



Weekly Newsletter Friday 27th May 2022

Headteacher News

Young Voices

We had the most amazing time on Tuesday singing with over 8600 other children and staff from schools across the south east at the O2 in London. We have been rehearsing since last October and after being postponed, it was enjoyed very much by all who attended. It was also wonderful that so many parents could join us for the experience.

Parent Council

Thank you to our representatives for coming to the meeting last week. Please click here to read the minutes <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Parent+Council&pid=92> It was really useful to talk with parents about our school improvement journey, work on the curriculum and get valued further feedback from the recent surveys to try to understand this more and make changes.

Platinum Jubilee

As we get ready for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the holiday we also look forward to our celebration day on Wednesday 8 June. The day will include cakes and a picnic on the field (weather permitting) and of course our year group decade dressing up, dancing and learning about the past 70 years. As we celebrate this moment in history, of course, it is quite poignant to think that we will be part of it too, remembered for the rest of time as the generations who had a Queen with the longest reign.

Silver Jubilee

On social media recently we have seen posts that the then children of Loose Primary School (probably the infant or junior schools then) planted trees to celebrate in 1977 in Linton Road. If anyone was one of these children we would love to hear from you!

Holiday Play Scheme

If you need childcare in the holiday or on the development day on Monday 6 June, please book here...<https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/form/?pid=13&form=237>

Half Term

It is Half Term next week. We hope you have a lovely time and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 7 June.

Have a lovely holiday.

Sarah Holman and the team at Loose



Deputy Headteacher News

I want to say a big 'thank you' to the parents who attended the two recent evening sessions on Curriculum and Memory. It was lovely to be able to share with parents a small window into school life and share our thinking with them to try and give them an understanding of how we work and why we make the decisions we make. Unfortunately, I was unable to record these sessions but we will look to run further sessions in the next academic year for anyone who missed the sessions this time round.

I couldn't write this week without mentioning the amazing Young Voices concert this week. I want to say a huge well done to the children who attended and were great ambassadors for the school. Additionally I must say a huge thank you to every member of staff who attended the trip and gave up their own time to provide such an amazing experience for our children here at Loose Primary. Without you amazing adults we wouldn't be able to run trips like this and they are such a powerful, memorable event in the children's lives.

Lastly, another massive 'thank you' to our fabulous PTA who organised the discos last Friday. They were a huge success and the children had an amazing time. We really do have such a special school community and I feel so thankful to be a part of this. We are now approaching Half Term and I want to say that I hope you all have a safe break and enjoy yourselves. A week can be a long time and lots can happen so if anything happens over the Half Term that you want the school to be aware of please do contact the office/class teachers and make them aware so we can support all our families as well as we possibly can. Take care and have a wonderful break.

Mr Johnson



Important - School Emails

Please note that from the end of the school day today, the Brook and Orchard emails will be closed down - these were set up during Covid and are no longer needed.

We are setting up an **absence** mailbox for parents that would prefer to email in rather than leave a message on the answer phone - this is absence@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk. Please use this for illness, hospital appointments, holiday requests etc

For any **extended services** matter parents should email lasc.asc@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk and **not** the school office

For everything else, please email office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk

Many thanks.

Job Vacancies at Loose Primary

We are currently advertising on Kent Teach for General Support Staff. These are casual contracts covering support roles in the school. Should you be interested, or know anyone who may be interested, please find the link to the advert below.

<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=102299>

Gates

A reminder that Lancet Lane gate will be locked at 3.30pm every day. If you are still on site after this time please exit via the main Loose Road gate. We aim to open all 3 gates at 8.40 each morning. A couple of parents have asked for this to be earlier but this is not something we can accommodate at this time due to safeguarding reasons as we have morning clubs outside up until this time and staff on duty for supervision of these activities on site. Please note we often have Breakfast Club spaces if you wish to drop your children off earlier than 8.40.

Coppice Sporting Event

On Wednesday, Coxheath Primary hosted the second Coppice Primary Partnership sporting event. Ninety children from all three of our trust schools participated in a range of athletic activities. It was so lovely to see our pupils meet and make new friends as well as enjoying the physical activities. The year 6 sports leaders were so supportive and encouraging and really showed what a caring community we have within our trust. I would like to thank Mr Corcoran for organising the event and Miss Carter from Loose and Mrs Holt from St Katherine's for all their support.

