



Weekly Newsletter 19th November 2021

Headteacher News

Well, I cannot really believe we are again battling Covid and all the trials and tribulations it brings us. Thank you for so many supportive comments - they are really helping give us all a boost!

How can you help?

As I said in my letter earlier in the week, we would appreciate it if you could help us by **limiting mixing of households outside school** as if we are doing this in school but children are mixing after school and at weekends we fear things may not improve.

Face coverings - wear one!

Thank you to so many of you for **wearing masks on site and at the gates**. About 3/4 of parents have done this and we are very thankful to you for showing you support our control measures to try to prevent the spread.

Keep your children at home if they show any symptoms - a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child

develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-a-free-pcr-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus) or by calling 119 and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, your child can end self-isolation; if positive, they should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared.

Lateral Flow testing

In our conversations with PHE they have said that there is some opinion now that these work well with younger children too. If your child has no symptoms but are awaiting PCR testing due to being in close contact with people who have tested positive for Covid, e.g., their family members, you may wish to use one. They told us that it is now recommended that anyone can test daily using LFD tests until they get the results of their PCR test. These are available via Gov.Uk website.

We were pleased that PHE agreed with all measures in place to try to stop this outbreak and that we should continue with them until we see cases dropping. We do need your help with this though as if children are mixing at home our measures will be in vain.

Children in Need

Thank you to all the children for coming to school today in their spotty outfits - they looked great! Thanks also for all the donations for Children in Need. This is a wonderful charity to support. We shall give you a total in next week's newsletter letting you know how much money we managed to raise in total thank you.

KCS Catalogue

Earlier this term we were invited to work with KCS to provide Photographic Images of our school and pupils to use within their catalogues and on their website. KCS is one of the largest suppliers to schools, nurseries, public sector organisations and businesses in the UK. We are extremely proud to be able to showcase our wonderful school and pupils in this way. This project has now been completed and the images being used in catalogues and in their marketing materials which is exciting! This is the main cover of their primary catalogue.

PTA

We would love to thank our amazing PTA for donating the fantastic sum £11,000 to the school. It is being allocated in the following ways:

£4,000 - for additional reading books for the KS1 library

£4,000 - towards Forest school items/hobbit hut

£3,000 - for swimming pool upkeep.

£5,500 was raised in the last academic year through Lockdown and the period of heavier restrictions and the additional further £5,500 represents the amazing fundraising for Term 1 this year (mainly the Late Summer Festival and Happy's Circus). So, a total of £11,000!

Thank you to all of you who have supported these events – without this support the money couldn't be raised. We are so lucky to have such a fabulous school community.

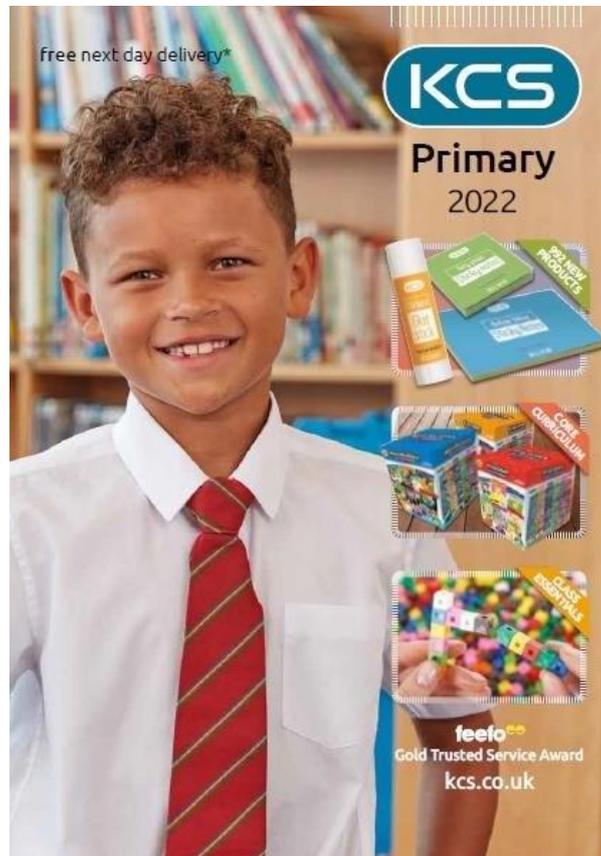
Following the PTA's AGM this week, 3 of their officer roles became vacant. Without the additional committee members, Chair, Vice Chair & Secretary, the PTA won't be able to continue fundraising to such a high level which would be a huge loss to all of our school family. If you think you are able to

contribute your time in some way, please do contact the PTA, loosePTA@yahoo.co.uk, where you can find out additional information on what the roles entail.

