



Weekly Newsletter 1st April 2022

Headteacher News

As we approach the Easter season and the end of this term we reflect on all the good work achieved by all our pupils. We would like to thank the pupils and teachers for their continued hard work and congratulate them on their achievements to date. We would also like to express our thanks to all our voluntary helpers for their contribution to all school activities, however big or small. Your assistance at all times is very much appreciated by both the staff and the pupils.

It was lovely to see so many of you join us at All Saints' church for the Easter services. The children enjoyed sharing their singing and readings with everyone.

We have great children, here at Loose and it is a great pleasure for all of our staff to work with them.

Staff news – Hello and Goodbye

We are delighted to welcome back Miss Burman from her maternity leave. She is working alongside the Year 5 team, teaching with Mr Hogwood in Topaz class. We also welcome back Mrs Spencer who will teach Coral on a Friday next term.

I also want to thank Mrs Stockwell for teaching Topaz this term and wish her all the best in her new school next term.

We say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Oakley in her new role closer to home. The Year 2 team and all of us will miss you! We have also just said goodbye to Mrs Hepworth who worked at Loose for over 11 years in many roles. We wish her good luck on her retirement.

Surveys

Thank you for completing our recent surveys. We really value feedback from our children, staff and parents and will share the findings from these next term. We were pleased that parents report that 97% of children feel safe at school and 94% feel their child(ren) are happy at school. 92% of pupils report that behaviour is good in classrooms and 96% feel any problems are dealt with quickly. These are just a few snippets and we will share more with you once we have fully analysed the feedback. If you would like to talk through any points you made on your survey, please do make an appointment for one of us to call you or meet with you.

Safety Procedures

We have regular fire evacuation and lockdown practices during the academic year. The children were amazing in the lockdown practice this week and the evacuation last week. Parents are very familiar with evacuation (often referred to as 'fire drill') but not so with lockdowns. All schools must have 'lockdown procedures' in place to ensure the safety of everyone in school. There is a wide variety of scenarios which may trigger a lockdown such as a warning being received of a risk locally, a stray dog, air pollution, extreme weather or an intruder.

We hope you all have a super Easter break and enjoy time with friends and family.



Deputy Headteacher News

What an incredible term! This term has seen the return of lots of normality to school life and I feel it has been like a breath of fresh air to the school. This week we have had parent helpers supporting with sewing and pizza making in KS2 and just being able to open ourselves up to the community again is something we must cherish. I cannot talk about this term without saying a huge well done and thank you to Miss Mackessack and her team for the 'Loose Gets Lively' event that ran this term. It was an incredible couple of evenings that showcased a huge array of talent we have here at Loose Primary School. It is amazing that due to our dedicated and wonderful staff we are able to hold these sorts of events and create ever lasting memories for children. I wish you all the best for the Easter Half Term and hope you all stay safe and have a wonderful time.



SATs Term 5

Our Year 6 children have their statutory end of key stage tests during the week beginning 9th May. ***Please ensure that your children are in school every day and arrive promptly so that the tests can be administered appropriately.*** Please also ensure that the children are ready to do their best by having had a decent night's sleep and a good breakfast each day.

There will also be KS1 SATs during May for Year 2 children so again children should be in school and on time. These will be done across the month.

Diary Dates

Term 4

01 Apr - Last day of term

Term 5

19 Apr - Children back to school

19 Apr - Year R National Offer Day

19 Apr - PTA Meeting 8pm Chequers Pub Loose

25 Apr - Year R Stay & Play Session 9.30-10.30

26 Apr - Year R Stay & Play Session 9.30-10.30

28 Apr - Year R Stay & Play Session 9.30-10.30

29 Apr - Non School Uniform Day - more info to follow

02 May - Bank Holiday

09-12 May - KS2 SATs - All Year 6 children must be in school

10 May - Amethyst Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

17 May - Sunstone Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

18 May - Year 4 trip to Horton Kirby

20 May - Parent Council Meeting 2.15-3pm

20 May - PTA Disco - more info to follow

24 May - Topaz Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

27 May - Last day of term - children back in school Tuesday 7th June



Eco Council - Great British Spring Clean

Friday 25th March was the first day of the '**Great British Spring Clean**' organised by 'Keep Britain Tidy'. It runs until 10th April.

Naturally, the Eco Council wanted to get involved and so we made contact with the 'Love Loose -Hate Litter' group run by Mr Chris Lack and Mrs Susan Luckhurst.

