



# Weekly Newsletter Friday 15th July 2022

## Headteacher News

### ***End of the year, final newsletter***

As another academic year is almost at an end we have been reflecting on our successes and celebrating our achievements. We want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your incredible support. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without your co-operation. We held our final Parent Council last week (you can read the minutes here <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Parent+Council&pid=92>) and are incredibly proud of the work we have all carried out this year to ensure Loose continues to develop and improve. We will come back to some of the points raised next term and of course will be asking for new reps to join us in this vital role to link leaders in school with parents as working together is key in achieving the best for our children.

### ***Drumkit***

Mrs Harris is hoping to start a school band next year. As part of this we would like a drumkit if anyone has one they wish to donate to us or if you had a child learning the drums who no longer does and you need some space. Do let us know if you have one, we would love to hear from you.

### ***PTA – thank you***

We want to say a huge ‘thank you’ for the amount you as families raised throughout this year, mostly via our amazing PTA. This includes the donations we have received today for our final non-uniform day of the year. The PTA has supported us through the year to help ensure our children have even more opportunity for incredible experiences which we appreciate greatly. The core PTA are a very small number of (6) parents and we applaud them for their dedication and commitment. If you can help and attend just one meeting held each month, please do as this is not only a great way to network with other parents but offers so much fun and funding to your children.

### ***Year 6***

Next week we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. The last few weeks in particular have been memorable for us and we hope have been very special for them too. They have been fantastic role models throughout the year. We are so proud of their achievements and know that we send them on to their new secondary schools having had some wonderful, memorable learning experiences and ready for the next stage in their education. We value many things here at Loose, but not all are measurable – sporting, creative, performing and citizenship skills are embedded in our curriculum and celebrated widely, as you will see in this newsletter, on Twitter and on our website. We wish all of them good luck in the future.

### ***Staff leaving***

As mentioned in a previous newsletter we wish Miss Chapman, Ms Smith and Miss McNicoll our love and very best wishes in their new schools for September and Mr Lettington a long and healthy retirement. We cannot thank them enough for their contributions to Loose and the staff and children they have supported over the years. We will miss you all.

### ***Staff thank you***

A special mention goes to all staff at Loose and in our Coppice team who this year again have gone above and beyond to ensure the children have the best experiences they can. Thank you so much to all our staff teams who make Loose the wonderful school that it is.

### ***Next year***

We look forward to seeing the children at the start of the next academic year, Monday 5 September.

Thank you once again for working with us to ensure our pupils are safe, happy and encouraged to believe their potential is limitless as they work towards their goals and ambitions.

Have a wonderful summer break and enjoy some quality family time.

Sarah Holman and the team at Loose

## **Deputy Headteacher News**

And here we are at the end of another academic year. The end of another busy, crazy, exciting and wonderful academic year. I personally can't believe that the school year is nearly finished as it seems

only yesterday that we were welcoming your children through the gates to start the year off. It has been a wonderful year filled with incredible moments and highs. Seeing the return of our class assemblies and seeing the children showcasing all their wonderful learning. The return of Sports Day and welcoming our parents and community back into school to share in these events. Seeing the changes we've made to our curriculum celebrated during our Ofsted visit and more importantly seeing your children thrive through the changes. It has been an incredible year and one we can all look back on fondly. I want to thank every single member of our school staff who have continuously gone above and beyond to support the children here at Loose Primary.

I want to thank our parents and local community who have shared in our successes and been such a vital cog in our school. I also want to thank our amazing school PTA who have managed to raise over £15,000 this academic year which is simply amazing! Thank you for everything you do and the support you offer the school. Finally, and most importantly, a huge thank you to our wonderful children who have been amazing all year. I hope everyone has the best summer holiday and we already look forward to seeing what our next academic year brings.



## School Dinner Price Increase

Please note that from September the price of a school meal will increase to £2.40 to cover the rising costs of raw materials and inflation. Please check the link below in case you may be eligible for free school meals.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals#tab-1>

### ***Payments***

We will no longer be using ParentPay to pay for school dinners and will move across to School Money from September. All parents should already have School Money accounts for charity days, trips and for booking extended services so it should be much easier for everyone to use it for school dinners too.



## Lost Property - Final Reminder

Last reminder re lost property. Any items that haven't been claimed by the end of today, FRIDAY 15th JULY, will be recycled or donated to charity. Please come and have a look during the open afternoon if you are missing anything.

## IMPORTANT - See changes to Year 6 Leavers Events

***Changes to Year 6 leaver's events next week.***

***Due to the Met Office red weather warning for extreme heat issued for the start of next week, we have been forced to alter some of the Year 6 Leaver's events to ensure the safety and well-being of pupils and staff by avoiding long periods of time outside. Please ensure children come to school with sun cream, hats and full water bottles each day. Please read the information below and note changes to information sent home previously.***

***Monday 18th July*** - Year 6 Sports and Activities Day - we will be holding our annual Year 6 Sports and activities day. On this day, we would like to invite children to wear their own clothes and they will change into their PE kit when here. The majority of activities will now take place inside or in shaded areas outside.

