

# Loatlands News

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This will be our last newsletter of this term. A reminder that school finishes at 3.15pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December and reopens to pupils on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

## Staffing Changes

We would like to wish Good Luck to Mrs Cumberpatch, who leaves us at Christmas to start her maternity leave. In the New Year we will be delighted to welcome back Mrs Proctor from her maternity leave, who will be running the Nursery unit whilst Mrs Cumberpatch is away. We are also looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Lacey from her maternity leave; she will be teaching part-time alongside Mrs Dearing in Year 3 Morpurgo.

## Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday this week, the children and staff enjoyed our Christmas Dinner day together. Over 280 delicious Christmas meals were served, so a big THANK YOU to all the staff at Love Food for their hard work.

## Phase 2 and 3 Carol Concerts

Thank you to all the families who attended our Carol Concerts this week. Well done to the children who have been practising hard over the last few weeks.

## Christmas Cards

A reminder that Christmas post boxes are still available for each Phase in school. The last date for posting cards is **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. Please ensure child's name and class is on the front of each card.

## Poetry Club

The children in Poetry Club have written a selection of Christmas Poems, which have been made into a small booklet and are being offered for sale at a price of 50p per book. There are limited copies available. If you would like to purchase a copy of the booklet, please send in 50p in a named envelope. All proceeds are being donated to **Crisis** to support the homeless at Christmas. Well done to Arabella, RJ, Olivia B, Jessica St, Charlize, Maggie, Lily C, Olivia H, Tia, Callum, Imogen T, Aaron K and Kayleigh for writing the poems.

## Parking

Please can parents avoid parking outside the school on the following dates and times to allow room for buses to access the school to pick up/drop off for Christmas films/pantomimes:

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December between 12.00-4.30pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December between 8.30am-1.00pm

We are expecting 3 or 4 buses each day and if the buses are unable to park outside school, this could make the children late to see their Christmas shows and we would not want them to be disappointed. Thank you for your consideration.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all parents, carers and children a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at Loatlands.



## **Primary School Applications**

A reminder that parents of children who have their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 need to apply for their school place by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (5pm). Parents need to register online at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions) and you will then be emailed with a link which you will need to go through to make your application. You must press **submit** on completing your application and if you go back into your application again at any time up to the closing date, you must ensure you press **submit** again. Every year parents who forget to resubmit are distraught as this often costs their child a place at their preferred school. If you have any trouble applying or any problems concerning your application, please telephone 0300 126 1000 or email [admissions@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

## **Thank you**

We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Wing, one of our parent volunteers, who comes in twice a week to organise the books in our school library. This is a huge job and we are very appreciative of the hard work she does and how tidy the library is kept.

We would also like to say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Beattie (Love Food cook) who left us at the end of November. Mrs Beattie has worked in our kitchen for a number of years and will be missed.

## **Community/Parent Volunteers**

We are always appreciative of parents or other volunteers who may like to help out within school. There are various tasks that you could help out with i.e. supporting readers, tidying the library, sorting out resources or working with small groups. All volunteers will need to undergo a DBS check and are unlikely to be placed in the same class as their child. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer in school, please leave your name and contact details with the school office.

## **Last Week Arrangements**

For your information, please find details below arrangements for the different year groups for the last week of term.

### **Phase 1 (Reception & Year 1)**

Will be operating a normal school timetable all week. On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, children are welcome to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or top ready for their party. The rest of their clothes must be school uniform. Please can parents send in 1 small snack of party food in for your child on that day.

### **Phase 2 (Years 2 & 3)**

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, please send in a named carrier bag for your child to bring home all their Christmas cards and crafts. On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, children are welcome to bring party clothes to change into for the party in the afternoon. Please can parents send in 1 small snack of party food in for your child on that day. On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, children can bring in a game to play during the afternoon (please do not send in any electronic handheld games or any games that require batteries).

### **Phase 3 (Years 4-6)**

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, please send in a named carrier bag for your child to bring home all their Christmas cards and crafts. On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, children are welcome to bring party clothes to change into for the party in the afternoon. Please can parents send in 1 small snack of party food in for your child on that day. On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, children can bring in a game to play during the afternoon (please do not send in any electronic handheld games or any games that require batteries). Children in Year 6 can bring in Wii games



# Tea Time Talk!

Imagine it's Christmas every day.  
Good thing or bad thing?

## Swimming Lessons

A reminder that all children in Years 3 and 5 will start swimming lessons on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January so will need to bring their swimming kit with them. Contributions of £2 per week towards transport costs can either be paid online or to the school office.



## Life Education Bus

The Life Education Bus will be on site Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January. All classes will have a session. The relevant topics will be:

Nursery – Taking Care of Myself

Reception – All About Me

Year 1 – My Wonderful Body

Year 2 – Feelings

Year 3 – Meet the Brain

Year 4 – It's Great to be Me

Year 5 - Friends

Year 6 - Decisions

A drop-in session for parents to view the facilities and talk with the providers has been arranged for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 8.45-9.00am.

