

Loatlands News

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Dates for your Diary

December

Tuesday 4th	Futsal tournament (named children only)
Thursday 6 th	Santa's Grotto 3.30pm- 4.30pm
Tuesday 11 th	Phase 1 Play 2pm (Family Friendly Performance)
Wednesday 12 th	Phase 1 Play 10am
Thursday 13 th	Phase 1 Play 10am
Friday 14 th	Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 17 th	Year 2 trip to Aladdin pantomime
Tuesday 18 th	Phase 3 Carol Concert 2.30pm (Years 4, 5 & 6)
Wednesday 19 th	Year 1 trip to Leicester Botanical Gardens
Wednesday 19 th	Nursery Christmas Performances 11am and 2.40pm
Wednesday 19 th	Phase 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 19 th	Phase 3 Christmas Party
Thursday 20 th	Phase 2 Carol Concert 2.30pm (Years 2 & 3)
Friday 21 st	Phase 1 Christmas Party
Friday 21 st	Nursery Christmas Parties

January

Wednesday 9 th -Friday 11 th	Life Education Bus visit
Monday 14 th	Y6 SATS Information Evening

February

Monday 4 th	KS2 Dodgeball at Montsaye
Tuesday 12 th	KS1 Dodgeball at Montsaye
Wednesday 13 th	Family Open Afternoon 2.15pm

March

Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Thursday 7 th	Parents Evening 3.30-5.00pm and 6.00-8.00pm
Monday 11 th	Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Wednesday 20 th	MCLP Swimming Gala
Monday 15 th	Year 4/5 Performances this week

April

Monday 29 th	Y1/2 MCLP Cross Country event
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May

Year 2 SATS Month	
Tuesday 7 th	Reception children health screening (named children)
Wednesday 8 th -Friday 10 th	Year 4 Bushcraft Residential
Monday 13 th -Thursday 16 th	Year 6 SATS – all children MUST be in school
Monday 20 th	Wellbeing Week
Tuesday 21 st	Class Photographs
Wednesday 22 nd	Year 6 sports morning at Rothwell
Friday 24 th	Family Open Afternoon 2.15pm

Please note these dates may be subject to change.



Dates for your Diary

June

Monday 3 rd	Y1-4 Archery event (named children)
Wednesday 5 th	Reception trip to Lighthouse Theatre
Monday 10 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check this week
Monday 10 th	Y1-4 MCLP Tri-Golf Festival
Tuesday 17 th	Carnival Crowning and Summer Fete

July

Thursday 4 th	Year 6 performance
Monday 8 th	Transition Day
Monday 8 th	Reports out to parents
Tuesday 9 th	Year 6 reports out to parents
Thursday 11 th	Year 6 Graduation

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

Adverse Weather

In preparation for any winter weather we may experience in the next few months, we are asking parents/carers to ensure that all mobile telephone numbers are up to date with the school office so if we do have to close the school due to health and safety concerns in relation to snow we are able to contact you as soon as possible. A decision to close the school will not be taken lightly and will depend on the conditions of the school site, staffing levels in school and access to the site from surrounding routes and roads in Desborough. Where possible, we try to make this decision in consultation with the Chair of Governors and other local Head teachers in the town.



Year 3 Workshop – Wednesday 21st November

What a fantastic morning Year 3 have had! Cosmic Chris came into school to help us with our learning about our topic 'Angry Earth'. During our workshop, we learnt about tectonic plates and the layers of the earth by breaking up some boiled eggs.

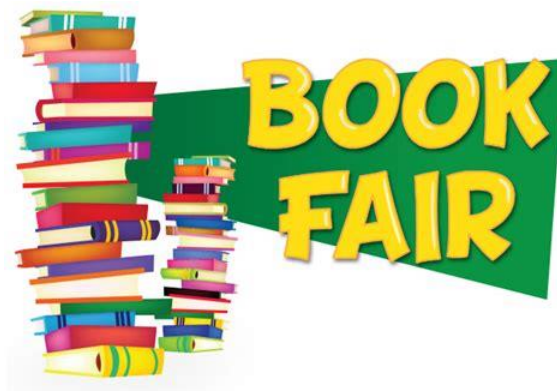
We also enjoyed learning about volcanoes and how they are formed. Some were particularly explosive!

