



Newsletter Friday 22nd March 2024

Headteacher News

Dear Loose Community,

As the warmth of spring envelops our school and the sunshine dances across our grounds, I can't help but feel a sense of jubilation and gratitude for the beauty that surrounds us. The smiles on our students' faces mirror the blossoming flowers, and the sound of nature echoing across the fields teases us, inviting us to embrace the joys of outdoor learning and play. With the warmer and brighter weather we are in a good place to extend our excellence in attendance and push for our target of 97%. We are sitting at 96% at the minute which is excellent so thank you for your commitment. Every day matters.

One of the most delightful aspects of our community is our dedication to inspiring our children to write with purpose. Recently, our Year 3 students astounded me with their persuasive writing skills as they successfully convinced me to grant them an afternoon dedicated to learning about Pompeii. Their

passion for learning and the excellence of their writing left me truly impressed. They could have asked for sweets or an extra break but they chose knowledge!

Our beloved tradition of Hot Choc Fridays continues to bring warmth and cheer to our Fridays. As we gather to indulge in hot chocolate, we also share jokes and fun facts that never fail to bring laughter and joy to our community. One of my current favorites is " *what do you call a man with a spade on his head* "? " *Doug* "!

As proud members of the Coppice Primary Partnership, we are committed to reaping the benefits for both our staff and pupils. Just this week, we came together to celebrate the writing achievements of our children across the trust. Collaboratively, we explored ways to ensure excellence in education, fostering an environment where every child can thrive. Additionally, we eagerly anticipate the upcoming athletics day for Years 4 and 5 at the Julie Rose Stadium. It promises to be a day filled with excitement and collaboration as students from across the trust come together to showcase their talents and sportsmanship.

Looking ahead, I am filled with anticipation for our Easter service. It is a time for reflection, gratitude, and celebration as we come together as a community to honor the spirit of renewal and hope that Easter brings us. It will be a lovely end to a busy term as we look forward to a restful break with our families.

Warm regards,

Trevor North



Assistant Headteacher News

Hello all, Miss Burman here this week! There have been so many things going on in school - I can't quite believe we are almost at the Easter holidays!

This week has been mock SATs week for our Year 6 children. They have worked incredibly hard and we are all extremely proud of them. Some children can find assessments quite stressful but all of our pupils have approached the tests with resilience and determination, just as we knew they would. Year 6 have also invited parents into school this week to perform their speeches to them. Over the last 3 weeks in their English lessons, the children have been writing emotive speeches about women's rights. They have been incredibly passionate about this subject matter and they have all been a delight to read.

Year 3 and 4 have spent some time at the YMCA over the last few weeks doing some PE enrichment activities - thank you again to Miss Carter for organising this so brilliantly.

We hope to see many of you at our church services next week and then enjoy a relaxing Easter holidays with your families.



Easter Church Services

The children will be going down to the All Saints Church in Loose on the last day of term next Thursday, 28th March, for Easter services. Please see slightly amended timetable should parents want to attend.

CHURCH TIMETABLE ALL SAINTS CHURCH LOOSE

Group	1	2	3
Classes	Crystal	Pearl	Opal
	Diamond	Sapphire	Moonstone
	Tanzanite	Aquamarine	Turquoise
	Amber	Coral	Jade
	Emerald	Onyx	Ruby
	Amethyst	Topaz	Sunstone
	Quartz	Zultanite	Peridot
Time children leaving school	9.00am	9.50am	10.45am
Time for parents/carers to be seated for service to start	9.15am	10.05am	11.00am

Comic Relief - Total Raised

A huge thank you for all your Comic Relief donations. We raised a massive **£800!**



Hot Chocolate Friday 15th March

Well done to all the children that were nominated for Hot Chocolate Friday on the 15th March and today. Your teachers are very proud of you!





