



Weekly Newsletter Friday 1st July 2022

Headteacher News

As we enter the last few weeks of the academic year it is a time when we all reflect on the many changes and improvements that have been made. Leaders and governors are reviewing our school plan and strategic document and we are so delighted with the progress your children have made. Teachers have ensured that the key elements of our curriculum are covered and gaps addressed so that all pupils can be successful moving forwards and into their next school year. Covid catch up funding continues to be used to target pupils and groups and ensure focus sessions with their teacher and teaching assistants are a priority.

ITT - Initial Teacher Training

We are proud to have been able to offer a large number of teacher training placements again at Loose this year. We have student teachers from their first to last placements in a number of degree and post graduate training programmes. They are very successful with us and we work closely with local universities and ITT providers to ensure that teachers of the future learn from some of the best teachers in the field. Thank you to our staff and Mrs Ellis who leads ITT at Loose for ensuring the training of so many new teachers is offered here at Loose.

Emergency procedures

All schools have regular fire drills / emergency evacuation procedures and also, more recently, a 'lock down' procedure. Emergency evacuation is where all pupils and staff leave the building and stand away from it, with quick checks being made to see all pupils are accounted for. Lock down is where a stranger or something is outside the building that means children need to be safely inside. At Loose we ensure windows and doors are shut, blinds are down and children may (depending on the concern) get under desks or go into toilet areas, away from the windows. This is normal procedure in this day and age. We are reminding you about this so that you are aware of what happens and why. We have drills for both each term. Please note in both situations (if not a drill), we are unable to contact parents immediately as we would be keeping children safe and would possibly be away from the school building / office area and telephone. We would of course inform you of any situation as soon as we were able to.

Absence

Can we please remind parents that you must call the school office or email absence@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk no later than 8.45am if your child is going to be absent from school. The office staff do not have the time to call parents and find out why children are not in school. Thank you.

Catch up with teachers

Please remember you are welcome to catch up with your child's teacher at any time. Just email the office or call to make an appointment for them to call you or to see them if you prefer. We look forward to seeing you all at our open afternoon so you can liaise with staff regarding your child's progress. Teachers and TAs have started to meet regarding class changes next year and there is a thorough hand over process in place. Pupils will meet their new teachers on 7 July. We will also have meet the teacher parent days in the new year.

Sports Day

Thankyou all for coming to our first sports day yesterday for 3 years! It was wonderful to share such amazing sporting achievement and effort with you all and we hope you enjoyed it too.

We will be gathering feedback from you to see if you liked the event or any comments you may like to make for improvements for next year.

Thank you to all staff for ensuring it ran as smoothly as it could with 660 children participating across the day and of course the sports team for all the behind-the-scenes preparation for the day. Thank you also to our PTA for the ice lollies – they were enjoyed by all the children. Thank you also to Chris Clarke from the Spitting Pig who supplied all the cool boxes.

Congratulations to Donaldson house who were are 2022 winners!

Staff leaving

As we come to the end of another year it is always sad to say goodbye to some staff as they move on to new roles and schools. We will be very sorry to see Miss Chapman, Ms Smith and Miss McNicoll leave us at the end of the year. I am sure that you will join me in thanking them all for their hard work and dedication at Loose and wishing them the very best in their new schools. We also say a fond farewell to Mr Lettington who has been a dedicated member of our site team and is looking forward to a long healthy retirement where he can spend time with his family (when not on the golf course!).

Have a lovely weekend

Sarah Holman



Assistant Headteacher News

Hello everyone. Mr Farley this week. I just want to say a huge well done to all children this week for their team spirit, determination and amazing behaviour during our sports day. Once again the attitudes of our children have done us, themselves and you as parents proud. I want to say a huge thank you to the staff involved in organising such a fast-paced event, including Miss Carter, Mr Corcoran and Mr Hogwood, as well as Mr Todd, Mr McLaren and some members of breakfast club for helping to set up. There aren't many weeks of school left this year but your children have not slowed down! Have a great weekend everyone.



