



Newsletter Friday 23rd February 2024

Headteacher News

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope this newsletter finds you all rejuvenated and ready for the exciting weeks ahead. As we dive into this term, let's reflect and be grateful for the wonderful holiday moments however big or small and gear up for the springtime adventures awaiting us.

I had the pleasure of spending a few days snowboarding in the stunning Alps. I hadn't been for a few years and the fear of looking like Bambi on ice certainly hung about. But, like our values here, I was determined to get back to the off piste snow and enjoy the adventure a little more. It reminded me of the importance of taking a break and reconnecting with nature and challenging ourselves in different ways.

Now, as we return to school, the energy and enthusiasm from the children is infectious. We are half way through the year and term 4 is an opportunity for a renewed determination and focus. We started the term with an assembly about how the small steps that we take make a big difference over time. We

talked about school being hard and learning also. We talked about how hard isn't scary if we approach it patiently. We used one of Aesop's fables about the crow and the small steps and determination he took to reach his goal of a drink of water. The children liked it when the water spilled over the side of the jug!

Speaking of determination, we are thrilled to share that our pupil attendance stands proudly at 96.2%! We're above the national average and steadily moving towards our target of 97%. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring your child's regular attendance and punctuality; it truly makes a difference. On a lighter note, it seems the holiday bliss might have caused a few late arrivals due to oversleeping. Let's just say, alarm clocks might need a bit of extra attention this week!

As signs of spring start to emerge, we're reminded of the beauty of new beginnings and growth. This term, let's encourage our children to embrace challenges with resilience and enthusiasm. And speaking of enthusiasm, we recently had the pleasure of hosting Action Jackson, who inspired us all with his messages about dreaming big, taking action, and never giving up. Let's carry that spirit forward as we embark on our academic journey together.

As we settle back into the routine, let's also ensure our children are dressed for success. Please remember the importance of school uniform, including smart school shoes, jumpers and ties. A tidy appearance sets the tone for a productive day of learning and we all wear our uniform with pride here at Loose.

Here's to a fantastic Term 4 filled with growth, achievement and plenty of smiles. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.





Deputy Headteacher News

Mr Johnson this week and it has been lovely to welcome to the children back for term 4. I can not believe that it is already term 4! This academic year is flying by and we are enjoying every second of it. We celebrated our value of determination in school this week and the children have been showing it in abundance. I have seen children being determined using different manipulatives in maths lessons to secure their understanding of division. We have spoken to the children about being really determined to produce their best quality handwriting. We are already seeing some progress in the quality of the handwriting being produced by the children. Please do continue these messages at home and praise them when you see them being determined to produce work which they can be proud of.



Loose Valley Care Centre Initiative

Yesterday eight children from Onyx class went and visited Loose Valley Care Centre to share their learning and reading book with the residents. The children were very excited about this experience and the atmosphere was incredible. Lots of chatter and sharing of school by all. This will be something we will continue each week, with different children visiting weekly. It was so powerful to see young and old sharing memories and enjoying each other's company.





Loose Mini Marathon 8th March - Whole School

On Friday 8th March Loose Primary School children will be participating in the Loose Mini Marathon 2024 in aid of Whizz Kidz.

Children may come into school in sports gear and colourful clothes, for a small donation to Mr Hogwood's London Marathon fundraising campaign. Please click [here](#) to see the Just Giving Page and for details on how to donate. Donations go directly to the charity

Whizz Kidz is a charity that supports children in wheelchairs and give them experiences they would not normally have. Two of our children at school are directly benefitting from the work this wonderful charity does.

Mini Marathon Details

In the afternoon the children will be running/walking/skipping a set distance around school and in the community, out of Lancet Lane and following the path round to Waldron Drive.

Y6: 1.15pm Y5: 1.30pm Y4: 1.40pm Y3: 1.50pm

Y2: 2.10pm Y1: 2.20pm YR: 2.30pm

Marshals:

I still require some volunteers to be marshals on the route, cheering and encouraging the children to keep going. Thank you to those who have volunteered already! If you can help then please email the office ASAP for the attention of Mr Hogwood.

