

Loatlands News

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Training Day

A reminder to parents that school finishes today for the Easter break; Friday 31st March is a training day. School will re-open on Tuesday 18th April after the Easter weekend.



Comic Relief Day

Thank you to all parents and children for supporting Comic Relief by wearing funky hairstyles, colours and wigs. We raised a total of £245.70 which will be sent directly to Comic Relief.

New Staff

After Easter, we will be welcoming two new members of staff – Mrs Sarah Blakemore and Miss Stephanie Pou; both of whom will be working in Key Stage 2 as Teaching Assistants.

House Points Results

The house points tokens have been counted for Term 3 and 4 and the results are:

1st place – Earth House with 4,045 points

2nd place – Mars House with 3,970 points

3rd place – Saturn House with 2,526 points

4th place – Jupiter House with 2,318 points

Congratulations to **Earth House** and well done to everyone for collecting so many tokens this term. As a reward, all children in **Earth House** in Years 1-6 will be allowed to come to school dressed in mufti on **Friday 28th April**. Reception children will not be taking part in mufti day.



Cakes and Sweets for Birthdays in School

Please do not send in cakes or sweets to school for your child's birthday. The only exception to this is for Reception children, who are allowed to bring in a simple cake for the children to share, but no sweets.

Easter

Thank you to all the children and parents who provided an Easter Bonnet for the parade on Wednesday. It was lovely to see such a wide range of different styles and the children enjoyed walking round the town to show them off.

Thank you also to all the children who sent in an egg project for the KS2 competition. The winning entries are:

Year 3

Winner: Sea reggscue

Runner up 1: My dad, egg hero

Runner up 2: Smashing – wooden

Year 4

Winner: Colourful basket (folded paper one)

Runner up 1: Easter, I choose you

Runner up 2: Picnic table

Year 5

Winner: WW2 scene

Runner up 1: Eggcharnted forest

Runner up 2: Sheep night scene

Year 6

Winner: Egg champion car

Runner up 1: Dinosaur egg

Runner up 2: Egg Sheeran

Clothing Bank

Loatlands now have our very own clothes recycling bank. Please remember us if you are having a Spring Clean over the Easter holidays and please bring any donations to put into the recycling bin. The large blue bin is located by the gate at the nursery end of the car park. They accept clean clothes (adult and children) including underwear, bed linen, handbags and shoes tied in pairs. They **do not** accept books, toys, electronic items or bric-a-brac. A percentage of the money raised will be given directly to the school.

Sporting Events

The school would like to congratulate all the children who took part in the recent sporting events – Dodgeball Festival, Swimming Gala and Cross Country Festival. Loatlands came second in the Swimming Gala and first in the Cross Country Festival. As always, all the children were a credit to the school and performed brilliantly. Thanks must also go to our Year 6 Sports Leaders who helped out at the Dodgeball Festival and were a huge asset to the event.



Road Closure

The latest update from Northamptonshire Highways:

The closure to the Desborough bypass section of the A6 has been extended beyond the end of April as the damage is worse and repair work more complicated than initially thought. The A6 will be closed until the end of the summer school holidays. Northamptonshire County Council will trial re-opening the southbound lane of the A6 from Braybrooke Road to the A14 to relieve some of the traffic pressure in Desborough and Rothwell. We are aware of the effect that the closure has had on the local community and that is why we have decided to trial the opening up a section of the A6 in an attempt to alleviate some of the traffic pressure. The A6 southbound has opened. We will be monitoring how this works and, if it has a significant negative impact, will have to close the section of the A6 again.

The main diversion route via the A14, the A43, A6003 and the A427 remains in place. This is very clearly signed and we are committed to encouraging vehicles not to use local roads as they are not suitable due to proximity to local communities and weight limits. When Northamptonshire Highways close a road and put a diversion in place we must provide a diversion on a similar standard of road. Diversion routes are carefully chosen to follow roads of a suitable standard and width to carry all traffic and avoid weight restrictions. The A6 is a busy road with a speed limit of 60mph and the approved diversion route uses similar grades of road. This provides a safe route for vehicles unfamiliar with the area and local traffic.

Extensive survey and investigation work has been carried out and repairs to the road where it joins the railway bridge are much more complicated than initially thought. The works require significant collaboration and coordinated planning because of the proximity to the Midland Mainline and this process will take time to agree and put in place as we are working to minimise the impact. The problems found on the carriageway leading on to the railway bridge are more severe than at the River Ise Bridge and there are logistical problems of carrying out repairs over a live railway line. Because of these complications the work will not be completed until after the School Summer Holidays. The key priority is to repair and open the A6 as quickly as we are able to and every effort is being made to achieve this. Northamptonshire County Council are committed to opening the A6 and funding is available for the repairs. The county council is working with all associated parties and identifying any funding available nationally for unusual situations such as this.