## Reminders

### **Year 4 & 6 Swimming Lessons**

A reminder that we ask for a voluntary contribution of £2 per week to help with transport costs. Payment can either be made through your child's online scopay account or via the school office.

### **Year 6 Scarborough Residential**

A reminder that the initial deposit of £50 needs to be paid by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 for your child to secure a place on the trip.

**Phone Home**  
**Friday**  
**Back in the**  
**New Year**



## **Attendance Award**

w/e 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
Well done to Shakespeare  
class for achieving 99.05%  
attendance.

### **Letters sent home this week:**

Swimming letter – Years 3 & 5

Archery Club – Years 1 & 2

## NURSERY NEWS

We wrapped up warm this week and went out to explore the snow in our garden. What a lovely sound to hear so much giggling, the children had the time of their lives! Lily-May summed it up by saying "I wish we could do this every day!" Not only were the children having so much fun, but they were learning to be independent in dressing for the cold weather; they were developing all of their large muscles by balancing and walking in the snow and their fine motor muscles were given a workout by spraying the snow with the water bottles; they were taking turns to sledge and learning about how to stay safe as not to crash into their friends and the snow provided a great opportunity to talk about their weekend, building snowmen and having snowball fights, to name but a few!

We also had a very exciting visit from a magician and the new books for our library have arrived, what a fabulous week!

The library is now officially OPEN! Each child is encouraged to borrow one book at a time and bring it back to swap for another when they have finished to ensure that there are enough for everyone to enjoy. If you haven't already, please email a photo of your child reading a book at home for our library display. Please email photos to [ncumberpatch@loatlandsprimary.net](mailto:ncumberpatch@loatlandsprimary.net)

### Useful dates:

**Tuesday 19th December:** Christmas Party Day (Please note that the sessions will be slightly shorter on this day, 9-11.30am and 1-3.30pm, to allow us to set up for this exciting event).

**Wednesday 20th December:** Christmas Play Day, please come and watch at 10.40-11.40am or 2.10- 3.10pm, session times for children are as normal.

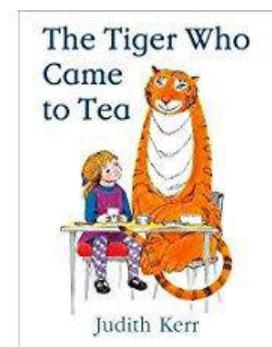
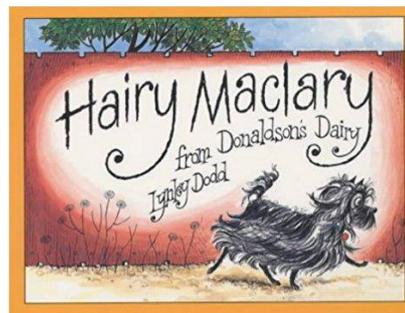
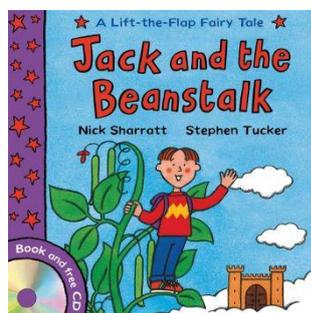
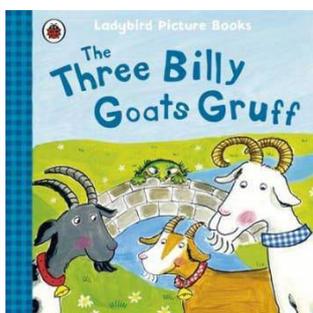
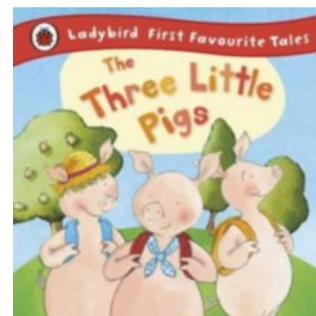
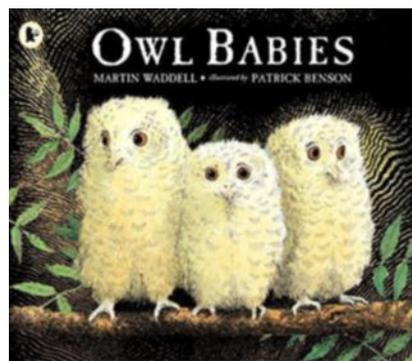
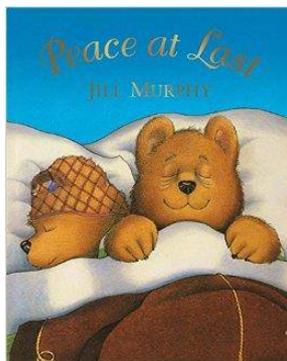
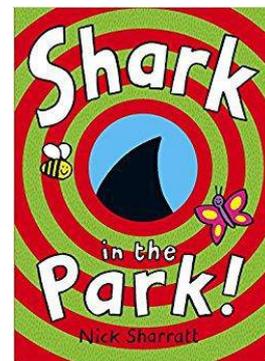
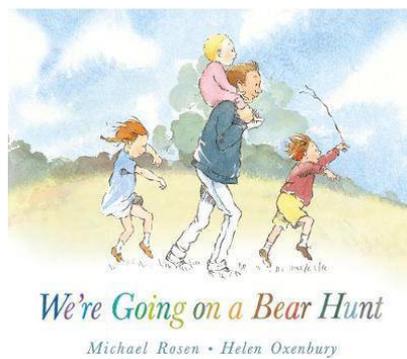
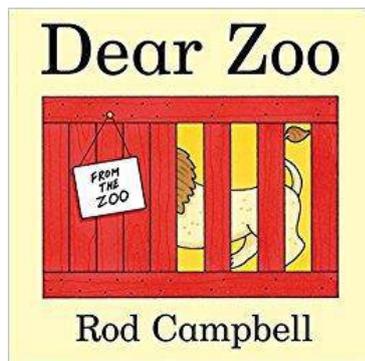
**Thursday 21st December:** Our last day