Marathon Update

I am in my eighth week of training for the London Marathon on 21st April 2024. The runs are getting longer and faster! This week alone I have run 26 miles so far with a long run tomorrow. I am looking forward in getting the children involved with the Loose Mini Marathon on Friday 8th March. Thank you so much for the donations so far, please keep them coming for the non-uniform day.







Comic Relief Friday 15th March

For Comic Relief Day on Friday 15th March children are invited to come into school in their own clothes (wear something red if you like!) for a donation to Comic Relief. Donations should be made by clicking on the link below - please do not send cash payment into school. The donations are on a Just Giving page where the money goes straight to the charity.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-loose-primary-school?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=rnd24-loose-primary-school&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=12c42db0ecd54a0cab1267a49f3a8ddf



Hot Chocolate Friday 9th February

Well done to all the children that were nominated for Hot Chocolate Friday on the 9th February and today. Your teachers are very proud of you!





Hot Chocolate Friday 23rd February







NO NUTS PLEASE

We are a **nut free school**. We have a number of children that have severe nut allergies and could suffer from anaphylaxis if exposed to any nut. Please can you check the ingredients of any lunch items, snacks and treats that you send in with your children. Many chocolate spreads contain nuts (including all Nutella products), many cereal bars, and some sweets in selection packs (for example Snickers) so please be mindful when bringing in birthday sweets. It is easy to miss but could have catastrophic results. Please help us to keep all our community safe. Thank you.



PTA News

Don't forget our uniform shop is open every Wednesday in Owl Room from 8:30 for all of those uniform needs. Or you can email us for any requests you may have.

The KS2 Disco is TONIGHT! We could still use some more helpers for Years 5/6 so if you are able to help, please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered their time to help with the discos tonight. Your help is invaluable and without it we wouldn't be able to hold such brilliant events for the children of Loose.

Well done to Linda Mepsted - the lucky winner of Februarys Lucky Lotto.

We have some great events coming up including Mothers and Others hampers for sale for the all important ladies in our lives; our Easter Egg hunt! More details to follow soon.'

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter \(X\)](#) for the latest updates on our events, activities and fundraising news.



Diary Dates

Term 4

23 Feb - PTA KS2 Disco

26 Feb - Class photos Year R, 1 & 2

27 Feb - Class photos Year 3, 4 & 5 (not Year 6)

01 Mar - KS2 School Council visit to parliament

01 Mar - National Offer Day Secondary School

04 Mar - Whole week – Zultanite Class Bikeability

04 & 05 Mar - Year R Hearing & Vision tests

07 Mar - World Book Day – children dressing up as a book character

08 Mar - Loose Mini Marathon & non-uniform day - more info to follow

11 Mar - British Science Week all week

11 Mar - Whole week - Peridot Class Bikeability

12 Mar - Tanzanite Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall families invited - NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

13 Mar - Topaz Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall families invited

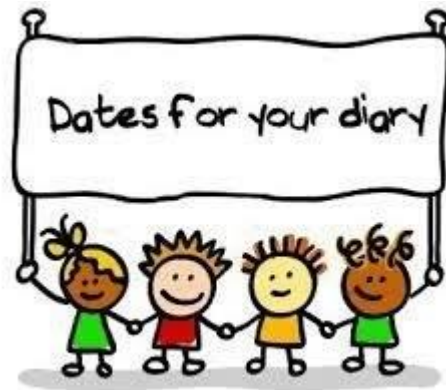
15 Mar - Comic Relief - own clothes for a donation

18 Mar - Whole week – Quartz class Bikeability

19 Mar - Turquoise Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall families invited

28 Mar - Last day of Term 4

28 Mar - Easter Services at church



[Ethic of Excellence Awards](#)

Week ending 9th February

Bruno K - Pearl Class

Isabella M - Opal Class

Zoe O - Crystal Class

Sophie S - Diamond Class

Jude S - Sapphire Class

Marianna B - Moonstone Class

Grace McL - Aquamarine Class

Bella L - Turquoise Class

Week ending 23rd February

Ethan B - Topaz Class

Emily G - Sunstone Class

Freya S - Amethyst Class

James P - Peridot Class

Thibault P/L - Zultanite Class

Isabelle K - Quartz Class



House Points

1st - Donaldson

2nd - Parks

3rd - Attenborough

4th - Curie

Well done to Donaldson!

