



# Weekly Newsletter 28th January 2022

## Headteacher News

Another week has flown past and we cannot believe there are only 2 weeks left of Term 3 until the February holiday. We have again been plagued by COVID cases causing staffing shortages and we are very grateful to all staff for covering classes, stepping in to teach new classes and overseeing planning and learning for children in school. We are very much looking forward to things improving next term and thank you for your ongoing understanding as we try our best to keep things 'normal' for the children.

We had a school review yesterday on early reading which was wonderful to really focus on and celebrate the work we are doing at Loose. These regular reviews are led by school leaders and involve our other two headteachers (Mr Mazza and Mrs Powell) and Mr Chatley and Mrs Taylor. We relish the sharing of expertise and challenge we get from such reviews and look forward to sharing this at our Parent Council meeting next week with our reps too. I look forward to attending similar reviews in our other two schools next week so we can see how reading is taught at Coxheath and St Katherine's too. We love visiting other schools so we can share best practice back at Loose.

### ***Parent Council***

Just to remind parents that we have our next Parent Council meeting on Friday 4 February. We are looking forward to discussing a range of school improvement items with the group, the key one this meeting is on reading. This forum is an excellent way for parents to be fully involved with how we further improve our school. You can share your views with your class representative via the school office email. Please check the school website to see who your class representative is or click on link <http://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Parent+Council&pid=92> and please remember if you have any things that are just related to your child or general worries or queries, this forum is

not for this. Please do raise these initially with your child's class teacher so matters can be addressed swiftly.

### ***Safeguarding***

All staff regularly receive updates for child protection and safeguarding. Click here for safeguarding information <http://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=91> and remember that although we have a number of DSLs to help you, Mrs Dutch can always assist if you need help or advice and Mrs Holman is the safeguarding lead at Loose Primary.

### ***Winter Weather***

As the weather continues to be quite chilly and wintery, questions will inevitably be asked about the school operating as normal. We will always endeavour to stay open at all times and only in very rare circumstances would we consider closing. If this was a decision that we needed to take we would ensure that all parents receive a text or email as well as adding messages to our website and Twitter feed. Remaining open may mean that the organisation of classes and staffing may alter slightly due to the potential for some staff not being able to travel to work. Please avoid calling the office to check if the school is open as it will be unless you receive a message.

### ***Coats etc. for cold weather***

Please make sure that your child is suitably attired for school now the weather has turned colder. They do need a coat for lunch times as they will, of course, normally be outside for a period of time. Can you please also ensure that your child brings in a tracksuit or 'old' sweater and jogging bottoms for outdoor games lessons. They can be left in school in your child's PE bag. It is important that all children take a full part in PE and games lessons and are suitably clothed for outdoor sessions so that they can enjoy them without getting too cold. We are sure you will support us in trying to encourage them to adopt healthy life styles now and for the future.

***Parents evenings*** – We hope you have booked appointments with your class teacher(s) and Mrs James if you wish to speak with her. Please note Mrs James is only available on Wednesday. Both myself and our AHTs are available on both evenings if you wish to speak with us – usually on the front door to welcome you all! Please ensure your children (if you bring them with you) remain under your supervision at all times.

***Breakfast Club and After School Club*** - Due to the increasing popularity and demand for places, children should not arrive unaccompanied for the club as spaces are limited and not all last minute drop offs can be accommodated. Please book via the school office either by completing a booking form or emailing [lasc.asc@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:lasc.asc@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk) (and not school office email)

Have a lovely weekend

Sarah Holman



## Assistant Headteacher News

Another busy week is nearing its conclusion. Mr Johnson writing to you this week - I have spent a lot of time this week walking around the school and catching up with children regarding their learning. Our children at Loose are able to talk fantastically well about what they are learning about and are a real credit to the school. If you're interested in seeing what curriculum your child is learning about in school please do check our curriculum pages on the school website. We have individual subject ones and also year group ones for you to check. <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=22>

Finally, I would like to just remind all of our wonderful parents to always show compassion and kindness when speaking to our office staff. Unfortunately, the rules around COVID are ever changing and we are held account for following these rules. We have to make decisions based on the evidence we see in school. We do apologise if you ultimately disagree with the decision made but we are just trying to keep our children and staff as safe as possible.