Have a super weekend. The Nursery Team.



## Nursery Core Stories

In Nursery we want to develop a love of stories. One way in which we do this is by sharing a set of 'core stories' over and over again throughout the year. By repeating these stories again and again, the children become familiar with the rhythm of the story and begin to 'read' them by themselves! We still share many other wonderful books but these particular books are revisited often.



Do you have any of these books at home? Why not see if you can borrow them from the local library or from our lending library in Nursery. These would make great presents if your child wanted to add them to their list for Father Christmas! We would love you to join in the fun at home.

**“Read together every day and give your child a lifelong love of books and reading.”**  
**booktrust.org.uk**



## Dates for your Diary

### December

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 & Y2 Snow White Pantomime trip
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Christmas Parties 9-11.30am & 1-3.30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	YR Wind in the Willows Theatre trip
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y3-6 Cinema trip
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Phase 2 Christmas Party 1.15pm (Y2&3)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Phase 3 Christmas Party 2.15pm (Y4-6)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Christmas Plays 10.40am & 2.10pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Phase 1 Christmas Party 2pm (Rec & Y1)

### January

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	TRAINING DAY
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 and Y5 swimming commences
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education Bus
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Primary School Application Deadline 5pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS Information evening 6pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Writing Theme Week

### February

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Cross visiting with dogs
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 3.30-5pm & 6-8pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers' Open Afternoon 2.15pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 SATS Information evening 6pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Reading Workshops for parents 3.30-5.30pm

### March

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	World Book Day
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	PALS Mothers' Day Shopping
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	PALS Mothers' Day Shopping
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Phonics Information event 3.15pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	MCLP Swimming Gala
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 & Y5 Easter Play 2pm & 6pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 & Y5 Easter Play 2pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Bonnet Parade 1.30pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y3-6 Egg Rolling

### April

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

### May

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

### June

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

**Please note these dates may be subject to change.**



### Dates for your Diary

#### July

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	MCLP Athletics at Montsaye
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Performance 6pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Day
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Reports home to parents
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 reports home to parents
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	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](http://www.loatlandsprimary.net) where you can find copies of our newsletters and letters sent home to parents.

#### ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18

<b>Term 2</b>		
Term starts	Monday	30 October
Term ends	Thursday	21 December
<b>Term 3</b>		
Training Day	Wednesday	3 January 2018
Term starts	Thursday	4 January
Term ends	Friday	9 February
<b>Term 4</b>		
Term starts	Monday	19 February
Term ends	Thursday	29 March
<b>Term 5</b>		
Term starts	Monday	16 April
Term ends	Thursday	24 May
Training Day	Friday	25 May
<b>Term 6</b>		
Term starts	Monday	4 June
Term ends	Friday	20 July

#### ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19

<b>Term 1</b>		
Training Days	Monday and Tuesday	3 & 4 September 2018
Term starts	Wednesday	5 September
Term ends	Friday	19 October
<b>Term 2</b>		
Training Day	Monday	29 October
Term starts	Tuesday	30 October
Term ends	Friday	21 December
<b>Term 3</b>		
Training Day	Friday	4 January 2019
Term starts	Monday	7 January
Term ends	Friday	15 February
<b>Term 4</b>		
Term starts	Monday	25 February
Term ends	Friday	5 April
<b>Term 5</b>		
Term starts	Tuesday	23 April
Term ends	Friday	24 May
<b>Term 6</b>		
Term starts	Monday	3 June
Term ends	Friday	19 July
Training Day	Monday	22 July