



Weekly Newsletter 21st January 2022

Headteacher News

During our assemblies this term we have been focusing on some of our school values. This week we are considering 'Pride' and how we respect and look after our own and school property and the school environment better so we take care of our things and consider how lucky we are to have all we need to be successful in life. Last week we considered our value 'Determination' and not giving up when things get difficult. How many of us are still sticking to our New Year's Resolutions? Determination is key to our success in making the changes we are wishing for. For our children, we encourage them constantly to try their best, to not give up when they find things difficult and to welcome challenges. We teach them strategies to help them when they get stuck and to persevere when things get tough! In a world full of challenges both in school and out of school, the value of Determination is one which will enable our children to take the opportunities presented to them – and to make the best of them!

COVID changes

Due to the change in government guidelines this week we will slowly reintroduce things in school to work more normally rather than in year group bubbles. We will be careful though as we are actually seeing an increase in cases in school and have 4 classes close to bubbling (this will still happen if there are 5 cases in one class).

We plan to continue with drop off and pick up arrangements as they are at present, but it is up to you as parents if you wish to wear a mask or not near or on the school site or in buildings.

We plan to offer parents evenings in school (as we did in October) so you can see your child's learning but please note that you should arrive in time for your appointment in the hall and leave promptly. More information regarding this will be in the parent evening booking letter.

Other measures will remain in place (see our RA on our website) and we will wait to reintroduce assemblies in the hall until term 4 apart from our already planned class assemblies. Other events too, such as key stage clubs, PTA discos and whole - school events we hope to be able to have again from term 4 but we will take a measured and careful response so we avoid a spread or outbreak if we possibly can.

Staffing

Due to higher levels of staff absence we are trying our best to offer learning in school by a consistent adult, but just wanted you to know that this is proving very difficult at the moment. This includes our Road Crossing Patrol where we just cannot staff the crossing on some days due to absence. Thank you for your understanding

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 track suit 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 manage to book an appointment with your class teacher(s) and Mrs James if you wish to speak with her during the parents evening next month. The Assistant Headteachers and I are also available on both evenings if you wish to speak with us, please just ask the office and we are happy make an appointment to discuss your child.

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 3

24 Jan - Fire Safety talks

01 Feb - Onyx Class Assembly

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

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

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 - Tilly-Rose A

Opal - Clara G & Harley K

Crystal - Mya F

Diamond - Remy B

Sapphire - Arabella S

Moonstone - Daisy C

Tanzanite - Bonnie D

Aquamarine - Olivia C

Turquoise - James G

Coral - Arabella S

Amber - Joey P

Jade - Isabella R

Emerald - Gabriel V/B

Onyx - Isabella R

Ruby - Andreas M

Topaz - Kiishi A

Sunstone - Olivia M

Amethyst - Edward W

Peridot - Florence P & Henry W

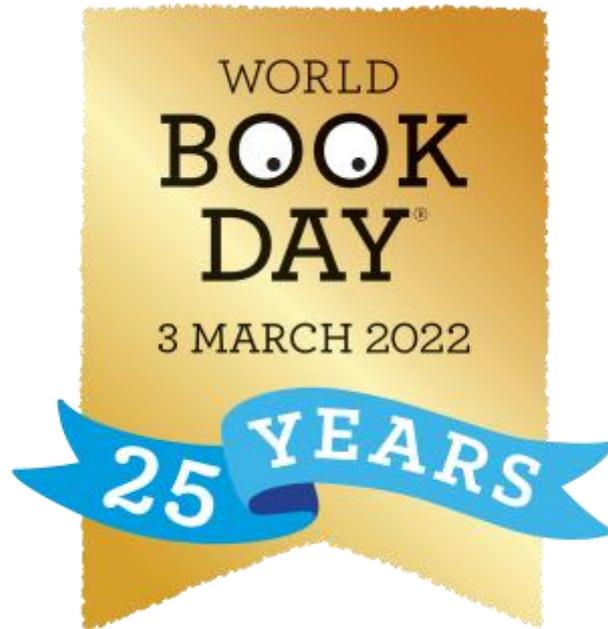
Zultanite - Willow D & Oliver M

Quartz - Ben M



World Book Day 2022

We are fast approaching a very exciting time in the school calendar and wanted to give all parents and carers ample time to begin considering how you would like to celebrate with your children. World Book Day is set for Thursday 3rd March and, with this year being the 25th anniversary of such a special day, we truly want your children to have the best day yet. As is customary, we will mark the day with our Vocabulary Parade so please do encourage your children to begin thinking about which exciting and creative word they would like to represent. Keep your eyes peeled for more information about how we intend to celebrate the day in due course! Miss Pye