## 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 3***

01 Feb - Onyx Class Assembly - 9am in Orchard Hall

02 Feb - Safer Internet Day

02 & 03 Feb - Jade Class Parents evening - **via zoom**

04 Feb - Parent Council Meeting 2.15pm -3.00pm **via zoom**

**07 Feb & 10 Feb - Tanzanite Class Parents Evening - parents into school**

08 Feb - Emerald Class Assembly - 9am in orchard Hall

**08 & 10 Feb - Turquoise Class Parents Evening - parents into school**

09 Feb - Parents Evening Consultations 4-7pm (except Jade, Turquoise & Tanzanite) - **parents into school**

10 Feb - Ruby Class Assembly - 9am in Orchard Hall

10 Feb - Parents Evening Consultation 3.40-6.30pm - **parents into school**

10 Feb - Last day of term

11 Feb - Staff Training Day - children not in school

#### Term 4

21 Feb - Children back to school

01 Mar - St David's Day - whole school celebration

01 Mar - Secondary School Offer Day - emails to parents from 4pm

03 Mar - World Book Day - more info to follow

08 Mar - Diamond Class Assembly

14-18 Mar - British Science Week

15 Mar - Sapphire Class Assembly

17 Mar - St Patrick's Day - whole school celebration

18 Mar - Parent Council Meeting

22 Mar - Moonstone Class Assembly

01 Apr - Easter Church Services

01 Apr - Open Afternoon - chance to speak to your child's class teacher and look at their learning. Children can be signed out from 2pm onwards

01 Apr - Last day of term - children return to school on 19 April 2022



#### Learner of the Week

Pearl - Jaxson H

Opal - George R & Lillian R

Crystal - Albie P

Diamond - Jake E

Moonstone - Harrison H

Aquamarine - Isla A

Coral - Oscar W

Amber - Thomas S

Jade - Ima H

Emerald - Filips M

Onyx - Daisy B

Ruby - William R

Topaz - Ryan D

Sunstone - Amar M

Amethyst - Matilda M

Peridot - Max D

Zultanite - Alex P

Quartz - Emilia D



## Canine Concern - Huge Thanks!

A huge thank you for all your donations for Canine Concern last Friday - with your help we raised a massive £664.50 for the charity!! Once again thank you.



## Baby News

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Spencer's baby. She had a gorgeous little boy on Sunday morning, weighing 6lb 10 oz. Both mother and baby are doing well, and his big sister is absolutely delighted!



## Eco Council Traffic Wardens

We are very pleased to inform you that the Eco Council has now been able to start up its traffic warden scheme again this term.

Having discussed the issues of unsafe parking, the Eco Council have concluded that the following parking is considered unsafe:

- parking on any zigzag or yellow lines.
- blocking the gates or driveways of local residents.
- blocking pavements - forcing pedestrians, wheelchair users and parents with buggies to use the road instead.
- double-parking.
- leaving engines running when parked, causing unnecessary pollution outside the school and in the local area.

Chosen eco councillors are checking parking and issuing tickets to parents demonstrating any of the above unsuitable parking habits.

Hopefully, this will highlight the dangers and make parents consider the impact of their actions. Eco Council would like to thank parents who continue to park safely when dropping off and collecting their children and hope that this continued scheme will encourage all parents to do the same.

We will keep you updated regarding the impact of the eco traffic wardens and in the meantime, look out for us in our high-vis vests! Thank you, Eco Council

## Big Garden Birdwatch 2022

The Eco council would just like to make children aware that this weekend is the Big Garden Birdwatch 2022.

If you are keen to help gather data and spend time (just one hour) counting the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or your local park, then this weekend is the one to do it. Go to [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) to tell the RSPB what you saw and do your bit to help nature. Thank you. Eco Council



## Holiday Play Scheme Bookings Now Open

A reminder that bookings can be made online now for the Holiday Play Scheme for the February half term. See the link below.

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

## House Points

Attenborough - 1st

Curie - 2nd

Donaldson - 3rd

Parks - 4th



## PE - Yoga

Your child will be taking part in Yoga sessions as part of their PE Curriculum in term 4. The Yoga will be purely used to reinforce core skills, relaxation and wellbeing. If you have any queries please contact the school office. Many thanks the Sports Team.

## TT Rockstars

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master the times tables! Your child has a login for [ttrockstars.com](http://ttrockstars.com) from their class teacher and have already logged on to customise their avatar as well as selecting their rock star name (this ensures they remain anonymous when playing against other children from across the world). Is your child trying to beat their personal best and where do they appear in the school leader board? Older children will need to play ten games in the studio to set their base speed. It is this base speed that they will need to improve on each time they play. Once they are secure they can progress to play in the festivals or the arenas. Younger children will just be working on learning one times table initially (set by their class teacher) which they will play in the garage. The children will earn coins for each question they answer correctly which they can use in the shop to customise their avatar. TTRockstars can be downloaded as an app and a link is on our school webpage here <http://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Times+Table+Rockstars&pid=135>



## Year 6 Football News

The last two Wednesdays saw our Year 6 football team in both league and cup action. The first game saw us take on Tiger Primary with a strong performance finishing 5-1 winners. The following game a cup match V St Francis saw us win 10-0. It's great to see how the team is developing and putting the

practice from training into matches. We have a few weeks until our next match and it's great to see everyone attending training which is causing competition for places with the team still unbeaten and going strong in the league and into the cup Quarter finals, we are hopeful of another successful sporting year.

