

Loatlands News

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New Staff

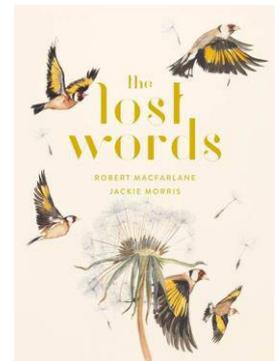
We are delighted to welcome a new member of staff – Miss Humphries joins our team as a Lunchtime Supervisor.

Go Orange Mufti Day

Thank you to everyone who dressed up in something orange and sent in a donation which will be split between Muscular Dystrophy and Clic Sargeant. We will let you know how much was raised in next week's newsletter.

Writing Theme Week

This week has been our 'Writing Theme Week' in which children have been completing writing activities based on a wonderful book 'The Lost Words' which is all about words from nature that children no longer use regularly in their everyday language but that are still vital parts of our countryside and heritage. The book was shared in assembly on Monday to kick off the week. The theme week focused on four watercolour illustrations from the book (adder, bluebell wood, kingfisher and otter) which served as a stimulus for children to write some short descriptions, stories or poems. A number of children completed some art based on the illustrations too. Please look out for the new display in the library when you visit the school next week either for parents evening or open afternoon.



Desborough Fire Station Open Day

To show their appreciation for the amazing pictures designed by Year 2 that they have been receiving for their display boards, Desborough Fire Station are opening up the station on 14th February from 10am-2pm. They will be displaying all of the pictures and allowing the children to explore the fire engine. During the day they will be looking to promote Home Fire Safety, so you are welcome to visit and approach members of staff with your concerns or queries. Desborough Fire Station look forward to seeing you there.

Mothers' Afternoon

We look forward to welcoming mums (or other relatives) into the school on Friday 9th February 2.15-3.00pm. There will be three school entrances open to ensure visitors are able to get into school without waiting in a long queue. If you are visiting a child in Reception/Year 1 first, please use the community entrance. If you are visiting a child in Year 2/3 first, please use the main office entrance. If you are visiting a child in Years 4/5/6 first, please enter via the green gate at the junior end of the building. Once inside school, you will be able to move freely between your children's classes at any time. A reminder that due to Health & Safety reasons, no younger children are allowed to this event.

Parents Evenings

A reminder that you can now book appointments for our Parents Evenings, which will be held on Tuesday 6th February between 3-30-6pm and Thursday 8th February between 3.30-5pm and 6-8pm (Rowling class only 5.30-8.00pm). To book an appointment, please log into your child's scopay account which can be accessed via www.loatlandsprimary.net (Under the Quick Links heading, select Payments and this will take you through to the scopay site.) If you have lost your log in, please contact the school office who can provide you with another link code letter. We would encourage all parents to attend as this is vital for parents and teachers to work together to help children's learning. Mr Izzard-Snape will be available during the parents evenings to answer any queries and Mrs Roper will be available to offer guidance or advice on Special Needs or Anti-Bullying issues, although these can also be discussed with your child's class teacher. If you choose to bring your children with you to parents evening, please ensure they wait directly outside the classroom you are in. Children are not to be left in the library as there is no supervision. Children are welcome to bring a book or drawing from home to keep them busy whilst you chat with teachers.

Love Food Lunch Orders

A copy of the new menu which starts after half term has been sent home earlier this week and is also available on our website in the Letters Home section. Orders can be emailed directly to the Loatlands kitchen lovefoodloatlands@outlook.com and payment can be made by bank transfer directly to Love Food (sort code 090128 account number 63832500). Payment by cash can still be made through the school office. **Please return all orders by Wednesday 7th February to allow time to order the food.** Love Food are very proud to announce they were recently awarded a silver healthy eating award for their approach to healthy products on their menus. We are also pleased to say that our kitchen facilities have just been awarded a 5 Star Food Hygiene Rating by the Food Standards Agency.

Reminders

Pick & Mix Homework

A reminder that all Pick & Mix homework for Years 1-5 needs to be handed in on Monday 5th February.

Year 4 Botanic Garden trip

A reminder that payment of £12.50 is due by Monday 19th February if you would like your child to take part in this trip.



Phone Home
Friday
Summer

Letters sent home this week:

Love Food lunch menus – whole school
Leicester Botanic Garden trip – Year 4
Reading Workshops – whole school & nursery
Lego Club – Year 1
Racket Sports Club – Years 5/6
Cross Country Club – existing members only

Tea Time Talk!

The answer is 10.
What could the questions be?

Attendance Award
w/e 2nd February 2018
Well done to Austen class
for achieving 97.7%
attendance.