House Points

Attenborough - 1st

Curie - 2nd

Donaldson - 4th

Parks - 3rd



Assistant Headteacher News

Hello everyone. Mr Farley here this week. Leaders have spent a lot of time exploring classrooms this week and are so proud of the children's attitudes towards learning and their behaviour. We are seeing fresh displays being put up showing superb outcomes from the children, and KS1 children would have seen Sable, our reading dog, gracing our KS1 library again this week. Please remember to send your children in with named warm clothing as we will always have outdoor breaks unless it's raining hard. Take care of yourselves and keep well.



Jade Class Request

Jade Class are very much hoping to extend their reading genre and would like your help. If you have any good quality children's annuals/comics, or magazines (e.g. motoring, running, pets, gardening, knitting etc) that you would like to donate we would be most appreciative.

Inclusion

KENT EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

We have been notified that the Kent Educational Psychology Service is running a 'Parent Consultation Line', providing a free 30 minute phone/video consultation with a Kent County Council-based Educational Psychologist for parents.

The aim of this service is to provide advice and guidance to parents and carers to support children's wellbeing and learning. Topics or areas that parents may wish to discuss might include:

- Social and emotional issues
- Concerns about learning
- Family relationships
- Concerns about behaviour
- Daily routines including sleep

If you would like to make use of this service please send a message to the following email address, including the following information:

kepscommunitysupport@kent.gov.uk

Your name, phone number, a convenient time to call (morning or afternoon), your child's education phase e.g. early years, primary school, secondary school, a brief description of what you wish to discuss.

The EP service will aim to respond within 10 working days but this may be subject to availability.

Many thanks

Mrs James (SENCO)



Walnut Tree Pub Parking

We have been made aware that there are new parking restrictions on the land at the side of the Walnut Tree Pub. The car park is now being managed by UK Car Park Management Ltd due to the ongoing issues with unauthorised parking. The car park is monitored 24/7 and it patrolled by a parking warden throughout the day and will log parking tickets for any unauthorised vehicles. If you have any queries re this please contact the pub directly and not the school.

PTA Events & Dates

Spring Raffle Prize Request

We are in the process of collecting prizes and donations 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. Many thanks

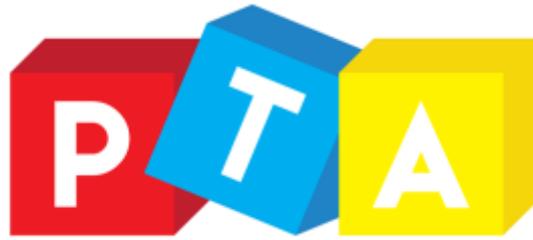
Uniform Shop

We are really pleased to announced that our uniform shop is opening again. It will be open on Wednesday mornings 8.40am - 9,00am. Entrance in be via Moonstone door by KS1 playground to the shop in the Owl Room. Please exit via the main gate if after 8.50am. To keep everyone one safe please wear a mask and ensure there are only 3 people in the room at once. We have second hand cardigans/ jumpers for £5 with all other items £1. These include skirts, shorts, trousers, pinafores, summer dresses, PE shorts and T-shirts, jogging bottoms and tops and book bags Occasionally there are ties too! If you are unable to pop in on a Wednesday please continue to email requests to us directly to loosepta@yahoo.co.uk

If you have any donations for the shop these can also be dropped off during these times. Please only send in clean donations!

Loose Primary School Running Club

Community run next date - Sunday 23rd 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!



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 and urgent matters

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