

Loatlands News

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Dates for your Diary

September

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| Wednesday 4 th | School Re-opens |
| Monday 9 th | Swimming Commences Y3 Morpurgo, Year 4 Lewis and Year 5 Pullman |
| Monday 9 th | Year 4 Bird of Prey Experience |
| Thursday 12 th | Year 1 Circus Workshop |

It is hard to imagine that my final day at Loatlands with the children, staff and parents has finally arrived. I will look back fondly on my time here over the last 9 years delighted with how well everybody has worked together to provide the best experiences for the children. The school has been through a transformation during this time and I hope you will agree it is down to your amazing children that we are lucky to achieve all that we do. I have many happy memories of the day to day activities as well as our exciting events, assemblies, residentials, performances and tea parties first-too many to name here. I know I have grown personally during my time at Loatlands and this has been down to the support of the staff and governors of the school who work tirelessly to ensure that the children flourish and accommodate another idea or suggestion that I might have had! Thank you if you have a taken the time to give me a present, card or stop and wish me all the best for the future. It has been overwhelming to hear your appreciation. I know Mrs Buckley is very lucky to be joining a school community that is so supportive and I hope you welcome her in the way that you always have me.

Wishing you all a restful, safe and happy summer with your families

Mr Izzard-Snape

Goodbye

We are sad to say goodbye to members of staff Mr Izzard-Snape, Mrs Dearing (Year 4), Mrs Bott (Year 6) and Miss Vincitore (Y2) – and we wish them all well for the future.

We look forward to welcoming our new member of staff in September Miss Rotherham (Y5) and look forward to working with her during the new academic year.

Year 6

Today we are saying a fond farewell to all of the children in Year 6. We all wish them the very best of luck for the future and we sincerely hope that they will find happiness in whatever they choose to do - we are very proud of all that they have achieved. I would like to thank all of the teachers and support staff who have played their part in the care and development of these super young people during the time that they have been at Loatlands Primary School. I would also like to thank you, their parents and carers, for your fabulous support over many years.

Mr Izzard-Snape



Nursery

We would like to wish all the best to our Nursery children who are leaving us today as confident, happy children ready to take on the new challenges of school in September. Both sessions today performed a selection of songs in their end of year concerts, which showcased their talents, as well as the fun they have had with their learning this year.



100% Attendance

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved 100% attendance through this academic year: Lauryn (Y6), James (Y6), Kieran (Y6), Alfie (Y6), RJ (Y5), Jessica (Y5), Charlie Mc (Y4), Isabella (Y4), Sophie (Y4), Joshua (Y3), Alanna (Y3), Annabel (Y3), Charlie (Y3), Imogen (Y3), Amelia (Y2), Nevaeh (Y2), Libby (Y1) and Sophie (R)

Swimming

Starting on Monday 9th September 2019, children in Year 3 Morpurgo class, Year 4 Lewis class and Year 5 Pullman class will take part in weekly swimming lessons as part of the National Curriculum. These will take place every Monday morning until Monday 16th December 2019.

Your child will need to bring their swimming kit with them every Monday, which should include:

Swimming costume for girls (no bikinis)

Swimming trunks for boys (no board shorts)

Towel

Swimming hat (purchased as a Shop Item through your child's SchoolMoney account for £1)

Waterproof swimming bag

Please ensure all items of swimming kit are named. Swimming goggles are not allowed unless there is a parental note giving permission. However, please be advised that there will be times when all children will need to remove goggles for safety reasons for certain swimming tasks.

Year 5 Uniform for September 2019

As your child moves from Year 4 into Year 5, there are new expectations for their school uniform.

Children in Year 5 and 6 need to wear a red v-neck jumper or cardigan ideally with the new Loatlands logo, white blouse/shirt, a school tie and black/grey trousers/skirts/shorts.

All uniform can be ordered online from our uniform supplier

www.yourschooluniform.com or a postal order form can be collected from the school office.



Year 2 Request (Current Year 1 classes - Ahlberg and Jeffers)

Our first topic in September will be seascides. We will be looking at holidays so if you are able to send a postcard from your holiday over the summer to our class it would be really helpful. Thank you Mrs Small and Miss Burberry.

