



# Weekly Newsletter Friday 13th May 2022

## Headteacher News

A gorgeous week in terms of weather and feeling more summery each day. It is wonderful to be able to make full use of the school grounds and especially at lunchtimes, enjoy more space on our field to play and be active.

### **Y6 SATs**

Well done to our super Y6 children for trying so hard this week in their tests. You will have seen on social media I am sure the views of many parents and professionals on testing primary children. We know these statutory tests test only a small part of who your children are. We, like you, are incredibly proud of them each and every day and the wonderful young people they are growing up to be academically, emotionally and socially.

### **Year 5 parents – 11+ and transfer to secondary school 2023**

Registration for the Kent Test (11+) opens on 1 June 2022. Parents should register for the Kent Test online via <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test> It is

advised you register online and then you will receive your child's assessment decision via email. Should you wish your child to sit the test, once you have applied, the same log in will be used to apply for a school place by adding your preferences to the information you have already been given regarding your child.

If you wish to discuss the Kent Test please do make an appointment to speak with Mrs Holman or a member of the Y6 team. Secondary School application information will be sent in September 2022.

### **School Uniform**

Thank you for ensuring your children look so smart at school. We have spoken to all of the children about the importance of looking smart. We consider your support important and it is very much appreciated. We would ask that all parents ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately, without nail varnish and with only plain stud earrings and watches for jewellery. Please could we also remind you that children should not come to school wearing trainers or boots or with large bows in their hair, small hair accessories in school colours are fine.

Have a lovely weekend

Sarah Holman

## Assistant Headteacher News

Hi everyone - Mr Farley this week.

Our staff meeting this week focused on Art and how the changes we've made to our curriculum have benefited your children. We looked at a large number of your children's art books and they are looking absolutely stunning. Children are being far more expressive and experimental with their artwork and are exploring not only new techniques, but the artists' inspiration behind their artwork. We are continuing to develop our art curriculum alongside other subjects to ensure what your children receive is current, relevant and useful. Have a great weekend.



## YMCA Hub to help Ukrainian Families - Help Needed

The YMCA Loose has set up a hub to help Ukrainian families arriving in Maidstone. Following a well attended event last Sunday, the feedback has shown that parents are really concerned for their children starting school with little or no English. The YMCA really need volunteers to teach English and to help with other events ASAP and during the Summer holidays. Anyone who would like to offer their time and expertise, please contact either;

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## Outdoor Classroom Day - Eco News

'Outdoor Classroom Day' is a global movement to inspire and celebrate outdoor learning and play, at home and at school. Children are spending less time outdoors than ever before and this can affect their health, wellbeing and development. Time outdoors makes children happier and healthier, as well as equipping them with the skills they need for life. The Eco council has decided that we will all take part in this global event again this year and has shared ideas with their classes to decide how they can take their learning outside for some of their lessons, during the week of 'Outdoor Classroom Day' which takes place officially on **Thursday 19th May**. Fingers crossed for lovely weather next week!



## Year 6 Football team success!

On Friday our Year 6 football team made the journey down to St Georges School in Wrotham to play a highly contested Semi Final between two unbeaten teams. The game was extremely close and had to go into extra time to decide the winner but Loose were victorious winning 4-3 on the day and go onto the final in a few weeks time. The team went behind a few times in the game but it was great to see the determination and perseverance of all players to go on and win. Huge congratulations to them all on a very successful match and we all wish them luck in the final.

Players:

William S, Archie C, Finley N, Josh M, Beau W, Alex D, Lara M, Tosan O (Y5), Harry F & Woody B



## 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>

## 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.



## Diary Dates

### **Term 5**

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

18 May - Year 4 trip to Horton Kirby

19 May - Outdoor Classroom Day

20 May - Parent Council Meeting 2.15-3pm

20 May - PTA Disco

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

24 May - O2 Young Voices trip to London

26 May - PTA Jubilee Event - more info to follow

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

### **Term 6**

06 Jun – Staff Inset Day children not in school

07 Jun – Children back to school

08 Jun – Year R & 6 Height and Weight programme

08 Jun - Jubilee Celebrations Day & Picnic Lunch

09 Jun – Year 6 individual and class photos

14 Jun PTA meeting, Chequers Pub 8pm

17 Jun - Year 1 Trip to Rarebreed Centre

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

05 Jul - PTA 'Deputy Headteacher for the day'

07Jul – Year R-Year 5 'Meet the Teacher' sessions

08 Jul - PTA 'Assistant Headteacher for the Day' (Mr Farley)

08 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' (Mr Hogwood)