## Inclusion

It has been great to invite parents in again for our workshops around supporting confidence in parenting and children and I would like to make you aware of our next workshop titled 'Managing Children's Behaviour'

***Managing Children's Behaviour is a 10 hour course delivered over 5 weeks by Kent Adult Education at Loose Primary School.***

Date & Time: Thursday 3rd - Thursday 31st March, 9.15am -11.15am (every Thursday for 5 weeks)

The sessions will facilitate and encourage discussion in a secure environment, where your expectations

and concerns will be used to inform the planning and content of the course.

You will have opportunity to reflect on your approach to parenting and how this affects your child.

- How to set effective and appropriate boundaries.
- Understanding behaviour cycles and how to start positive behaviour cycles
- How to use praise and rewards as a way of managing behaviour.
- What are languages of love and how to demonstrate affection to your own children.
- Discussion on positive communication skills and how to practise with meaning.

If you would like to book a space, please complete the form using the link below: -

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ClyzJRrpUWVU-mXyltG0cYiGwHNp5RPqbm0i-XVLAdUOEw5V0ExNU5QSTFUWThRNk1aNU3WU1QUc4u>

Have a great weekend.

Ingrid Dutch

Family and Community Lead

## Monthly Attendance for January 2022

Please see the monthly attendance for January 2022.

**Whole School Target - 97.00%**

**Whole School Attendance - 95.10%**

Please see our Attendance Policy below for more information.

<https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=5631&type=pdf>

Opal	95.95%	Jade	96.96%
Crystal	95.45%	Emerald	93.60%
Pearl	97.36%	Ruby	96.92%
Diamond	97.96%	Onyx	91.32%
Sapphire	89.30%	Topaz	95.27%
Moonstone	97.03%	Sunstone	97.29%
Tanzanite	95.04%	Amethyst	98.39%
Turquoise	96.07%	Peridot	95.05%
Aquamarine	93.15%	Zultanite	90.67%
Amber	96.40%	Quartz	93.46%
Coral	94.61%		

## PTA Events & Dates

### Lucky Lotto Winner

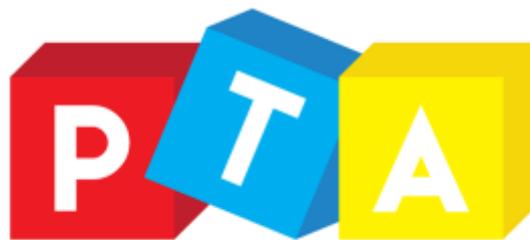
Congratulations to January's winner - Sarah Sutton. Well done on your win!

### Spring Raffle Prize Request

We are in the process of collecting prizes and donation for our forth coming event - the Spring Raffle to be held in March. If you are a business owner are you able to gift a prize? Do you know anyone or have any links to people who might provide a great prize? If so, please email the PTA - [loosepta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:loosepta@yahoo.co.uk). Many thanks

### Loose Primary School Running Club

Community run next date - Sunday 30th January 2022, £1 to join in, 5km distance but can go longer or shorter! All abilities welcome. Meet at the Anglesey Avenue bus stop, 8am or outside school 9am for a slightly later start!



## Extended Services

We are now approaching the last week of term and there are still many After School, Breakfast and Homework club debts outstanding needing to be cleared by the end of term. Please could you make your payments via Scopay by Monday 7th February 2022. If you have any queries relating to your payments please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Monksfield on 01622 743549. Many thanks. School Office.

## Community News

### ***Rugby Taggers - Non Contact Tag Rugby for boys and girls aged 2.5 and over.***

Saturday mornings at Marden Primary Academy for 2.5-10 year olds.

Thursday mornings at Cranbrook Rugby Club - **NEW 17/3/22 Pre Primary years.**

FIRST SESSION IS FREE! – Contact us to book your first visit!

Rugby Taggers is the perfect opportunity for your child to burn off energy whilst learning a sport that promotes Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship. We play games, learn skills and coordination, make new friends, grow in confidence and most importantly we have fun.

Every session is outside, all year round and we welcome families from all over Kent and East Sussex.

### **Pay As You Play**

£7 per session or 5 sessions - £30 (saving £5)

No Joining Fees or Monthly Subscriptions

For more information visit: <https://rugbytaggers.com/>

## Contact Us

[brook@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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