The week will begin on **Monday 15th with 'Odd Socks Day'** when children will be asked to come to school wearing odd socks. There is a serious message behind the fun : 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. The anti-bullying message and the importance of kind words will then be the focus for the children's PSHE learning for the week . Any 'random acts of kindness' will also be appreciated and celebrated. Let's see if we can make Anti-bullying Week the kindest week at school so far! Thank you!

Mrs Way





Homework Club

From January 2022 Mrs Lerpiniere will no longer be supervising Home work Club. She has worked in this post for many years and will really miss the interaction she has had with the children across years two to six.

This decision is based on wanting to spend more time with her grandchildren who see her regularly after school. Mrs Lerpiniere will still be working as a teaching assistant so we are not saying goodbye, and thank her hugely for her commitment to this role over many years.

From January 2022 Mrs Lewis will run our Homework Club from **Monday to Thursday** each week. Payment and booking should be done in the same way as currently.

Children in Need - Friday 19th November

Next Friday we 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).



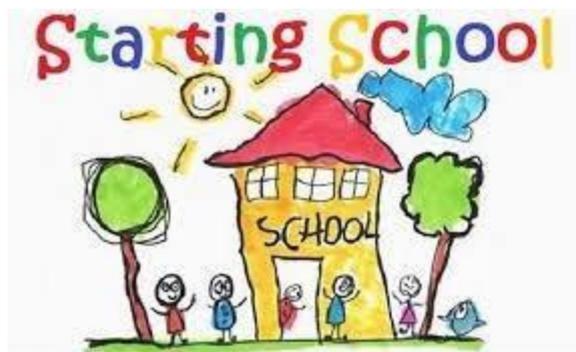
Ventilation in Classes

We are trying to balance ventilation and not getting too cold in school so please ensure your child has a jumper and as it gets colder, maybe wear a t-shirt or vest under their shirt to keep warm. See link below for more details.

<https://twitter.com/looseprimary/status/1458534251180302341?s=12>

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.



Remembrance Sunday All Saints Church Loose

On **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.



Assistant Headteacher News

Mr Johnson writing to you all this week. We are approaching the end of our second week of Term 2 and it has been an amazing start to term. Throughout this term, members of SLT will be delivering a wide range of assemblies linked to our global themes. Our global themes are six key areas (Environment, Expressive Arts, Well-being, Identity and Social Justice, Innovation and Technology) that we feel children should gain an understanding of throughout their time here at Loose. They will not be directly taught in classes but will be covered via assemblies, topics covered in classes, books

and texts we choose to read with the children and many other ways. For example last week I lead an assembly on COP26 which links to our Environment global theme. We have produced a knowledge progression document showing the key things we believe children should know about each global theme at each different stage of their time with us and this is available on our website:

<https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6693&type=pdf>

The global themes are a brilliant underpinning to our curriculum to ensure that we are delivering learning and knowledge that is essential to the holistic development of your children.



Weekly House Points

Attenborough - 4th

Curie - 1st

Donaldson - 3rd

Parks - 2nd

Well done to Curie again this week!



PTA Events & Dates

KS2 Disco

The KS2 children are excited about the return of the disco today! Tickets are still available to purchase on the door for £3.50. When collecting your child(ren) please enter through the main reception and exit from the fire doors at the rear of Orchard Hall. There is no parking on site for drop off or collection. We hope the children all have a lovely time!

The return of Zoom Comedy Bingo!

The successful Zoom Comedy Bingo night is back on Sunday 28th November at 5pm with a Christmas theme! Entry is only £10 per household, please transfer this direct to the PTA bank account and email loosepta@yahoo.co.uk with your name for entry. There will be lots of prizes throughout the evening, and remember that fancy dress or Christmas jumpers are compulsory!

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!



Inclusion Team

Parent, Carers Courses at Loose 2022

Term 3 will see the return of our Family Courses held at Loose Primary School and delivered by Adult Education.

These courses are not interventions and the tutor will not tell parents “how it’s done”, rather they are discussion-based with time to share experiences, ideas, concerns and possible solutions. Content will include all/some of the following:

- Discuss the difference between passive, aggressive and assertive behaviours
- Ideas for becoming more assertive and building self-confidence
- How to say NO when needed.
- How to accept praise and respond to compliments
- How to deal with criticism
- Ideas for building the child’s self-esteem and confidence

The course will take place during 5 sessions of 2 hours, one morning a week for 5 weeks. Confirmed dates will be communicated shortly, together with instruction on how to book your place.

Further courses planned are:

Managing your child's behaviour - Term 4, (10 hrs) Dates to be confirmed

Stepping up into Secondary School - Term 5 (2 Hours) Wednesday 18th May (AM)

Stepping into Primary School - Term 6 (2 Hours) Date to be confirmed.

Should you have any questions regarding the above or would like to make suggestions about any other support, courses or workshops which may be of interest to you please contact me via the School Office office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk

Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Ingrid Dutch



Community News

CALLING ALL DADS - JOIN US ON SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER @ 10AM

COFFEE MORNING/MEET UP JUST FOR DADS

VENUE - ROCKIN ROBIN ON THE GREEN, BARMING (1 HEATH ROAD ME16 9AR)



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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