

Loatlands News

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Dates for your Diary

June

- Tuesday 18th Carnival Crowning and Summer Fete
- Wednesday 19th Year 1 Warwick Castle Trip
- Monday 24th Year 4 Botanic Gardens Trip

July

- Tuesday 2nd Athletics Competition KS1 and KS2
- Thursday 4th Year 6 performance
- Monday 8th Transition Day
- Monday 8th Reports out to parents
- Tuesday 9th Year 6 reports out to parents
- Wednesday 10th Year 3 Duxford Trip
- Thursday 11th Year 6 Graduation
- Monday 15th All Pick and Mix Homework due in
- Tuesday 16th Year 2 Twycross Zoo Trip

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

Carnival Crowning

Please can we ask parents to provide the following T-shirts/costumes for their child for the afternoon to be worn with their school trousers/skirts:

- ❖ Reception – Brightly coloured T-shirts
- ❖ Year 1 – Brightly Coloured T-shirt (rainbow colours)
- ❖ Year 2 – Gymnastic/Ballet Outfits or brightly coloured T-Shirts
- ❖ Year 3 – Brightly coloured T-shirts – An existing top will be fine, even their red school PE top a single colour and with limited patterns or logos.
- ❖ Year 4 – Plain coloured T-shirts
- ❖ Year 5 & 6 – Plain Pastel Coloured T-shirts/Top/Shirt

If you need any help with outfit ideas, please speak to your child's class teacher.

End of day arrangements - If you are unable to attend the event please collect your child from the junior playground at the rear of the school. Entry will be through the infant playground gates.

Loatlands Primary School

Carnival Crowning and Summer Fete

Tuesday 18th June
1.30pm – 4pm

Sweet Tombola, Cake sale, Toy Stall,
Lollipop game, Book stall, sweets in a jar,
Hook-a-duck, refreshments and
the return of the Head stocks!

Please bring a picnic blanket/chair and join us for the Carnival Crowning and entertainment on the junior playground at 1.30pm followed by our Summer Fete

Any donations such as cakes, books or unwanted gifts will be greatly appreciated

Class Photographs

A reminder that the deadline for returning orders is Monday 17th June.
Any photo orders received after this date will be subject to a surcharge.
Orders can also be placed online directly with the photographers.



Changes to May Bank Holiday 2020

Please be advised the Government has changed the May Day bank holiday in 2020 from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May.

Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor within our school. Could you help to support the education and personal development of local children? Do you have a few spare hours each month? Would you like to develop new skills and meet new people? Then please contact our Chair of Governors, Tracy Jones, via email at governors@lootlandprimary.net to find out more information.

School Uniform Returns

Please can we ask parents to return clothes that their child may have been sent home in if there has been an accident etc. If anyone has any boy's polo shirts which would fit reception/year 1 we would appreciate any donations. Thank you.

Reading Corner



Parent 'Stay and Read' Session

Wednesday 19th June - Dahl

Thursday 20th June - Austen



Each '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 – there will be 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.



Phone Home
Friday
Daisy T

Attendance Award

w/e 14th June

Well done to Rowling for
Achieving 96% attendance



Letters sent home

Year 5 - Kingswood information/forms

Reminders

Year 4 – Botanic Gardens Trip

A reminder that a Payment of £10.50 is due by
Monday 17th June

Nursery News

Another busy week in Nursery! We have been reading and acting out the story Handa's Surprise and enjoyed tasting some delicious fruits from the story. We have been baking a special treat for Father's Day to say thank you to our wonderful Dads, Uncles and Grandads. We have also been practising our song for the Carnival Crowning (**Tuesday at 1.30pm**). Please remember to dress your children in brightly coloured clothes, we hope the morning children will come back and help perform (please note they will need an adult with them).

We can't believe how much rain we have had this week but are very thankful that our garden is looking even more lush than usual and our vegetable patch is growing nicely. We haven't let the rain dampen our fun, we have made dens, splashed in puddles, investigated worms and much, much more! There definitely is no such thing as bad weather as long as we are nicely wrapped up.

Please remember to check the new Parent board in the library daily to read any important messages and dates.

Have a lovely weekend
The Nursery Team



Loatlands Legends

Once again our staff legends runners are going to take part in the Desborough West Lodge 10Km event 18th July 7:30. It's a really lovely relaxed event. Come and join us.

We also enjoy watching our Loatlands children legends running the 2km event which starts at 6:30. Thirty-five children and parents took part last year! I will be able to run the course alongside the children again this year, but it's also super for parents to do a little bit of gentle training around the Desborough Park run trail at the Leisure centre so that you can all take part as a family. You don't have to run the whole thing, a little recovery walk in between minutes of running is always better than not doing it all. Please apply for a place yourself; online or on the paper copy we have attached to the newsletter.

We don't deal with applications at the school but we'd love to hear from you if you are going to attend!!! The more the merrier. Places usually go very fast and applications have been open for a while now so don't delay!

