

Loatlands News

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Parking Outside School

Please can we remind parents about parking safely outside of the school premises and ensuring they are not blocking the road. Earlier this week there was an incident when a fire engine on an emergency call out struggled to get by the school because cars were parked on both sides and had not left enough room. Northamptonshire Police have advised us that they will be monitoring the situation and will start to issue fines for cars that are parked illegally or dangerously.

School Start Time

The gates for pupils to line up are opened at 8.45am for entry into school at 8.50am. Classroom doors and gates are locked at 8.55am and children after this time must enter through the school office before the register closes at 9.00am. We encourage all children to arrive on time so we have a prompt start to our morning learning time.

Year 1 Ahlberg Morning Arrangements:

We have decided to make a small change to the Ahlberg entry arrangements to class in the mornings to ease congestion in the gate way. From 8.45am, Ahlberg children will be asked to line up alongside the green fence next to the community entrance and will be collected by the class teacher at 8.50am. Children who arrive after this time will be asked to enter the classroom independently through the Ahlberg outside classroom door. The classroom door will be closed at 8.55am and children will then need to enter via the school office so they are in class in time for the register closure at 9.00am. We are asking parents who wish to leave a message for the class teacher to see the senior leader on duty in the car park area each day, send in a brief note with their child or pass a message via the school office so the children can make a much more purposeful start to the school day. Please share these arrangements with wider family members who may undertake morning drop offs. Thank you for your continued support.

Illness

A reminder that if your child is suffering with sickness or diarrhoea, they cannot return to school until 48 hours after the last bout. If your child is absent from school due to illness, please ring the school office every morning they are absent on 01536 506404 and leave a message on the absence line stating the reason they are not in school. If a child is well enough to be in school, it is expected that they are well enough to access all areas of the curriculum including PE and Swimming.

School Uniform

Children in Years 5 and 6 must wear a cotton shirt/blouse with their school tie rather than a polo shirt. All children should now be wearing the new logo sweatshirts during this academic year as our transition year of wearing previous uniform has now passed.



Maths Workshops

A reminder that we are holding our Maths Workshops on Wednesday 15th November between 3.30-5.30pm. This is an opportunity to join in with a lesson and maths activities, seeing first-hand the learning that your children are involved in. Please book places using the letter sent home or through the school office. A crèche will be available.

Reception Walk to Desborough Library

On Tuesday 14th November at 1.15pm, both Reception classes will be walking down to visit Desborough Library. They would appreciate lots of parents or other family members to walk down with them. The more the merrier! Please let the class teacher know if you (or a grandparent/auntie/uncle etc) are able to walk down with your child. Thank you.

Harvest Parcels

We have received the following letter from Marlow House:

“Dear Children of Loatlands School. We wish to send you all a great big thank you for the Harvest festival boxes that you brought to Marlow House, this was a wonderful surprise and everyone was highly delighted with your gifts. Thank you once again for your kindness to all of the people that attend Marlow House. Yours faithfully, Julie Johnson (Manager-Marlow House)”

Speed Stacking Festival

Well done to Lola-Rose, Blake, George G-Y, Roman, Phoebe S, Olivia-Rose, Freya, Alanna, Elisabeth and Max who took part in the Speed Stacking Festival at Loatlands this week. A big thank you also to our Y6 sports leaders – Jessica, Imogen G, Effie, Filip, Jake B and Lilia – who did a fantastic job of helping to run the festival.



PALS Christmas Tree Competition

Well done to all the children who entered the PALS Christmas Tree competition. The winners have been selected by Scoopz Ice Cream Parlour and will receive a £5 Scoopz gift voucher:

Phase 1 Winner – Molly (Save our Library Tree)

Phase 2 Winner – Isabel P (Individuali-Tree)

Phase 3 Winner – Olivia B (My Christmas Pantree)

Local Elections

A reminder that on Thursday 16th November the Studio is being used as a Polling Station for the local elections. Please note that school and nursery will be open as normal on that day.

Pencil Cases in Year 3

Please can we ask that parents do not send in pencil cases for children in Year 3 as they are not needed and are becoming a huge distraction. Thank you.

School Council

The Reception classes have now chosen their School Council representatives. They will work closely with the rest of the School Council over the course of the school year to represent the views of the school.

Donaldson - Edith	Rosen - Noah
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Children in Need Mufti Day

On Friday 17th November we will be taking part in Children in Need Day. We are having a ‘Spotty Day’ where children can dress up in spots. We are asking for a donation of £1, which will be given to Children in Need.

Phone Home
Friday
Lily S



Attendance Award

w/e 10th November 2017
Well done to Shakespeare class for achieving 99.26% attendance.

Tea Time Talk!

What are the 5 things that make you laugh the most?