The children wanted to make sure that the surrounding community is as environmentally friendly as possible and so wanted to get involved and offer their help.

So, Friday afternoon was spent really usefully, meeting Sue and Chris and then conducting a thorough litter pick of the King George V playing Field. The children collected 4 bags of litter, making the field and the play areas a much more pleasant experience for families and safer for wildlife. Mr Lack commented: 'I was amazed at how much litter the children managed to collect and I loved their enthusiasm! They did a wonderful job and I hope to see you all again before too long.'

Well done to our fabulous Eco Council and if you and your family would like to get involved with the Great British Spring Clean then follow the link below:

<https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean>



Term 4 House Points Winner

1st - Attenborough

2nd - Curie

Joint 3rd - Donaldson & Parks

HUGE WELL DONE TO ATTENBOROUGH WHO IS THE WINNING HOUSE FOR TERM 4!



Attendance Ladder



Whole School Target
96.5%
Whole School Attendance
95.45%

Opal	94.02%	Jade	95.72%
Crystal	91.96%	Emerald	95.50%
Pearl	94.74%	Ruby	95.44%
Diamond	95.38%	Onyx	93.52%
Sapphire	95.61%	Topaz	94.35%
Moonstone	95.32%	Sunstone	95.67%
Tanzanite	96.84%	Amethyst	96.27%
Turquoise	95.26%	Peridot	97.26%
Aquamarine	96.20%	Zultanite	97.53%
Amber	95.20%	Quartz	95.85%
Coral	96.60%		

Meet our Governors - Katherine Atkinson

I have two children, both of whom went to Loose, but who are now at secondary school. Having been connected with the school for many years, it's good to continue this link as a governor. I'm also the Chair of Governors for another primary school in Maidstone, so I've been involved in school governance for a number of years.

I've worked for Kent County Council for over twenty years, always in relation to Education. In my current role I work as an Assistant Director within the Children, Young People and Education

director, leading on data, reporting, systems and information governance across education, early help and social care.

Having started as a governor at Loose during the pandemic, it's been really rewarding to get back into school over the last few months. Seeing how the school operates and the pride both pupils and staff take in their work is so important.

Katherine Atkinson

Open Afternoon Today

A reminder parents/carers are invited in to school **today** between 2.00pm and 3.30pm. **Entry and exit will be via the main Loose Road gate only** until the other gates open as normal at 3.15pm, for safeguarding reasons. Come and see your child(ren)'s work & catch up with their teacher. Children can be signed out from the classroom and taken home from 2.00pm onwards. The children will be given a sticker and will not be allowed to leave the building without one. Children cannot be signed out by anyone else unless we have received your written authority in their Learning Journal or you have emailed the office with a message in advance. We look forward to welcoming you all into school again!

PTA Events & Dates

Lucky Lotto Winner

Congratulations to Emma Castle - this month's winner!

PTA April Meeting

You are all invited and welcome to join our next meeting on **Tuesday 19th April, 8pm** at the Chequers pub, Loose village. Come to listen, find out more, chip in or add ideas etc. We would love to see you there.

Loose Primary School Running Club

Community run next date - Sunday 3rd April 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 9am outside school.

Save the Date

Late Summer Festival - Saturday 17th September 2022



Half Term Football Coaching

Mr Corcoran is offering Football coaching over the Easter Half Term at Coxheath Primary School. We welcome players of all ability and ages from Reception to Year 6. The sessions offered are for 1:1 and small groups and run for one hour. Bookings are going quickly, so please enquire today on coachedbylc@outlook.com.

Dates Available:

Monday 4th,

Tuesday 5th,

Wednesday 13th

Thursday 14th

What we offer:

1:1 coaching

Small Group Coaching

Friendly, Fun learning Environment

13+ Years Football Coaching Experience

F.A Level 2 Qualified Coaching

First Aid Qualified

Insurance Covered

Full Pitch and 7aside and 9aside Goals



Community News

Maidstone YMCA will be hosting an Easter Fun day on Sunday 10th April 2022 1-5pm, activities will include bouncy castle, rollerskating, biscuit decorating, arts and crafts and many more. We would like to invite all local primary school children and their siblings to enter our free Easter Bonnet Design and Parade. To enter, please complete the attached form, which can also be found on our website and at the YMCA centre reception desk.

<https://www.maidstoneymca.org.uk/activities/childrens-activities>



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)

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