Mrs Taylor (Trust teaching and learning lead)

Term 5 Attendance Summary

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Opal	94.79%	Jade	97.50%
Crystal	94.41%	Emerald	98.71%
Pearl	96.42%	Ruby	99.37%
Diamond	95.74%	Onyx	94.85%
Sapphire	95.28%	Topaz	94.87%
Moonstone	96.04%	Sunstone	98.44%
Tanzanite	95.01%	Amethyst	98.15%
Turquoise	95.58%	Peridot	95.63%
Aquamarine	96.40%	Zultanite	98.70%
Amber	96.29%	Quartz	98.11%
Coral	95.92%		

Whole School Target
96.5%
Whole School Attendance
95.30%

Diary Dates

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

23 Jun - PTA Pop Up Uniform Shop - more info to follow

28 Jun - Jade Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall parents invited

29 Jun - Year 2 trip to Wingham Wildlife Centre

30 Jun – Sports Day (11th July Reserve Date)

04 Jul – PTA 'Headteacher for the day'

04 Jul - Year 6 day out to Kent Police Open Day

05 Jul – Amber Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall parents invited
05 Jul - PTA 'Deputy Headteacher for the day'
05 Jul - Year 5 Trip to Kew Gardens
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 & 7pm
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



KS1 & KS2 Star Writers

During the year, most children in the school completed a 'cold-write' task where they were given a stimulus image and asked to either write a story, complete a book review or write a non-fiction information leaflet. We want to say a huge well done to all children for completing the task and staff

thoroughly enjoyed reading the wonderful pieces of work. We also want to give a shout out to Max S (Quartz) and Phoebe H (Zultanite) from KS2 and Jacob S (Aquamarine) and Charlie S (Turquoise) from KS1 whose beautiful writing is an excellent example for the rest of their Key Stage. Authors in the making I am sure!



Learner of the Week

Pearl - Halle G

Opal - Isabelle S & Olly Y

Crystal - Oliver C

Diamond - Ava M

Sapphire - Megan P & Jude C/K

Moonstone - Florence R

Aquamarine - Veronika R

Turquoise - Christan K

Coral - Finlay M

Amber - George F

Jade - Rocco O

Emerald - Ruby C

Onyx - Daisy B

Ruby - Toby M & Jessie C

Topaz - Florence G

Sunstone - Isla S

Amethyst - Tommy C

Peridot - Archie C & Finley N

Zultanite - Liam M & Jack B

Quartz - Violet S



House Points Winner of the Term

1st - Attenborough

2nd - Curie

3rd - Donaldson

4th - Parks

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO ATTENBOROUGH WHO ARE THE TERM 5 WINNERS!

PTA Events & Dates

KS2 Disco "Thank You!"

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the discos last week. Either setting up, being on stalls at either or both discos and cleaning up after. The children absolutely loved the discos and it was a great fund raiser for the school. The amount raised was approx. £1480. Thank you for your help to run this event!

Lucky Lotto Winner

Congratulations to this month's winner - Amanda Withrington!

Loose Primary School Running Club

Community run next date - Sunday 29th 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.

Look out next term!

We have more events planned for next term including 'Donuts for Dads and Lads' and 'Head teacher for a day'. More details after half term.

Save the Date

Late Summer Festival, Saturday 17th September -more details to follow



Governor Information

Hi, I'm John Edgar and I'm the new Chair of Governors at Loose Primary School. I've been involved in school governance for over 20 years, starting as a parent governor at St Katherine's Primary School and Nursery eventually becoming Chair. Alongside the headteacher, Mrs R Powell, I supported the move to join Coppice and became a Trustee, a role I have held for almost 3 years.

My professional background splits neatly into two. For the first half of my career, I worked in accounting in engineering and then retail before moving into general management where I managed warehousing and transport working on behalf of major retailers including Tesco, Sainsbury and Asda.

Loose is a great school and I look forward to working with the talented and dedicated group of governors, teachers and staff here who have the best interests of your children at heart.

John

Community News

We have been made aware of the following local roadworks over the next few months: -

Old Loose Hill 27-31 May Stop/Go boards pothole repairs

Bottlescrew Hill, Boughton Lane - Road closed 1 June 9.30 - 15.30 pole replacement work

Rushmead Drive 25-27 May Stop/Go Boards pothole repairs

Buxton Close/Broad oak junction 25-27 May Carriageway repairs

Gas main upgrade on and off between 27 May and 12 August in Pear Tree Lane/Norrington/Halstow/Leigh Avenue

On-going gas main works down Cripple St 16 June - 22 August and also Openreach will be working in Cripple St 29 June 9.30 - 15.30

Contact Us

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.

absence@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk - please use this email for all absence related matters including illness and hospital appointments and holiday requests

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