



Weekly Newsletter Friday 6th May 2022

Headteacher News

Surveys

Please find the results from our recent surveys here <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Parent+Council+%2F+Feedback&pid=63&action=saved> Of course these have now been carried out again with similar questions for our OFSTED last week but we thank you all for completing them. The feedback we get is really valuable to us in knowing your views and in trying to help us focus on what matters to you and your children. We, of course, do not always get things right but we do try to ensure children enjoy school and have a wonderful learning experience and are, like you and your children, disappointed if this is ever not the case.

Thank you so much for taking the time to make comments in the surveys. We have included a sample of these also, as there were so many, but really do appreciate these (good and bad!) so we can try to improve in areas you feel we are not doing well but also to celebrate where we do get things right. It is impossible to please everyone but our clear aims and vision for Loose are always at the forefront of decisions made in school.

We will unpick further responses that need more information or clarification with individuals and our group voices for the school such as our School and Parent Councils as these are vital ways to ensure we consider the views of all our stakeholders when making changes and decisions.

School Reviews

We attach with this newsletter our Term 4 behaviour review. These reviews are carried out by leaders across the Trust and focus on key areas including the quality of education, reading, maths, science, curriculum and our next one will be Early Years. In response to survey feedback about receiving more information about how being part of Coppice Primary Partnership can benefit the pupils at Loose, we will share these so you can see how leaders working together to challenge and support practice clearly is valuable in school improvement.

With the mixed late spring weather please ensure your child has a cardigan or jumper and coat with them so they feel comfortable whatever the weather brings!

Have a lovely weekend

Sarah Holman

Deputy Headteacher News

What a whirlwind week we had last week with Ofsted visiting us. It was amazing to see how the staff pulled together and supported each other amazingly through a busy couple of days. It showed just what a special team we have here at Loose and I could not be prouder of every single member of staff. I want to use my section this week to remind parents about our upcoming parent workshops. After canvassing parent views, it was clear that parents would prefer a virtual session run after school hours so in light of this we are offering two sessions this term on a Monday evening. We are offering two sessions on Monday 16th May 17:30-18:30 focusing on a knowledge rich curriculum and what this means and the second session is the following week Monday 23rd May 17:30-18:30 focusing on how memory works and how this supports in the classroom. Zoom links will follow via the office but wanted to just remind parents about the sessions taking place.



Holiday Play Scheme

Online bookings are now open for the June Holiday Play Scheme. Click on the link below to book and get more information.

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

Year 6 Term 6 Leavers' Events

We are fast approaching the end of the school year when we will be preparing to say goodbye to our Year 6 children. The children have now voted for some of the ways they would like to celebrate in the last few weeks of term 6. Dates for these events have been added to the newsletter this week. We are finalising bookings for some of these events this term so a couple may be subject to change depending on availability. A letter with detail of each of the events, any additional costings and how to pay will be with you as soon as we have confirmed costings with any external providers in the next few weeks. Some of the events chosen include: Year 6 leaver's lunch, Year 6 and Year R buddy picnic, Year 6 activity day including a colour run event, Year 6 leaver's party, a Year 6 only non-uniform day in addition to our annual leavers' assemblies, the Year 6 residential trip and Year 6 production.

Year 6 Team

KS2 Pantomime Trip

Current Year 2 to 5 parents will have received the opportunity to purchase a ticket to see Sleeping Beauty at the Marlowe Theatre on the 13th December. The children will be leaving school at approximately 8.30am to travel to Canterbury by coach for a 10.30am performance. Thanks to your support and the generosity of the PTA, the cost of the tickets will now be between £22 and £25 per child depending on the numbers attending. This includes the cost of the pantomime (average ticket price £26) and transport to the Marlowe Theatre by coach. If you would like your child to attend please can you [click here](#) and complete the attached consent form by **Friday 10th June**. An initial payment of £20 will need to be made via School Money to secure a ticket. If the trip is cancelled by the Trust a full refund will be given, however, there will no refund where a pupil is no longer able to attend. Any remaining balance (up to a maximum of £5) will be payable in September 2022 once final numbers are confirmed. If you require financial assistance towards the cost of the trip please contact the school in confidence. Thank you for your support.