**Some changes to planned activities:**

**- Bubble football - now cancelled - Children will now have a swimming session in the school pool.**

Pupils will need a swimming costume/ trunks and a towel in a named bag with them on Monday. Any children with verruca's will need to wear a verruca sock in order to swim. Children with shoulder length hair or longer will need a swimming hat.

**- Colour Run - postponed until Thursday 21st July - arrangements remain the same.**

***Tuesday 19th July*** – Year 6 buddy picnic - During the morning, children will be able to spend some time seeing their buddies.

### **Changes below:**

Children will still bring in picnic snacks for a class party in the afternoon instead of outside with their buddies. They can bring indoor board games (non-electronic) to play as well should they wish.

**Wednesday 20th July** – Non uniform for Year 6 only and Leaver's lunch - We would also like to offer the children the chance to have a Year 6 leavers' lunch on this date which will be a build your own burger bar. If your child would like this lunch, it will be at the normal cost of £2.25 (free for those children eligible for free school meals). We are only able to accept online payments for the leavers' lunch; please access the ParentPay system as usual to book a lunch for your child on this day. If your child would rather not have the school dinner option, please send them in with a packed lunch as normal.

**After school leavers party Wednesday 20th July** – 3.20 – 5.30 After school we will host a farewell party for our Year 6 children. As this is an after school event, attendance is optional and tickets will cost £5.50 each. The event will include food and a leavers' disco with games and prizes. Children will receive a ticket to the event. As this is an after school event, only those children who have paid for a ticket will be able to attend. Children who are not attending the party will leave school as normal at the end of the day.

**Thursday 21st July – Leavers' assemblies in class groups on the school field.**

**9.00am - Peridot**

**9.30am - Quartz**

**10.00am – Zultanite**

Please head to the KS1 playground and you will be directed to the school field. **For the 9.30am & 10.00am assemblies please enter and leave via LANCET LANE GATE.** This will be an opportunity for parents to take photos of the class and friendship groups.

Children can bring in a spare school shirt on this day to be signed by their friends if they wish.

### **Rescheduled Colour Run**

We are also planning to finish the day off in style with a colour run event which parents will be able to watch from the playground – **please enter via the Y4/6 gate from 2.40pm.** We will complete our daily mile for the day and at regular intervals the children will be doused from head to toe in a different coloured powder. Participants wear white at the starting line and finish the race plastered in colour. Children will need to bring a white t-shirt which they can change into for the event.

**Children will be taken from the field at 3.20pm to go home and exit in style via the Year 4/6 gate only.**

## Dig Deep T-Shirt Competition

Thank you to everyone for your fantastic designs. You have collectively raised a grand total of £224 for Dig Deep! This will go a long way in providing clean water, safe toilets and good hygiene for communities in Kenya.

It was great to see that you had taken on board the information from the assembly and incorporated it into your designs. It was very hard to choose a winner because they were all so brilliant and I really enjoyed looking through them. The winning design is from Isla in Ruby class, congratulations Isla!

Thank you again to everyone that entered!

Rachel Stanley



## Diary Dates

### **Term 6**

- 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 - Year 6 Colour Run - see above for more info
- 21 Jul - Last day of term

### **Term 1**

- 01 & 02 Sept - Staff Training Days - children do not attend school
- 05 Sept - Children back to school

08 Sept - Kent 11+ Test

12 Sept - Year 1 Meet the Teacher 3.20-4.00pm - enter classes via outside classroom doors

13 Sept - Year 2 Meet the Teacher 3.20-4.00pm - enter classes via outside classroom doors

14 Sept - Year 3 Meet the Teacher 3.20-4.00pm go to classrooms via lower cloakroom, side door by Y4 or main reception

19 Sept - Year 4 Meet the Teacher 3.20-4.00pm go to classrooms via lower cloakroom, side door by Y4 or main reception

20 Sept - Year 5 Meet the Teacher 3.20-4.00pm go to classrooms via lower cloakroom, side door by Y4 or main reception

21 Sept - Year 6 Meet the Teacher 3.20-4.00pm go to classrooms via lower cloakroom, side door by Y4 or main reception

27 Sept - Topaz Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

04 Oct - Amethyst Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

07 Oct - Parent Council Meeting 2.30-3.15pm (refreshments from 2.15pm)

11 Oct - Sunstone Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

12 Oct - Harvest Service All Saints Church Loose

18 Oct - Kent 11+ Test results to parents via email from 4pm

18 Oct - Parent Consultation Evening - 4.00-7.00pm

19 Oct - Parent Consultation Evening - 3.40-6.30pm

20 Oct - Last day of term

21 Oct - Staff Training Day - children do not attend school - children back to school 31st October



## Learner of the Week

Pearl - Reggie A

Crystal - Luca P

Diamond - Chrissy S

Sapphire - Adam Q

Moonstone - Hunter G

Tanzanite - Whole Class!