Hot Chocolate Friday 22nd March



Diary Dates

Term 4

25 Mar - PTA Easter Egg Hunt after school - NEW DATE DUE TO WEATHER

26 Mar - Year 3 Exhibition - more info to follow

27 Mar - Amber Class to YMCA for Roller Skating 1.30-2.30pm

28 Mar - Last day of Term 4

28 Mar - Easter Services at church

Term 5

15 Apr - Back to school

16 Apr - September 2024 Year R Intake National Offer Day

18 Apr - Visit from Maidstone Mosque to speak to Y2 as part of RE curriculum

23 Apr - Drama Workshops for Year R, 1 & 2

29 Apr - Year 6 Individual & Class Photos

30 Apr - Year 1 Explorers Workshop

30 Apr - Onyx Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall - families invited

01 May - Jade Class to the YMCA for Roller Skating 1.30-2.30pm

01 May - World Laughter Day 😂😂

1 May & 03 May - Skills4Bills Workshops for Year 5 Classes

06 May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

07 May - Year 2 Trip to Wildwood

07 May - Emerald Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall - families invited

13-16 May - Year 6 SATS Tests - all Year 6 children must be in school

17 May - Parent Council Meeting 2.30-3.15pm (refreshments from 2.15pm)

17 May - PTA KS1 Disco

21 May - Coppice Athletics Event

21 May - Ruby Class Assembly 9am Brook Hall - families invited

23 May - Piano Assembly (Joanne Wilson)

24 May - Last day of term - back to school 3rd June



Ethic of Excellence Awards

Week ending 15th March

Poppy P - Topaz Class

Noah B - Sunstone Class

Mai-Lan B - Amethyst Class

Belle M & Oliver D - Peridot Class

Georgia I - Zultanite Class

Fred-Parker S - Quartz Class

Week ending 22nd March

Joshua H - Coral Class

Lydia L - Amber Class

Blake G - Jade Class

Jesse-James A - Emerald Class

Jemima G - Onyx Class

Jenson L/W - Ruby Class



Invicta Art Trip

A group of children from year 5 were chosen to take part in an art workshop at Invicta Grammar School where they produced work based on the theme of 'Spring'. The workshop was led by some sixth form prefects who are taking art A-Level and they showed the children some exciting ways to draw: using 2 pencils at once, using their non-dominant hand and also using a continuous line. They also had the chance to produce some mono-printing. We were very impressed with the artwork they created and the children took great pride in what they achieved in a short amount of time.

Mrs Planck, Miss Whitmarsh-Ali and Miss Thomson.





Sean the Sheep Art Trail

We hope ewe are getting excited about the Shaun the Sheep art trail coming to Maidstone over the summer! We hope to raise lots of money for the Heart of Kent Hospice by adopting our very own Little Shaun which will feature in the trail as well as activities at school in the summer terms. In the meantime,

we do have a collection box in the main reception if you wish to drop in any change as you as passing by. All funds raised will get passed on to the HOKH once the trail is over.

Many thanks.

Mrs Planck



Mini Marathon Success & Training Update

I cannot believe it has been two weeks since 650 children went around the school and surrounding areas for the Loose Mini Marathon. It was so inspiring to see all the children challenging themselves to run a set distance. Thank you so much to all the marshals that attended, without them the event could not take place. I have been blown away by the generosity of the Loose Primary School community that has helped me raise over £3000 for Whizzkidz. I cannot put into words how grateful I am! I know this money is going to go a long way to support children to have enrichment activities and support of wheelchair facilities. My training is going well, after a slight niggle in my leg, where I had to stop running for 10 days. However, after doing physio exercises I am back up and running with my longest run so far last weekend of 15.5 miles! I have just over 4 weeks to go until the London Marathon and I will keep you updated over the holidays how the training is going. Roll on the 21st April!







Breakfast Club

Well done to the KS2 children who have made some beautiful origami stationary holders made at Breakfast Club over the last term - they are amazing well done!



Shout Outs

Shout out to Lily, Jack and Charlie in Amber class for practising their weaving skills at home and creating brilliant pieces to bring in and share with the class. Miss D and Mrs Planck were very impressed and the rest of Amber class was inspired by their determination to continue learning even at home!

Also, I would like to shout out everyone in Amber class. We had a fantastic Art lesson on Tuesday! The children were incredibly focused and determined to finish their final weaves and I can't wait to see them finished because they are going to be spectacular.







Opal class loved their reading reward this week. They brought in toys from home to share with their friends and ate biscuits to finish the day. They are already looking forward to the next reward. Keep filling up those bookmarks by reading at home.





Lottie B, Sunstone, attended Stage Theatre Society auditions all day on Sunday where she auditioned for a part in 'Matilda The Musical', showing at the Hazlitt Theatre in July. There were 40+ Matilda auditioning who all had to sing and act in front of each other. Five names were called back and Lottie was one of them, she then had to do an acting scene with Miss Honey! After an anxious wait late last night the cast list went on the Internet and Lottie was successful in being cast as Matilda! She will be performing her lead role at the Hazlitt Theatre doing 5 shows between 10th and 13th July. If any of her friends or teachers would like to see her perform tickets can be purchased via the Hazlitt Theatre website!



Football

Kings Hill Primary 2 - 4 Loose Primary

Last Thursday, our Year 5 and 6 girls team returned to action after a term without a game. The girls have been enjoying a 'pre-season' with Mr Corcoran and the benefits of regular training were clear to see. The girls were excellent throughout the game and played with tenacity and determination. The game was close to begin with, however, the excellent Pippa opened the scoring with a good finish midway through the first half. Kings Hill were able to equalise despite some excellent goalkeeping from Imaya.