Finally, we found out about different types of rock: metamorphic, sedimentary and igneous. We looked at them and had to identify which ones they were.



Scholastic Book Fair

A massive thank you to everyone who purchased a book from our book fair. We have raised a total of **£578.13** to spend on new books for the school



Reception Request

Reception children are enjoying their junk modelling this term, if anyone has any small cardboard boxes, yoghurt pots or other small recycling items to donate it would be greatly appreciated

Parent 'Stay and Read' Sessions

After the Christmas holiday we are looking forward to trialling some special reading sessions in school where parents are invited to visit our library and spend time reading with their child. The sessions will take place on Wednesday mornings for Reception and Key Stage 1 classes and Thursday mornings for Key Stage 2 classes. Each class will have one session next half term:

Reception and Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
Date	Class	Date	Class
Wednesday 9 th January	Year 1: Jeffers	Thursday 10 th January	Year 4: Lewis
Wednesday 16 th January	Year 1: Ahlberg	Thursday 17 th January	Year 4: Cowell
Wednesday 23 rd January	Year 2: Dahl	Thursday 24 th January	Year 3: Rowling
Wednesday 30 th January	Year 2: Milne	Thursday 31 st January	Year 3: Morpurgo
Wednesday 6 th February	Year R: Rosen	Thursday 7 th February	Year 5: Dickens
Wednesday 13 th February	Year R: Donaldson	Thursday 14 th February	Year 6: Austen

The 'stay and read' session will begin at 9am and will finish at 9.25am. Pre-school aged children are welcome to come to the sessions during this trial period – we will have a special library area for parents who bring pre-schoolers with a range of books and toys suitable for younger children.

If you wish to attend a 'stay and read' session then you just need to enter the school via the main entrance after dropping off your child/children as usual. The class whose turn it is will then make their way to the library after the register and meet you there for the 'stay and read' session. We hope you are able to join your child for their 'stay and read' session. If the sessions prove popular then we will continue them after February half-term.

Community Entrance

This entrance is only to be used by reception children and parents. We have noticed several other students from other classes using this if the gates have been locked. If your child is late please enter the school via the office as they may not be marked properly on the school register.

Reception

Can we please ask that reception children do not bring in toys from home, this will avoid damage, loss and upset for the children.

Latest News from Montsaye Community Learning Partnership (MCLP)

Change of School Holidays proposal

As you know this school is part of a multi academy trust (MAT) consisting of Montsaye Academy, Rothwell Junior School, Rothwell Victoria Infant School, Loatlands Primary School, Havelock Junior School, Havelock Infant School, Wilbarston C of E Primary School and Rushton Primary School.

You may well have been contacted recently by Sharon Short Marketing – as we are currently carrying out a consultation process amongst staff, parents and pupils to fully understand what makes our MAT attractive to pupils, parents and staff. We are expecting our new marketing strategy to be ready to launch early in February 2019 – we will keep you updated via school newsletters.

We are currently consulting on changing the length of the Summer holiday and October half term and we need your views in order to inform the decision. The proposal is to make the Summer holidays 1 week shorter by reducing days at the beginning and end and to make the October half term 2 weeks instead of 1 week. Please follow the link below give us your thoughts:

<https://mclp.org.uk/index.php/about-us/htc>

Ann Davey
Acting CEO



Nativity Play - Reception and Year 1

Please can all Nativity play costumes be brought into school by **Wednesday 5th December** in a named carrier bag. If you have any problems please speak to the class teacher.

Tickets can be purchased via your child's school money account for £1.50 (a maximum of 3 tickets per child). Tickets will only be sent home once payment has been made and the reply slip from the letter sent home today returned.