Aquamarine - Macy H & Annabelle W

Turquoise -Chloe H

Coral -Oleksii O

Amber - Emily G

Jade - Elijah W

Emerald - Amelie D

Onyx - Oliver G & Ted W

Ruby - Ethan H

Topaz - Laila N & Oliver K

Sunstone - Chloe F

Amethyst - Tyler B

Peridot - Whole Class!

Zultanite - William K & Samuel P

Quartz - Susie H, Isabelle T & Samuel M



## PTA Events & Dates

### **A Massive Thank You**

This academic year we, the PTA, have raised a massive £15,500 through all of the different fund-raising events we have held. Thank you if you have helped, joined in or supported these in anyway. It's an amazing amount - thank you to everyone who has been a part of this!

### **Another Thank You**

Thank you to Michelle and Charlotte for their numerous years on the PTA - the list of events they've been part of is huge. You are truly missed. Thank you ladies!

### **Year 6 Play**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to serve refreshments - such a great success at the amazing Year 6 production. Thank you!

### **Late Summer Festival**

Saturday 17th September 1-4pm - if you would like to volunteer in any way, for example: set up, be on a stall, clear up etc please contact us. Also if you live on a main road near to school and would be happy to have an advertising board outside your house for a few weeks before the event please let us know. Email [loosepta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:loosepta@yahoo.co.uk).

### **Uniform**

If you have any jumpers, cardigans and ties that your child has grown out of or no longer needs please wash these and then donate them to our uniform shop. You can drop off at uniform shop on Wednesday morning 8.40am-9:00am.

### **Amazon Prime Day**

Thank you to everyone who placed orders - easy fund raising!

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

Community run next date - Sunday 17th 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.



## Summer Discounts for Families

**KIDS EAT FOR FREE  
OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022**

<p><b>MORRISONS</b> Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.</p> <p><b>ASDA CAFE</b> Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.</p> <p><b>DUNELM</b> One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.</p> <p><b>YQ</b> Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.</p> <p><b>BEEFEATER &amp; BREWERS FAYRE</b> Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.</p> <p><b>HELDRETH INDEPENDENT</b> Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.</p>	<p><b>IKEA</b> Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).</p> <p><b>BELLA ITALIA</b> Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.</p> <p><b>CRUMBLE</b> Kids eat free with an adult main meal.</p> <p><b>TABLE TABLE</b> Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.</p> <p><b>CAFE ROUGE</b> Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.</p> <p><b>MORE TO COME!!</b> M&amp;S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.</p>
--	---

## Parent Governor Election Results

Following the recent ballot, we are pleased to advise that Mrs Affleck was elected as a Parent Governor at Loose Primary School. Her term of office will start from 24th September 2022 and will run for a 2-year period, expiring on 23rd September 2024. Thank you for your support with the election process.

## Governor Bio

I would like to introduce myself. I am Elizabeth Harris. I am married and have two grown up children. My daughter works for a charity and also lectures at a University, and my son is a gardener and tree surgeon. I also have a step daughter who is studying Acting at University. My two grandchildren are six and also 4 months old.

I am known as probably the one with the noisiest job in the school as I have the pleasure of teaching class music for years 1-6. I started my post at Loose Primary School in January 2020 and I am thankful that we can now sing and play the instruments.

Professionally, I have worked as a Teaching Assistant and a Higher Level Teaching Assistant in a selection of schools in Kent and Sussex.

During lockdown I finished a degree in Theology, Music and Worship which I started as a blended student, travelling to the London School of Theology two to three days a week to study Music and Worship and studied Theology online. This experience ignited my passion for learning and I am about to complete my Master's degree in Music.

When I am not teaching at Loose, I teach private one to one lessons on flute, recorder, piano and theory of music. I am a keen flute player and play with the Bodiam concert band, the All Souls Orchestra in London, and am part of one of the three worship bands at New Life Church in Tunbridge Wells. I also play guitar, ukulele, saxophone, clarinet and hope to study the oboe soon. I am also a keen fundraiser for different charities with activities ranging from a 26 mile walk (2022) and various concerts.

As Staff Governor, my role is Quality of Education. My experience of assisting and delivering lessons will enable me to help monitor the quality of education we deliver at Loose.

## Contact Us

[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.

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

[office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk) - use this for all other emails and urgent matters

Phone Number 01622 743549

