



Weekly Newsletter 26th November 2021

Headteacher News

As we approach the last 3 weeks of term we cannot believe we are yet again considering what things can go ahead as planned and what we need to restrict to keep risks of spreading covid as low as possible.

What we can assure you is that we are delighted that the children are as accommodating and respectful of all systems in place and are blissfully unaware of most things. Some children of course are missing after school clubs and some mixing in school (eg no assemblies, mixed interventions) but mostly they are just loving school, the run up to Christmas and life in general - exactly what we would want for them!

One thing does not change and that is the magic of Christmas for us all. The excitement and preparations will still be happening at school and we will all ensure, come what may, it will be a Christmas to remember.

Some children across the school are isolating or learning from home remotely using Google Classrooms. With school open and running as normally as we can given the circumstances, this is

more of a challenge than when we were just open for key worker children in lockdown, but hopefully you are all ok at home and we look forward to your return. A huge thank you to everyone this has affected; overall this way of working has been successful and we are pleased that children at home can keep up with their learning where they are well enough to do so.

I must also take this opportunity to thank all the staff for the way they have reassured the children and the positive way they deal with the many changes. They have been so dedicated during this crisis and are busily planning on-line learning alongside class teaching and ensuring the school runs smoothly.

Our school community spirit and our values of compassion and determination are helping us during this 'wave' of cases. Any message of support, hope or thanks to staff, groups of people or to your fellow parents help keep us all smiling.

Have a lovely weekend

Sarah 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**

10 Dec - Parent Council meeting - via zoom (see email for full details)

14 Dec - CDC Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

17 Dec - Last day of term

Term 3

04 Jan - Staff Training Day - children not in school
05 Jan - Children back to school
10 Jan - Year 6 Magistrates Talk
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 - Back next week

Sapphire - India I & George Y

Moonstone - Luke W

Tanzanite - Lennon E

Aquamarine - Aveyah C

Turquoise - Chloe W

Coral - Jake L

Amber - Noah B

Jade - Skye C

Emerald - Sonnie H

Onyx - Madison R

Ruby - Matilda C

Topaz - Rhymer W

Sunstone - Joseph N

Amethyst - Mollie F

Peridot - Amelie P

Zultanite - Jessica W & Joshua S

Quartz - Layla D



St. Andrews Day - Tuesday 30th November

On Tuesday the children are invited to come to school dressed up in their own clothes with a blue and white theme (flag colours) or wear something tartan to celebrate St Andrews Day.



CDC Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day - Tuesday 14th December

On Tuesday 14th December we will be having our annual Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day. If your child would like a dinner the menu can be found on the school website under the following link:-

<https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6729&type=pdf>

Parents of children in Years R, 1 & 2 don't need to do anything.

Parents of children in Years 3 to 6 need to go onto ParentPay and book their child's dinner. This includes children eligible for free school meals but there will be no charge.

Please note we cannot change the menu on the ParentPay website to show the Christmas lunch due to technical issues. It will show the usual meal choice so please ignore this.

Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school on the day too instead of their school jumper, over their normal school uniform.

All orders must be made no later than Thursday 9th December to allow the kitchen time to order their supplies.



Class Lists

We cannot give out class lists to parents for Christmas card writing, sorry. Ideally children will write their own list of names of friends to send. We will have class post boxes from early December and elves will give out cards nearer the holiday.

Year 6 Photos

Regarding photos for Year 6 children, in the past the school have done a whole year group photo and an individual photo in term 6. However following feedback from a few parents last year, the parent council were asked if Year 6 parents would just prefer a class photo rather than a year group one and the feedback was that they would. So this will happen in term 6. There will be a individual photo of each child as well as the class photo.

Thank you from the Royal British Legion

Dear Loose Primary School

We have now finished collecting back the Poppies and cash from schools, and would like to thank you and all the other Maidstone schools who have put so much effort into the Poppy Collection.

This year is very important, as RBL only managed 50% of its target last year due to Covid. But the soldiers, sailors and airmen who suffered on our behalf often catastrophic damage, both mentally and physically, still need caring for!

Thanks to your efforts this year, we collected an amazing sum of **£13,500** just from the Maidstone Schools. We are very proud of your achievement, and would like to sincerely thank you for your enormous efforts for this very important and worthy cause.

Loose Primary School collected an amazing £348.59!

With very best wishes from all of us at Royal British Legion,

Terry Kinsman (01622 730119) and **Robert Wicken** (01622 739353)

RBL Schools Appeal Organisers, Maidstone



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

Mr Johnson writing to you this week. I want to dedicate my newsletter section to our wonderful members of staff. I want to say a huge thank you to our office team who've worked tirelessly tracking attendance and rising cases. Thank you to Mrs Dutch for stepping up and being superb last week and this week with ever changing plans. Finally, a massive thank you to all the teaching staff who have been working in bubbles this week. You've continued to provide excellent provision for our children and we are so very lucky to have you.



PTA Events & Dates

Zoom Comedy Bingo Deadline 5pm today!

The successful Zoom Comedy Bingo night is back on this 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 looseptapayments@yahoo.com 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

The PTA are delighted that all children will again have the opportunity to purchase a Christmas gift for their parents/carers this year. Each gift will cost £2. Online payments will be required please. Apologies but we cannot currently accept cash due to the current Covid situation. **All payments must be made in advance and the deadline is Friday 3rd December.** The children will then get to choose their gifts on Tuesday 6th or Wednesday 7th November in school. See separate PTA letter for more info.

PTA email addresses

Please continue to use loosepta@yahoo.co.uk for all general enquires and contact with the PTA. We have now 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 is now active and is looseptapayments@yahoo.com



Weekly House Points

Curie - 1st

Attenborough - 2nd

Donaldson - 3rd

Parks - 4th

Well done again to Curie House who have won this week!



Inclusion Team

Although we are continuously experiencing some challenging times, your children are proving to us what resilient little characters they are. Not only are we faced with a pretty big pandemic at the moment, but some of our children are also learning to cope with things like their only personal diagnosis, illness, bereavement, parental separations, moving home and lots lots more.

Your children amaze us every single day at how strong they are and we hope they feel our support here at school whether it be from their class teacher, teaching assistant, midday supervisor or from our inclusion team and leaders.

That said, we totally appreciate that some children and families show signs of needing that extra bit of support from time to time. We as professionals are very good at spotting these signs. We will always try our utmost to ensure our children feel safe, and cared for whilst in school.

So please do continue to communicate with us about any changes your child may be experiencing. We are always happy to help or if we cannot help ourselves, we will lead you to the most suitable outside agencies/websites etc. There are so many wonderful support networks out there.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Bremerkamp

Nurture Lead



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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