SATs Next Week

Our Year 6 children have their statutory end of key stage tests starting next Monday through to Thursday. ***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 5

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
24 May - O2 Young Voices trip to London
27 May - Last day of term - children back in school Tuesday 7th June

Term 6

6 Jun – Staff Inset Day children not in school
7 Jun – Children back to school
8 Jun – Year R & 6 Height and Weight programme
9 Jun – Year 6 individual and class photos
14 Jun PTA meeting, Chequers Pub 8pm
21-24 Jun Year 6 residential trip to Wildchild
21 Jun – Coral Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall parents invited
21 Jun Year R-2 Perform Drama workshops
22 Jun – New Year R Parents Evening 6.30-7.45pm
28 Jun - Jade Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall parents invited
30 Jun – Sports Day (11th July Reserve Date)
04 Jul – PTA 'Headteacher for the day'
05 Jul – Amber Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall parents invited
5 Jul - PTA 'Deputy Headteacher for the day'
7 Jul – Year R-Year 5 'Meet the Teacher' sessions
8 Jul - Parent Council Meeting 2.30-3.15pm School Staff Room
11 Jul – End of Year Reports home to parents
11 - Jul - Reserve Sports Day
12 Jul – Year 6 production to parents Orchard Hall 2 pm
13 Jul – Year 6 production to parents Orchard Hall 2pm & 7pm
14 Jul – Andy Davis guitar group performance
14 Jul - PTA meeting

15 Jul – Non school uniform day - more info to follow

18 Jul – Year 6 Fun Day - date to be confirmed

19 Jul – PTA 'Assistant Headteacher for the day'

19 Jul - Year 6 & Year R Buddy Picnic

20 Jul – Year 6 Leavers' Lunch & Party

21 Jul Year 6 Leaver's Assembly - parents invited

21 Jul - Last day of term



Learner of the Week

Pearl - Samar K

Opal - Kadie S & Benjie S

Crystal - Theo B & Aria M

Diamond - Olivia M

Sapphire - Lydia L

Moonstone - Thea D

Tanzanite - Sophie S

Aquamarine - Jenson L/W & Luca W

Turquoise - Amelia K

Coral - Wolfie D

Amber - Noah B

Jade - Liam H

Emerald - Darcy M & Amelia T

Onyx - Isabelle K

Ruby - Tilly A

Topaz - Jude S

Sunstone - Madeleine W

Amethyst - Lois A

Peridot - Betsy C

Zultanite - Joshua M

Quartz - Frank M



House Points

Curie - 1st

Attenborough - 2nd

Donaldson - 3rd

Parks - 4th

Huge well done to **Curie** for being first this week!

Inclusion

Part of our work in SEN is looking for and sharing ideas that enable all learners to access the learning in their classroom. We have detailed below two simple apps that can easily be accessed at home and support children when reading larger more complex text or where handwriting is a barrier.

Pizmo Go is an app that can take a shot of any text and will then read this out loud. This enables children to access larger and more detailed text that they may not be able to yet read independently.

Notes App With the keyboard open you can select the microphone widget and your child can then dictate their ideas and they will appear as a sentence on the screen. This is a great app for children that may have lots of imaginative ideas or information but for whom handwriting is still developing.



PTA Events & Dates

KS2 Disco - tickets now on sale!

Please see earlier email for further details on timings, how to purchase tickets, cost of sweets, drinks, novelties etc. Please ensure your child's purse/wallet is named and note mobile phones are not permitted.

KS2 Disco Helpers Needed

If you would like to help with running the disco please email the PTA with the timings you are available with.

Set up 2.30pm, Y3/4 3.30-5.00pm and Y5/6 5.30-7.00pm Clear hopefully only until 7.30pm!

PTA May Meeting

You are all invited and welcome to join our next meeting on **Thursday 12th May, 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 8th May 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.



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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