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Johnson

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TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips – typically about 15 seconds long. Videos can be 'spiced up' with special effect filters, stickers, music and sound clips. Currently one of the world's most popular apps, TikTok was formerly known as Musical.ly, before it was rebranded by the Chinese company ByteDance that acquired it in November 2017. If your child had previously had a Musical.ly account, all of their videos and personal settings will have automatically been moved to TikTok. In early 2019, TikTok was hit with a record \$5.7m (£4.2m) fine in the US over child data privacy concerns for its record keeping while under the Musical.ly brand.



What parents need to know about TIKTOK



ONLINE PREDATORS

By default, users accounts are automatically set to public when they first create an account. TikTok encourages users to share creative expression through their videos, but if posted publicly, anyone in the world can see your child's homemade content. There have also been concerns the Chinese government could access data or sway public opinion through the app. If your child's profile is open, strangers can use the app to comment on your child's videos. While this isn't always sinister, it gives potential predators the ability to contact your child through the platform.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok lets users lip-sync to their favourite songs and produce their own music videos. Some of the music choices contain swear words or sexual themes. So not only can children be exposed to potentially inappropriate content but they can broadcast themselves miming or singing these lyrics. In addition to this, some of the outfits and dance moves in videos can be overtly sexual and provocative. There have also been reports of some users sharing concerning content, such as videos that promote anorexia, porn, self-harm and violence.

BEING INFLUENCED

More than one third of children aged 6-17 consider 'social media stars' to be among their top role models. There are millions of creators on TikTok, showcasing their 'talents, moments and knowledge', from singing to dancing to stunts and comedy skits, which receive thousands of likes and comments from around the world, quickly turning people into 'stars'. There is the danger that children may develop unrealistic expectations of how they should look and behave on the app in order to become the next 'star'. They may have feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem or become swayed by certain opinions. On TikTok, there are always 'trending challenges' and hashtags that users can copy or build upon. Sometimes these challenges can pose risks to young people.

IN-APP PURCHASES

As with many apps, there's a paid element to TikTok. Users can buy virtual coins to be exchanged for virtual gifts – for example, if they like a specific video, your child can use coins to purchase emojis to show approval. These can be expensive and easily purchased – there is the option to buy 10,000 coins for £99.99 with a one-click buy button.



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Top Tips for Parents

DISCUSS THE PITFALLS OF OVERSHARING

Encourage your child to always think before they do, say, like or post anything online. Explain that their 'digital footprint' shapes their online reputation and the way that other people see them. Something they may find funny and entertaining now may impact them in the future. Talk about how to deal with peer pressure and how doing something they think will impress others could affect them. Remind them that they do not have to do anything they are not comfortable with. To ensure that there's no way of anyone tracking your child's location or identity, make it clear to them that they should never film a video in their school uniform or near a landmark that gives away where they live.

HANDLING CRITICISM

While it's fantastic to see your child being creative and expressive and bonding with people with similar interests, they need to be aware that not everyone will be supportive online. Comments can be negative or even cruel. Make sure your child knows how to comment respectfully and handle negative feedback. In the app's Privacy and Safety settings, your child can decide who can react to their videos, who can comment, and who can send them private chat messages. We suggest altering these settings so only their friends can interact with their posts.

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you or your child sees something inappropriate on TikTok, you can flag up an account, video, comment or chat by simply tapping 'Report'. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there's also an 'Enhanced Restricted Mode', limiting appearance of videos which may be inappropriate.

USE A PRIVATE ACCOUNT

Setting up a private account means that only people who you and your child approve of can see their creations. To make an account private, tap the three dots at the top right of the screen to access settings. Click 'Privacy and Safety'. Scroll down until you find 'Private Account' and turn this setting on.

SIGNING UP WITH THE CORRECT AGE

When signing up, users are prompted to input a their date of birth. If the inputted date of birth means your child is under 13, the app will block them. However, this doesn't prevent your child from lying about their age. The app is intended for users aged 13+, so explain the rating is there for a reason: to keep them protected from online dangers. It is actually possible to watch TikTok videos without creating an account, so make sure your child, if under 13, hasn't downloaded it.

USE THE 'DIGITAL WELLBEING' SETTING

If you're concerned about how long your child is spending on TikTok, it has a setting called 'Digital Wellbeing' which allows you to manage the amount of screen time your child can have. We also advise that you turn off push notifications in the settings to prevent your child from receiving 'spam-like' notifications from TikTok that encourage users to go on the app.

DISCUSS IN-APP PURCHASES

To lower the risk of your child making accidental in-app purchases, teach them exactly what in-app purchases are and the risks of making them without permission. Tell them that they are not essential to enjoy the app and that if they want to make a purchase, they should always ask you beforehand. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there is the option to disable the function of purchasing coins and sending gifts.

Users can also follow the account @tiktoktips, Tik Tok's official account fronted by established Tik Tok users which offers useful online safety tips for promoting safety on its platform, rather than hiding information in FAQs.

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ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19

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