

Loatlands News

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Reception Children

A reminder that from Monday 2nd October, all of our Reception children will be starting school at 8.50am and finishing at 3.10pm.

Harvest Parcels

A reminder that any Harvest parcels should be brought into school on the morning of Monday 2nd October in readiness for our Harvest assembly that morning.



Dropping off at School

As part of being independent learners, all children in Year 1 up to Year 6 are expected to come into school by themselves. Please can parents not come into the classrooms when dropping off children as this can disrupt the morning routine. Any messages can either be left with the school office or with a member of the School Leadership Team who is normally on duty at the front of the school.

Philosophy Week

Next week will be our first whole school theme week of the year. The children will be exploring a range of different activities in school as part of our Philosophy Week. This will build on the learning that takes place during our weekly 'Philosophy 4 Children' sessions where children learn how to ask creative questions, how to make connections and how to be critical thinkers. We would like to invite you to participate by trying out some of our suggestions for topics of conversation at home as a family. We hope that these starting points will generate some interesting conversation with your child!

Tea-Time Talk!

Monday: Presents or cuddles? You choose!

Tuesday: What if it rained chocolate? Would it be a good thing or a bad thing?

Wednesday: Would you rather be the size of a giant or the size of an ant? Why?

Thursday: What if children were in charge? Good thing or bad thing?

Friday: Would you rather travel by spaceship or magic carpet? Where would you go?

Grandparents will get to see some of these activities during the Grandparents Afternoon on Friday 13th October.

Pupil Data Checking Sheets

If you have not already done so, please return the data checking sheet forms that were sent home last week to ensure we hold the correct information for your child on file.

Hair Cuts/Styles

Please can we remind all parents about the expectation for hair styles within school; we do not allow patterns cut into boys' hair or for girls to have braided hair. Any existing braids should now be removed.

Maths Workshops for Parents

We will be holding maths workshops for parents and children on Wednesday 15th November after school for Nursery and school parents. The workshops will give you advice on how to support your child with maths and allow you to have a go at some fun maths activities. A letter with more information will be sent home shortly.

Medical Appointments during School time

If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during the school day, please let the school office know and bring along a copy of the letter/appointment card so this can be properly recorded as a medical appointment on your child's records.



Parking Outside School

Following a complaint from a local resident who received verbal abuse from a parent whilst trying to access their property, can we please remind parents about being respectful to local residents and to park safely and legally outside of school, leaving the roads and paths clear for local residents and passers-by.

Old Bank Notes/Coins

Please note that we can no longer accept the old style of £5 notes as they are no longer legal tender. The old £1 coins cease to be legal tender on 15th October 2017 and the old £10 notes cease in Spring 2018. After these dates, we can no longer accept them as payment but they can still be exchanged at banks or post offices.

Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically entitled to free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. However, if you are in receipt of certain benefits, your child may be eligible for free school meals and Pupil Premium funding which provides school with additional funds to support your child. Please see the attached leaflet which gives details of those who may qualify and how to apply.

Head Teacher's Tea Party

Each week, every teacher is asked to pick a child from their class who they feel has worked hard or achieved something special and these children are given an invitation to the Head Teacher's Tea Party. The children join Mr Izzard-Snape in the library and enjoy juice/water and a cake whilst sharing some stories or news with each other.



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. A crèche will be provided on the evening of Wednesday 11th October. 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**. Please share these dates with your friends and family.

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.

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 5.30pm and 8pm (please note change of time). Principal's address will be at 5.45pm and 6.45pm. All Year 6 children and parents are invited to attend to find out more about Montsaye Academy.

**Phone Home
Friday
Harvey N**



NURSERY NEWS

This week in Nursery we have enjoyed singing and acting out some number rhymes at group time and practising using our counting finger. The children love singing and we are excited to reintroduce the Friday Sing-along after October Half Term, once all the children are settled - further information will be given nearer the time. In the meantime, there are lots of songs to listen and join in with at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/earlylearning/nurserysongs>

Maths is happening all the time in Nursery! In the construction area Harley created a fantastic 'man' and outside Freddy and Alfie spent most of the morning working together to create a super house out of crates, the house included a kitchen complete with cupboards and a bathroom with toilet!

Letters sent home this week:

Grandparents Afternoon – whole school
School Clubs – whole school
Parents as partners letter – whole school
Montsaye invitation – Year 6
Harvest Performance ticket letter – Years 3 & 3
MCLP Cross Country competition – named Y3-6

Attendance Award

w/e 29th September 2017
Well done to Kipling class
for achieving 99.23%
attendance.

Dates for your Diary

October

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

November

Thursday 2 nd	Parents Evening 3.30-5pm & 6-8pm
Thursday 2 nd	PALS Book Fair
Monday 6 th	MCLP Cup Stacking event
Thursday 9 th	PALS Disco
Friday 10 th	Children in Need Day
Monday 13 th	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 15 th	Maths Workshops for parents
Thursday 23 rd	Christmas Tree Festival visits
Friday 24 th	Christmas Tree Festival visits
Friday 24 th	Poetry competition

December

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

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.

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