Shout Outs

A HUGE congratulations to Lily L in Pearl Class who has passed her Grade 8 in gymnastics and Grade 2 in roller dance last week! You are a little superstar! ★

Turquoise Class

We have had so many achievements of pride and determination over the past two weeks!

Eloise received a special trophy in her football club for being star of the week.

Heath was chosen by the parents as player of the match during his football match.

Harley was awarded trophy for being respectful and not giving up during football camp.

Spencer showed all the values this week when he tried a new sport, roller hockey. He overcame his worries and nerves, he joined in, realising he really enjoyed it. Well done for trying something new and showing great determination Spencer!

It was also noted from parents that Bella showed compassion and determination as she was also at Roller hockey and helped Spencer, She should feel really proud of herself (See photo below)





Congratulations to Connie in Emerald class for completing level 2 in Ninja 🥳

Iida M for Emerald competed in another show jumping competition, improved her score from last time and got another rosette over half term! Congratulations Iida 🥳

Well done to Amara in Amber Class whose cheerleading group managed to win superior in their category in a competition at the Copperbox Arena.





KENT SEND NEWSLETTER

Please find the link below for the Kent SEND newsletter.

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=9654cdd9763f0f2b8ece690a4&id=24ae9de304>

All Saints Church - Totally Detectives Holiday Club

Totally Detectives Holiday Club (All Saints' Loose) is open for bookings. On 10th, 11th & 12th April 2024 from 9.30am to 3pm, we are calling all detectives in school Years R-6 to join us as we uncover evidence and search for clues to solve mysterious cases whilst having fun with competitions, games, missions and crafts. Booking is essential and places are limited - book now by completing this online [Totally Detectives Registration Form](#) Any further queries please email michelle.wright@allsaintsloose.org.uk



Netball Match

Loose Netball team played Coxheath Netball team on Thursday at Cornwallis Academy. It was clear from the start that both teams had pride, determination and resilience to make it a great match over the 40 minutes played.

Coxheath made a strong start, and while it took Loose a little longer to settle into the match, by Quarter 3 Loose had definitely found their stride and the teams were evenly matched.

On this occasion at the final whistle Coxheath took the win, however Loose should be very proud of their performance.

A huge thanks to Cornwallis Academy staff, who at short notice made it possible for the match to go ahead in a dry, warm environment and all our travelling supporters who got us there and gave lots of encouragement from the sidelines.

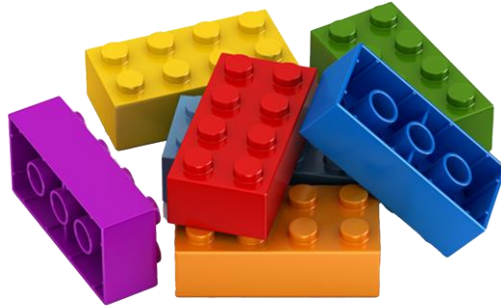
Loose Netball team are in action again next week Wednesday, taking on Boughton Monchelsea in an away game.

Mrs Brace & Mrs Smith



Lego Needed

Our SENCo team are still looking for donations of small complete Lego sets to supplement their Lego therapy group resources. If you have anything they would be really grateful - please hand into the school office.



Cars leaving engines on

We have been asked to remind the adults not to sit with their car engines running. Not only is idling technically illegal (Under Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, engine idling is an offence) but is also causing harm to both adults and often very young children waiting in line for the gates to open breathing in all the exhaust fumes. Thank you for your consideration.

Bad Parking

We have had complaints about a car blocking a residents driveway - this is extremely inconsiderate. The photos have been sent onto the PCSO. Please park considerately, with the local residents in mind.



Dadspace



Correct Contact Details

extended.services@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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