Christmas Cards

Our Christmas post boxes will be in school from Monday. If children would like to send Christmas cards to some of their friends at school, please ensure the child's name and class is written on the envelope. Can we please ask that children do not send cards to everyone in their class, only a few close friends (We are unable to provide class lists) Post boxes will be in Reception/Year 1 area, Year 2/3 area and Y4/5/6 corridor.

Christmas Dinner – Friday 14th December

If your child would like to have the Christmas dinner, please log into their school money account and book a meat or vegetarian option for Friday 14th December (please note the school money will still show the old menu but it will be automatically changed by the kitchen). Due to large numbers of Christmas dinners no alternatives will be available. If your child already has an alternative booked this will be changed or please provide a home pack up and cancel the booking if this is not required.



This can be ordered up until **Friday 7th December**. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

Children will be allowed to wear a Christmas jumper or hat on this day, but the rest of their clothes must be school uniform.

Library Christmas Tree

We have a fresh Christmas tree in our library this year. Please let the school office know if your child has an allergy to pine trees or needles.

PALS Christmas Grotto –

Thursday 6th December at 3.30pm -4.30pm In the School Hall

Tickets to see Father Christmas can be purchased via your school money account for £2.50 per child this will be available to buy as a shop item to allow multiple tickets to be bought to include younger siblings. Every child will receive a gift from Father Christmas

Refreshments and cakes will be available to buy on the day



**Phone Home
Friday
Bradleigh**



Attendance Award

w/e 30th November 2018

Well done to Milne for
Achieving 99.306% attendance



Letters Sent Home

Futsal Tournament (named children)
Reception and Year 1 Nativity Play Ticket letter

Reminders

Year 1 - Botanic gardens trip

A reminder that payment needs to be received by Monday 10th December.

Year 2 – Aladdin Pantomime

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ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19

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

ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-20

Term 1

Training Days	Monday and Tuesday	2 & 3 September 2019
Term starts	Wednesday	4 September
Term ends	Friday	25 October

Term 2

Training Day	Monday	4 November
Term starts	Tuesday	5 November
Term ends	Friday	20 December

Term 3

Training Day	Friday	3 January 2020
Term starts	Monday	6 January
Term ends	Thursday	13 February
Training Day	Friday	14 February

Term 4

Term starts	Monday	24 February
Term ends	Friday	3 April

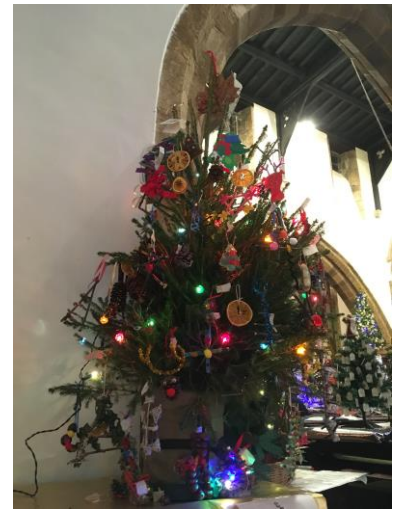
Term 5

Term starts	Monday	20 April
Term ends	Friday	22 May

Term 6

Term starts	Monday	1 June
Term ends	Friday	17 July

NURSERY NEWS



This week in Nursery we have used our mathematical skills to bake cakes, lovely delicious cakes! We weighed out all the ingredients and then cracked the eggs into the mixture. We took turns to mix it before putting them in the oven. We waited very patiently for 15 minutes for the timer to let us know they were ready. They were delicious! Unfortunately we didn't get a photo of the finished cakes as we ate them all up!

We are looking forward to visiting the Christmas Tree Festival today and spotting our decorations. A big thank you to all of our families for making such beautiful decorations, they are all so unique and special and we think you'll agree that the Nursery tree looks stunning! Once the festival has finished the tree will be displayed in nursery for everyone to see and the decorations will be returned to you at the end of term.

Have you seen our display of our families beginning to take shape in the Quiet Room? The children have really enjoyed talking about their families with their friends. If you haven't sent in a photo yet, please don't worry there is still time, please send to ncumberpatch@loatlandsprimary.net

Have a wonderful weekend everyone

The Nursery Team