We would like to thank people and businesses in the local communities for their patience while this situation continues and apologise for the inconvenience this is causing. For more information please go to [Info on A6](#). The FAQ section will be updated by the end of this week. Follow us on Twitter for updates @nnhighways

Nursery Registrations

Spaces are still available in our nursery for September 2017 for children who were born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 and for September 2018 for children who were born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015. Please bring your child's birth certificate to the main school office to register.

Letters sent home this week:

Archery Festival (named Y1 & y2, named Y5 & Y6 sports leaders)

Attendance Award

w/e 30th March 2017

Well done to Kipling class for achieving 99.40% attendance.

Reminders

Year 3 Flag Fen Trip

Payment and permission slip need to be received by Tuesday 18th April if you would like your child to attend the trip.

Dates for your Diary

April

Wednesday 19th-Friday 21st – Everdon Residential Y4

Thursday 20th Y3 trip to Flag Fen

Tuesday 25th MCLP Archery Festival at Loatlands

May

KS1 SATS month

Monday 8th-Thursday 11th – KS2 SATS

Tuesday 16th-Friday 19th – Kingswood Residential Y5/6

Tuesday 23rd Class Photographs

Friday 26th Mothers Open Afternoon 2.15pm

June

Monday 12th KS1 Phonics Week

Monday 12th Father's Day Shopping Event

Tuesday 13th Father's Day Shopping Event

Tuesday 20th Carnival Crowning 1.30pm

Thursday 22nd Reception Intake Evening 7pm

Thursday 29th Multi Skills Morning

Thursday 29th Nursery Intake Evening 7pm

July

Wednesday 5th Year 6 Performance 6pm

Thursday 6th MCLP Athletics

Monday 10th Transition Day

Friday 14th Year 6 Graduation Evening 6pm

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-17

Term 4

Term starts Monday 20 February

Term ends Thursday 30 March

Training Day Friday 31 March

Term 5

Term starts Tuesday 18 April

Term ends Friday 26 May

Term 6

Term starts Monday 5 June

Term ends Friday 21 July

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

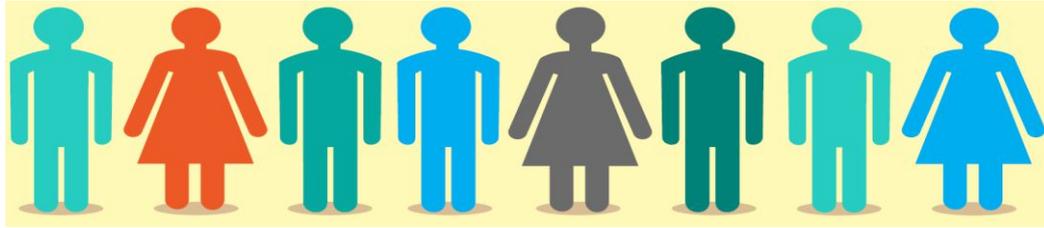
Term starts Monday 4 June

Term ends Friday 20 July

PLEASE NOTE:

Thursday 29th March is a **Secondary School Only** training day

Friday 25th May 2017 is a **Primary School Only** training day



PARENT GOVERNORS WANTED!

Could you help to support the education and personal development of local children?

Do you have a few spare hours each month?

Would you like to develop new skills?

Meet new people?

Help to benefit local children and our community?

Work as part of a team?

Then Loatlands Primary School Governing Board needs you!

At Loatlands we actively seek to work in partnership with families to nurture the whole child and develop the highest standards of education for children in all that they do. We believe passionately in creating a love of learning that will allow children to become enquiring learners in all areas of our enriching curriculum.

We're looking for parents to make a difference. If you would like to find out more about how you can help our local children thrive and achieve their potential, please contact Tracy Jones, Chair of Governors, by email governors@loatlandsprimary.net or via the school office.



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Growing together on our learning journey

WATERSIDE EXPRESS ART COMPETITION

Open to children and young people

Deadline
28 April

**Create an image that represents
what Northampton means to you**

**The winning images will transform the hording of our new
Waterside Campus and be seen by thousands of visitors
and residents to encourage them to love
Northamptonshire as much as we do!**

Artwork no more than A3 in size. Deadline for submissions is Fri 28 April. Winners of the competition will be invited to come and help paint their designs onto the screens during May, have their name and school name on the artwork and be involved in the official launch. Their school/college will also have the opportunity to visit the construction site.

Please write your name, age and school on the back and post your submissions to:

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