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 - Matilda S

Opal - Toby C & Godwina S

Crystal - Lilyan S

Diamond - Olivia E & Henry A

Sapphire - Harrison F

Moonstone - Frederick B

Tanzanite - Erina W

Aquamarine - Elsie D

Turquoise - Charlie S

Coral - Emilia V/G

Amber - Dylan B

Jade - Isabel J

Emerald - Oliver D

Onyx - Louis R

Ruby - Belle N & Sienna K

Topaz - Laila E

Sunstone - Darcy A

Amethyst - Amora K

Peridot - Whole Class!

Zultanite - Whole Class!

Quartz - Whole Class!



## Free Family Fun Treasure Trail

The Heart of Kent Hospice are delighted to offer you a FREE Family fun Treasure Trail which is taking place in Maidstone Town Centre on Sunday 3 July 2022. Starting at the rear of Lockmeadow Entertainment Centre teams of up to 6 people will follow the treasure map and solve the clues to explore Maidstone. The walking tour treasure trail takes you past lots of the most amazing and famous sights in Maidstone, but solving the clues makes you slow down and really look around and spot things you may have never noticed before.

This really is a fun day out for all the family. Your adventure should take around two hours and there is a reward for the fastest team who completes the treasure trail. There are more prizes to be won for the best explorer or pirate costumes. Anyone can enter there's no age limit; children under six may find the clues a little trickier to solve but they are still welcome to join the fun! You can also enjoy our exciting event village, where you'll find games, face painting, inflatables and much more!

As supporters of Elmer's Big Heart of Kent Parade, we are offering the families of your school the opportunity to secure tickets before they are allocated to the wider public on Monday 23 May. To book visit [Family Fun Treasure Trail | Heart of Kent Hospice \(enthuse.com\)](https://enthuse.com). For any enquiries on this event please email [events@hokh.co.uk](mailto:events@hokh.co.uk)

## Inclusion

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing**

Here at Loose Primary School we believe Mental Health and Wellbeing is how we feel, think and act. It determines how we handle stress, manage relationships and make choices. It is important to all of us, at every stage of our lives from childhood through to adulthood.

### **Being present**



Attending school regularly and getting into a routine, really does help settle children's worries quicker. Getting to talk and play with their peers every day has proven to boost children's happiness levels!

Research shows that deliberately focusing on the good things in our lives can improve our wellbeing. In school, we focus on the positive things that have happened. We celebrate our achievements (no matter how big or small), we compliment each other and smile together. These little acts of 'kindness' really do make a difference.

Mrs Bremerkamp

Nurture Lead



## Music Summer School

Calling musicians and singers. We are delighted to share the link for further information about a Music Summer School which is to be held in Benenden School. Being able to play alongside other musicians is an amazing opportunity. There are groups for varying ages and abilities. Please note bookings for places and abilities. Please book directly, noting our end of term date being 21st July 2022.

Thank you

Mrs Harris

Music Specialist/Lead

<http://www.kent-music.com/kmss>

## PTA Events & Dates

### Amazon Smile

Our latest Amazon Smile donation received was £55.07, representing purchases made by our supporters during January, February and March! You can donate to the PTA in this way just by purchasing your Amazon products using Amazon Smile, and supporting Loose Primary School PTA. There is no additional cost to yourselves, and all we receive is a lovely donation every quarter! Your purchase information remains private to you.

If you would like to sign up to Amazon Smile and support us in this way, please contact [loosepta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:loosepta@yahoo.co.uk) for details.

### **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!

### **Loose Primary School Running Club**

Community run next date - Sunday 15th 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.

### **Pop up Uniform Shop**

Thank you to everyone who supported the pop up uniform shop which raised an amazing £130. Don't forget the uniform shop is open every Wednesday morning 8.40am-9.00am in the Owl room (entrance via Moonstone).



### 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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