Nursery Registrations

Spaces are still available in our nursery for September 2018 for children who were born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015; and for September 2019 for children who were born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016. Please bring your child's birth certificate to the main school office to register.

Letters sent home this week:

Year 1 Pick & Mix Homework Term 2
Digital Parenting booklet – whole school and nursery
School Photograph proofs – whole school and nursery

Reminders

Year 5 Space Centre Trip

A reminder that payment needs to be received by Monday 20th November.

Year Reception Wind in the Willows Trip

A reminder that payment needs to be received by Monday 4th December.

Years 1 and 2 Snow White Trip

A reminder that payment needs to be received by Monday 4th December.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18

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

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	9 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

NURSERY NEWS

It has been wonderful to hear the children's firework stories this week, it sounds like lots of you went to displays or watched them out of your windows. Our discussions lead to the creation of some beautiful artwork which you may have seen displayed around Nursery. The children worked together on large pieces of paper to capture their experiences. Not only are the paintings extremely beautiful but the large arm movements needed to create them are fantastic for developing those muscles that are important for later writing.



With the weather turning colder this week we have also been talking about keeping warm and practising putting our coats on by ourselves. You could practise at home too.

1. Stand with your toes touching the hood.
2. Put your arms into the sleeves.
3. And do the flip over your head.

It's amazing! If your child can already do this then you could practise buttons or zips. To also encourage independence at Nursery it would be great if your child could wear Velcro shoes, as this helps them to change into their wellies more easily and they are incredibly proud when they can achieve these tasks by themselves.



Next week will be anti-bullying week across school, Nursery will be sharing stories about what it means to be kind to each other.

Thank you to all the Parent/Carers that attended our Sing Along Friday, don't worry if you missed it as it will be on every Friday, please see details on the Parent Board, we would love to see you there.

Have a super weekend.
The Nursery team.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 17 th	Children in Need Day
Monday 13 th	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 15 th	Maths Workshops for parents 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 23 rd	Christmas Tree Festival visits
Friday 24 th	Christmas Tree Festival visits

December

Saturday 2 nd	PALS Christmas Grotto 2pm in school hall
Monday 4 th	MCLP Y3/4 Futsal competition
Tuesday 5 th	YR & Y1 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 6 th	YR & Y1 Nativity 9.30am
Thursday 7 th	YR & Y1 Nativity 2pm
Thursday 14 th	Magician visiting Nursery and Reception
Thursday 14 th	Y2 & Y3 Christmas Concert 2.30pm
Friday 15 th	Y4, Y5 and Y6 Christmas Concert 2.30pm
Tuesday 19 th	Y1 & Y2 Snow White Pantomime trip
Tuesday 19 th	Nursery Christmas Parties
Wednesday 20 th	YR Wind in the Willows Theatre trip
Wednesday 20 th	Y3-6 Cinema trip
Wednesday 20 th	Nursery Christmas Plays

January

Wednesday 3 rd	TRAINING DAY
Monday 8 th	Y3 and Y5 swimming commences
Tuesday 9 th – Thursday 11 th	– Life Education Bus
Monday 15 th	Year 6 SATS Information evening 6pm
Monday 29 th	Writing Theme Week

February

Tuesday 6 th	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm
Thursday 8 th	Parents Evening 3.30-5pm & 6-8pm
Friday 9 th	Mothers' Open Afternoon 2.15pm
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
Monday 5 th	PALS Mothers' Day Shopping
Tuesday 6 th	PALS Mothers' Day Shopping
Monday 12 th	Year 1 Phonics Information event 3.15pm
Wednesday 21 st	MCLP Swimming Gala
Tuesday 27 th	Y4 & Y5 Easter Play 2pm & 6pm
Wednesday 27 th	Y4 & Y5 Easter Play 2pm
Thursday 29 th	Easter Bonnet Parade 1.30pm
Thursday 29 th	Y3-6 Egg Rolling

Please note these dates may be subject to change.



Dates for your Diary

April

Wednesday 18th-Friday 20th – Year 4 Residential to Everdon

Tuesday 24th Spelling & Grammar Workshop for parents 3.30-5.30pm

Monday 30th Year 2 SATS Month

May

Monday 14th Year 6 SATS Week

Thursday 24th Fathers' Open Afternoon 2.15pm

(please note date change from letter sent out last week)

Tuesday 22nd Class Photographs

Tuesday 22nd MCLP Year 6 sports event

June

Monday 11th Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Screening week

Monday 11th PALS Fathers' Day Shopping event

Tuesday 12th PALS Fathers' Day Shopping event

Thursday 21st Multi-Skills morning for parents

July

Tuesday 3rd MCLP Athletics at Montsaye

Thursday 5th Year 6 Performance 6pm

Monday 9th Transition Day

Monday 9th Reports home to parents

Tuesday 10th Year 6 reports home to parents

Friday 13th Year 6 Graduation 6pm

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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.