

Loatlands News

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Please find attached to this newsletter copies of the Phase Newsletters for your child. Phase 1 covers children in Reception and Year 1, Phase 2 covers children in Years 2 & 3, and Phase 3 covers children in Years 4-6. The newsletters are to introduce you to your Phase Leaders and support staff and covers every day things you will need to know for your child in their new year group.

Harvest Parcels

As part of our Harvest celebrations we are asking if families could possible donate a parcel box that can be delivered to an older family member or elder member of the local community. The boxes normally contain dried and tinned grocery goods (no fruit, vegetables or other perishable goods please). Please could all boxes be brought in by Monday 2nd October in readiness for our Harvest assembly that day. If you would like your parcel to go to a particular person, please add their name and address to the box. Children are welcome to include letters, pictures and photos inside the box but please try to include both names of the child as it makes it easier for thank you notices to be delivered to the correct children.



Nut Ban

Due to severe nut allergies within school, please note that we are now a nut free school. This means that neither staff or children are allowed to bring nuts or items with nuts into school. Please do not include whole nuts or items containing nuts in your child's lunchbox. For children in Years 3-6, please ensure you do not send any sort of nuts in as a mid-morning snack, this includes cereal bars containing nuts.



Library Reading Challenge

If any children have a certificate for taking part in the library Reading Challenge over the summer, please can these be brought into school by next Friday morning so that they can be shown in next Friday mornings' Celebration Assembly.

Reception Parents

When you bring your child into reception, please can you park all buggies inside by the community entrance door to try and help with congestion in the cloakroom area. Thank you.

Reception Tour Dates

We have a number of dates arranged for prospective parents to view our school. These are: Monday 2nd October 2.30pm, Wednesday 11th October 7pm, Friday 13th October 11am, Tuesday 7th November 2.30pm, Thursday 9th November 11am. Please call the school on 01536 506404 to book a place. The deadline to apply for a primary school place is **5pm at 15th January 2018**.

Nursery Registrations

We still have spaces available in our nursery for September 2017 for children who were born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014. Please bring your child's birth certificate to the main school office to register.

School Performances

We have a tradition at Loatlands of putting on a range of plays and performances for the children to take part in. As a school with growing numbers we wish to maintain this wish so will be making some changes this year to accommodate all children.

- Phase 2 children (Years 2/3) will be taking part in a Harvest performance at the end of term which will be over three performances Wednesday 18th October 2.15pm and Thursday 19th October 2.15pm and 6pm. Further details about arrangements will be released in due course.
- Children in Phase 1 (Years R/1) will be taking part in a tradition nativity together whilst Phase 2 and 3 will be holding traditional choral concerts.
- Children in Phase 3 (Years 4/5) will be taking part in an Easter performance whilst Year 6 will be showcasing talents in their end of year leavers play.

We hope to be able to offer as many tickets as we can to family members but will ensure the children do not become too tired, audience members have a clear view and we are within our fire safety requirements for the hall.

Holidays during School Time

Parents are encouraged not to take their children out of school during term time. However, if you do decide to take your child out of school, please avoid the following dates as this is when children undertake National assessments and these cannot be retaken:

Year 6 SATS – week commencing 14th May 2018

Year 2 SATS – whole of May 2018

Year 1 Phonics Screening – week commencing 11th June 2018

If the holiday request is for 5 or more days continuous leave and is not authorised it will automatically be referred to the education entitlement Service for a Fixed Penalty Notice to be issued. The initial fixed penalty notice is currently £60 per parent per child i.e. a 2-parent family with 2 children would be fined £240, which needs to be paid to the Local Authority within 21 days. If payment is received between 21-28 days of issue the fine rises to £120 per parent per child i.e. £480 for a 2-parent and 2-child family. If payment is not received within 28 days of issue you may be prosecuted for the offence of irregular attendance and could be subject to a fine of up to £1,000 on conviction. **Please note that the school does not receive any of this money.**

Secondary School Applications

Parents of children in Year 6 need to consider their application for secondary school. The easiest way to apply is online at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions The deadline for applying for a second school place is **5pm on Tuesday 31st October 2017.**

Montsaye Academy

Montsaye are holding their Open Evening on Thursday 5th October between 5pm and 7pm. All Year 6 children and parents are invited to attend to find out more about Montsaye Academy.

NURSERY NEWS

A big welcome back to all our returnees and welcome to our new children and families. The children have settled in well and are exploring their new surroundings with enthusiasm. We have introduced a new self-service snack bar with a healthy selection of fruit and a drink of milk or water, it is great to see the independence developing amongst the children as they learn this new routine.

If you have any questions at any time, please speak to your child's Key Worker or Mrs Cumberpatch, we are always available for a chat. We look forward to working together with you to support your child during their nursery year.

Dates for your Diary

September

Monday 18th Hotshots Basketball Club restarts 8am
Monday 25th MCLP Y1/2 Multi-skills event

October

Monday 2nd Harvest boxes due in
Monday 4th MCLP Cross Country event
Friday 13th PALS Cake Day
Friday 13th Grandparents Open Afternoon 2.15pm
Wednesday 18th Y2 & Y3 Harvest performance 2.15pm
Thursday 19th Y2 & Y3 Harvest performance 2.15 & 6pm
Friday 20th TRAINING DAY
October 30th Y6 Bikeability Training
Tuesday 31st Y6 Bikeability Training
Tuesday 31st Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Tuesday 31st PALS Book Fair

November

Thursday 2nd Parents Evening 3.30-5pm & 6-8pm
Thursday 2nd PALS Book Fair
Monday 6th MCLP Cup Stacking event
Thursday 9th PALS Disco
Friday 10th Children in Need Day
Monday 13th Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 23rd Christmas Tree Festival visits
Friday 24th Christmas Tree Festival visits
Friday 24th Poetry competition

December

Saturday 2nd PALS Christmas Grotto
Monday 4th MCLP Y3/4 Futsal competition
Tuesday 19th Y1 & Y2 Snow White Pantomime trip
Wednesday 20th Y3-6 Cinema trip

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

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Attendance Award

w/e 15th September 2017
Well done to Milne class
for achieving 100%
attendance.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18

Term 1

Training Days	Monday and Tuesday	4 & 5 September 2017
Term starts	Wednesday	6 September
Term ends	Thursday	19 October
Training Day	Friday	20 October

Term 2

Term starts	Monday	30 October
Term ends	Thursday	21 December

Term 3

Training Day	Wednesday	3 January 2018
Term starts	Thursday	4 January
Term ends	Friday	9 February

Term 4

Term starts	Monday	19 February
Term ends	Thursday	29 March

Term 5

Term starts	Monday	16 April
Term ends	Thursday	24 May
Training Day	Friday	25 May

Term 6

Term starts	Monday	4 June
Term ends	Friday	20 July