Thank you

Have a good weekend and stay safe.

Mrs Holman



Diary Dates

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME DATES AND EVENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION DUE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH COVID IN SCHOOL. WE WILL KEEP PARENTS/CARERS INFORMED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

Term 2

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



Attendance

The requirements for attending school have not changed even though we have increasing cases at Loose. All children unless displaying any Covid symptoms or being asymptomatic but with a positive PCR result or with any other sickness (eg tonsillitis, chicken pox) should be in school. If parents choose for children not to attend school now, as at any other time, this would be recorded as unauthorised. The guidance from the DFE is very clear and strict on this for schools. Also, although we set work on Google Classrooms for children isolating but well with COVID, this should not be for

children where parents choose for them not to attend. Our normal attendance policy and procedures for absence are in place for children who are well but not in school.

Remembrance Sunday Poppy Wreath

Thank you to all the children below who represented the school on Remembrance Sunday and helped lay a poppy wreath at the Loose village cenotaph, you all looked very smart in your uniform and were a credit to the school.

Harry A - Zultanite

Chloe F - Sunstone

Rebecca S/Y - Amethyst

Ella T - Emerald

Isabella L - Emerald

Caius A - Ruby

Isabell B - Coral

Jacob W - Jade

Isla K - Coral

Isaac C - Quartz



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.



Assistant Headteacher News

Hello, Mr Hogwood here this week with the AHT news. Loose have been celebrating anti bullying week, where we had lots of odd sock wearing children on Monday and we finished the week with spotty children for Children in Need! It is fantastic to see our school community supporting these great causes that can help them and others. The theme of Anti Bullying Week is 'One Kind Word' and it has been a pleasure to see the children of Loose share their kind words with each other. It is amazing how someone who hears a comment of how they have been kind to someone else can change their mood in an instant, and the smiles created by this! So let us all try and do a random act of kindness and make someone's day! Have a great weekend and stay safe.





PTA Events & Dates

The return of Zoom Comedy Bingo!

The successful Zoom Comedy Bingo night is back on Sunday 28th November at 5pm with a Christmas theme! This is an event you can participate in from the comfort of your own sofa, and can get the children involved in too!

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!

Christmas Presents for Parents and Carers

We will begin to accept payments for our annual Christmas Presents for Parents and Carers event next week, please look out for further information to be sent by school. Unfortunately due to the current Covid situation within school and lack of office staff, we are unable to accept cash payments for this event and all payments will need to be made direct to the PTA bank account. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

New PTA email address for payments

We have created a new PTA email address for you to use for any emails to do with queries on payments for events or other PTA banking matters. This will be active from next Tuesday and is looseptapayments@yahoo.com.



Inclusion Team

We would like to signpost you to a wonderful resource that is available locally for parents and carers of children with disabilities. The link below will take you to the **Space 2 be me** website which was set up in 2011 by a group of local parents to provide support and advice for families within Kent.

The charity provides support for the whole family with additional needs and disabilities which includes Autism, ADHD and Down Syndrome and there is no requirement to have a formal diagnosis in order to access their services.

They offer a range of clubs and activities, as well as workshops and support for families. In addition, there are opportunities to meet other families who may be facing similar challenges.

<https://space2beme.org.uk/>



Bad Parking

We have received photos of 2 vehicles, **a grey Kia YB69 0TD and a black Honda P40 RGP**, both parked so far up on the pavement on the Loose Road that parents had to walk onto the busy road with their children and buggies to get round them. This is extremely dangerous and inconsiderate. We have passed the photos onto the local PCSO.

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.

office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - use this for all other emails including absence, urgent matters etc

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