Sports Day Winners

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO DONALDSON HOUSE WHO WON THE SPORTS DAY CUP THIS YEAR!



School Uniform

New Statutory guidance regarding the cost of school uniform was introduced in November 2021 and you can read the full guidance here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms>

At Loose Primary School branded items are kept to a minimum, children are required to wear a branded jumper or cardigan and a school tie, which are available from Pages Schoolwear in Maidstone <https://pages-schoolwear.co.uk/> All other uniform items can be purchased through any other retailer if preferred. Loose Primary School do not hold any stock of new items, however we do have a Budget Shop which is run by our PTA and offer regular pop-up shops. Pre-loved uniform is available here between £1.00 and £5.00 an item. Information about our uniform expectations can be found here: <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=33>. Should you have any questions about our uniform please email the school office via office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk or contact Mrs Dutch on 01622 743 549.

Job Vacancy - Caretaker

We are currently recruiting for a Caretaker post. Please see link below to Kent Teach advert if of interest to anyone.

[Click here](#)

Diary Dates

Term 6

- 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
- 15 Jul - Open Afternoon from 2pm - (children can be signed out from 2pm)
- 18 Jul – Year 6 Sports & Activities Day
- 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 - Roselle S

Opal - Oliver H

Crystal - Daisy P

Diamond - Akshana R

Sapphire - Callum O

Moonstone - Joshua H

Tanzanite - James S

Aquamarine - Dylan K, Jacob H & Kelsey M

Turquoise - Connie W

Coral - Brooke C & Henry G

Amber - Zachary P

Jade - Bradley D & Benji B

Emerald -

Onyx - Tyler M

Ruby - Jacob C

Topaz - Steven S & Maryam K

Sunstone - Sophia B

Amethyst - Thomas W

Peridot - Nathan A & Bendeguz T

Zultanite - Olivia L

Quartz - Lucie C, William S & Beau W



Bad Parking

A light blue Ford, vehicle registration GN07TWD, parked on the yellow zig-zag lines at the end of the Lancet Lane entrance on Sports Day. This is extremely inconsiderate as this is where children walking to & from themselves cross Lancet Lane. The photo has been sent onto the PCSO.



PTA Events & Dates

Headteacher for the Day

Thank you to everyone who purchased virtual tickets to this brilliant fundraising event raising just over £500. The winners have been contacted and so you may see a few different faces around school, leading assemblies, holding meetings, giving out house points etc over the next few weeks!

Loose Primary School Running Club

Community run next date - Sunday 3rd July 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 -more details to follow.



Community News

WORKSHOP through Space 2 Be Me

We are very pleased to announce that the Space 2 Be Me Team are hosting another parent workshop next month.

This workshop will focus on Autism and Anxiety. The workshop is being led by Abby Lloyd, who is a primary school teacher and dyslexia specialist, with a particular interest in autism and mental health. She has three children who are either diagnosed or suspected autistic and who suffer with varying degrees of anxiety. Her youngest daughter has been unable to attend school since October 2021 as a result.

This talk will look at the types and causes of anxiety, the differences in anxiety in neurotypical verses neurodivergent individuals and how parents can help.

The workshop is aimed at West Kent based parents and our members. However, if people do not live in the area they can register via Eventbrite, and we will check their eligibility.

The session will take place on 13th July 7:30pm-9:30pm via Zoom and is free. Booking is essential via **Eventbrite** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/369019034867>

Loose Swiss Scouts Group

Loose Swiss Scouts Group are looking for new volunteers. We have an amazing team but we have seen a few leaders retire recently and we need Beaver & Cub assistant leaders, occasional helpers and a Treasurer. If you can spare a couple of hours each week, we'd love to hear from you! Details of the roles can be found here or why not get in contact for an informal chat -

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/.../role-descriptions/group-roles/> email me
at: debbie.hayes@looseswissscouts.com

Contact Us

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