The second half began with Loose very much on the front foot. Loose quickly raced into a 3-1 lead with an excellent team move finished off by Lottie and then a well taken penalty from Isla. After a few more changes, the energetic Lottie then managed to capitalise on a mistake by the Kings Hill goalkeeper to make it 4-1. Kings Hill pulled a goal back through a penalty kick and Loose defended brilliantly to finish the game as 4-2 winners. The girls modelled our values of compassion and respect for their opponents throughout the match and were over the moon with their own performance. Well done girls. Hopefully, we will have more matches arranged for Terms 5 and 6 for the team to showcase their developing talent and love of the game.

Huge thanks to the parents for transporting the girls there and cheering them on!

Mr Johnson



Loose Netball Match Report

On Thursday the 14th of March our netball team participated in a league match against Headcorn at home.

Throughout each quarter, both teams showed a great amount of determination. Within the first 20 seconds, we were able to score the first goal. The effort that was shown from both teams during the match was incredible. Even when they had a higher score than us, we kept our heads and our hopes up. Us as a team showed pride in our performance whilst playing with excellence the whole time.

Whilst some of us were playing, our subs were selling cakes and refreshments to our spectators from Headcorn and Loose. We were doing this to raise money for McMillan Cancer Research. They raised £46.83! A huge well done 🍪

The final score was 8-6 with us winning.

By Bella, Orla and Pippa

Lost Property

The Lost Property area is overflowing, with the vast majority of items being unnamed. All of the Lost Property needs to be cleared by the end of term please. Any items that haven't been claimed by the last day of term will be recycled or donated to charity. Please do come along at the end of any school day and have a look if your child/children are missing any items. The Lost property area is located in the KS2 Year 3 & 5 cloakroom area (next to Orchard Hall), in 2 large white container boxes under the windows. Many thanks for your help.



PTA News

We hope you and your child/ren are hopping with excitement to join us on **Monday 25th March** for the revised date for our Easter Egg hunt - unfortunately the rain today meant it couldn't go ahead.

Cost is £2 per child and each will receive their own easter egg for taking part.

We will be accepting cash or card payment on the day.

Snacks and drinks will also be available.

You may even see a long eared friend of us hop by to say hello!

Our uniform shop is open every Wednesday morning in Owl room. Feel free to drop by to purchase any uniform you need, or you can email us at loosepta@yahoo.co.uk.

Have a very Happy Easter from all of us at Loose Primary PTA





DadSpace

Saturday 23rd March

CALLING ALL DADS Join us for the next sit down meet-up at The Albion Pub. As we head into spring, we look forward to seeing you all for a morning of connection and discussions on fatherhood. Time & Location: Date: 23rd March 2024 Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Venue: The Albion Inn, 1 Church St, Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone ME17 4HW, Don't miss this opportunity to connect with fellow dads and share your experiences! Follow link below to book your FREE tickets

<https://www.dadspace.co.uk/event-details/march-sit-down-event-maidstone>

🌸🐰 **Family Easter Event Announcement** 🌸🐰 📅 Date: Saturday, March 30th 🕒 Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 📍 Location: Reuthe's The Lost Gardens of Sevenoaks Join us for a casual family Easter event at Reuthe's The Lost Gardens of Sevenoaks. Take a stroll through the gardens while enjoying an Easter trail, treats, and the opportunity to meet the Easter bunny and friendly alpacas. It's a chance to spend some quality time with loved ones amidst the serene surroundings. To book tickets please follow link below <https://www.dadspace.co.uk/event-details/easter-family-event>

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Community News

Do you fancy becoming a World Champion? Well now is your chance! Get a team of 4 together and join us at The World Custard Pie Championship – held on **Saturday 8th June 2024**, at Coxheath Village Hall, Coxheath, Kent, from midday onwards.

The unique, messy and hilarious World Custard Pie Championship will be throughout the day where more than 2000 pies will be thrown as teams of 4 wearing fancy dress oppose each other for the chance to be crowned World Custard Pie champions.

Entry is free for all spectators with gates opening at 12pm.

We start the day with the Children's wet sponge competition where children throw sponges at human targets under the same rules and point scoring as the World Custard Pie Competition, this is the training ground for future Custard Pie Throwing Champions.

Participants will score points for every pie that hits their opponent, with 6 points being awarded if they are hit squarely in the face, 3 points for shoulder height upwards and 1 point for any other part of the body.

For more information or to enter a team complete the following;

<https://theworldcustardpiechampionship.co.uk/registration/team>

World Custard Pie Championship Committee



There is still time to book a free trial for our New Beginner Piano/Keyboard Classes that will be starting after the Easter Break in the Summer Term. Contact: office@soundstepsmusic.co.uk or 07926 371583 or visit our website: <https://www.soundstepsmusic.co.uk/index> to book a local session Face to Face or Online.



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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



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