Loatlands Legends

It's been a wonderful week for sport at Loatlands. We took part in a KS2 dodgeball competition; as usual our children were fair players, super focused and incredibly well behaved, a real credit to our school family. We took 4 teams, one of our year 3/4 teams actually won their tournament and one of our year 5/6 teams had a hard fought battle in the final of their tournament; they were one player short but only came second by one game.

We have also re-energised our running challenge. We now have 8 members of staff and some very keen parents, plus our children of course adding to our running challenge weekly kilometre total. We are going on virtual holiday to China; the children voted for this destination. We are holidaying in Beijing - the 2008 Summer Olympics host city. We aim to run 475.5km as quickly as we can and then will be aiming to run across a country where our children have relatives.

They have been asked to put a note on our Legends running board (pictured) with their suggestions for our next challenge country.

If you or your child run any kilometres each week please fill in the form which can be found by our sports board in the library and you too could be **A LOATLANDS LEGEND**; holidaying with the rest of us in Beijing!



NURSERY NEWS

The children have been practising their ball skills in the Nursery yard this week while the garden is given a layer of bark chip to combat the mud bath out there. We are hoping to use the garden fully after the half term holiday with our brand new puddle suits to take part in lots of growing and planting activities as Spring approaches. We are also going to be thinking about how we can bring the garden into the yard, as a little Nursery project which the children will direct. We can store wellies in the garden - so if you have a pair we can keep at Nursery that will save you bringing them in each day.

As the Chinese New Year falls in the half term holiday this year, we will be celebrating it in the Nursery next week with some special activities. Mrs Proctor may be asking the children to share the prawn crackers!

Enjoy the weekend. The Nursery Team

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18

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

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19

Term 1

Training Days	Monday and Tuesday	3 & 4 September 2018
Term starts	Wednesday	5 September
Term ends	Friday	19 October

Term 2

Training Day	Monday	29 October
Term starts	Tuesday	30 October
Term ends	Friday	21 December

Term 3

Training Day	Friday	4 January 2019
Term starts	Monday	7 January
Term ends	Friday	15 February

Term 4

Term starts	Monday	25 February
Term ends	Friday	5 April

Term 5

Term starts	Tuesday	23 April
Term ends	Friday	24 May

Term 6

Term starts	Monday	3 June
Term ends	Friday	19 July
Training Day	Monday	22 July



Dates for your Diary

February

Tuesday 6 th	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm
Wednesday 7 th	Blue Cross visiting with dogs
Thursday 8 th	Parents Evening 3.30-5pm & 6-8pm
Friday 9 th	Mothers' Open Afternoon 2.15pm
Friday 9 th	PALS Cake Day after school in Studio
Thursday 22 nd	Reception/Y1&2 Movie Mob
Monday 26 th	Year 2 SATS Information evening 6pm
Wednesday 28 th	Reading Workshops for parents 3.30-5.30pm

March

Thursday 1 st	World Book Day – NO DRESSING UP
Monday 5 th	PALS Mothers' Day Shopping
Tuesday 6 th	PALS Mothers' Day Shopping
Thursday 15 th	Y3-6 Movie Mob
Monday 19 th	Year 1 Phonics Information event 3.15pm
Wednesday 21 st	MCLP Swimming Gala
Tuesday 27 th	Y4 & Y5 Easter Play 6pm
Wednesday 28 th	Y4 & Y5 Easter Play 2pm
Thursday 29 th	Easter Bonnet Parade 1.30pm
Thursday 29 th	Y3-6 Egg Rolling

April

Wednesday 18 th -Friday 20 th	– Year 4 Residential to Everdon
Tuesday 24 th	Spelling & Grammar Workshop for parents 3.30-5.30pm
Monday 30 th	Year 2 SATS Month

May

Monday 14 th	Year 6 SATS Week
Thursday 24 th	Fathers' Open Afternoon 2.15pm
Tuesday 22 nd	Class Photographs
Tuesday 22 nd	MCLP Year 6 sports event

June

Monday 11 th	Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Screening week
Monday 11 th	PALS Fathers' Day Shopping event
Tuesday 12 th	PALS Fathers' Day Shopping event
Thursday 21 st	Multi-Skills morning for parents
Monday 25 th -Friday 29 th	- Year 6 Residential to Scarborough

July

Tuesday 3 rd	MCLP Athletics at Montsaye
Thursday 5 th	Year 6 Performance 6pm
Monday 9 th	Transition Day
Monday 9 th	Reports home to parents
Tuesday 10 th	Year 6 reports home to parents
Friday 13 th	Year 6 Graduation 6pm

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

You can follow us on Facebook and Twitter, as well as keeping up to date via our website www.loatlandsprimary.net where you can find copies of our newsletters and letters sent home to parents.