Adopt an Orang-utan

Well done to Year 4 for making bookmarks and stuffed animals to sell to raise money for the WWF Adopt an Orang-utan charity. They raised an amazing £69.05. Thank you to Year 3 for buying and supporting the sale

Goodbye and Good Luck

Mr Izzard-Snape



Kind Hearted



Caring



A good sense of humour



Supportive



We will miss you



Nursery News

Congratulations to our children who are 'graduating' from Nursery today, and moving on to big school after the Summer! You are all so ready to jump in and make your marks the Nursery team and I would like to wish you all the best of wishes, and to say thank you for all your gifts, messages and words of support. We cannot give your children the best education without your support and partnership, so thank you, it means everything to us.

Mrs Cumberpatch and the Nursery Team

Attendance Award



w/e 19th July
Well done to Cowell for
Achieving 97% attendance



Attendance Award

Academic Year 2018/19
Well done to Cowell class for achieving
97% attendance throughout this year.



Reminders

Circus Workshop – new Year 1 children

A reminder that we are asking for a payment of £4.00 towards the Circus Workshop taking place on Thursday 12th September for Year 1 children.

Bird of Prey Experience – new Year 4 children

A reminder that we are asking for a payment of £2.50 towards the Bird of Prey Experience taking place Monday 9th September for Year 4 children.



Phone Home
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We would like to wish all children, parents and staff a safe and relaxing summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming all children back at 8.50am on Wednesday 4th September 2019.

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



It can be challenging for parents and carers to know whether children are spending too much time on their devices. Furthermore, it's even more of a challenge to know whether a child is addicted to the internet and social media. As technology is becoming more pervasive, children and young people are experiencing tech-related dependencies. Do we as parents and carers have the knowledge to identify and support children and young people who may be developing an addiction to their devices?



47%
of parents
said they thought their
children spent too much
time in front of screens

What parents need to know about SCREEN ADDICTION

SMARTPHONE ADDICTION IS A RECOGNISED HEALTH CONDITION

Children as young as 13 are attending 'smartphone rehab' following growing concerns over screen time. There are now help centers in the UK which deal with screen addiction for children and adults showing the seriousness of device addiction.

IT CAN CAUSE SLEEP DEPRIVATION

7 out of 10 children said they had missed out on sleep because of their online habits and 60% said they had neglected school work as a result. It is important that children get the sleep they need in order to focus the next day.

CONFIDENCE, SUPPORT & ACCEPTANCE

The Children's Commissioner report 'Life in Likes', explored how children aged 8-11 are using social media today. It showed that children are using their devices to speak to their online friends about their problems and seek acceptance and support, removing face to face interactions.

LOSS OF INTEREST IN OTHER THINGS

Your child may become less interested in anything that does not include their device. You may notice that your child is missing school time and generally being less engaged with other activities in the home. It is important to discuss this with your child as soon as you notice a behaviour change.

APPS CAN BE ADDICTIVE

Apps have been designed with 'psychological tricks' to constantly keep grabbing your attention. One example of this is on the app Snapchat, where you can gain 'streaks' when interacting with your friends. If you don't respond, you lose the streak. This addictive nature of apps aims to engage children and keep them coming back for more.



Top Tips for Parents

LIMIT SCREEN TIME

In today's digital age, technology is an important part of a child's development so completely banning them from their device will mean they are missing out on a lot, including conversations and communication with their friends. Rather than banning them from using their devices, we suggest setting a screen time limit. Work out what you think is a suitable and healthy amount of time for your child to be on their device per week. Remember that your child may need to use devices for their school homework so only set screen limits on recreational time on their device. Once you have established this, have the conversation with them to discuss why you are implementing a screen limit. There will be others in your child's friendship group who will not have screen limits set and will be sending messages when they do not have access to their phones.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children model their behavior on their peers, so if their parents are constantly on their device, they will see this as acceptable. Try limiting your own screen time and follow the same rules you have set for them. If you have asked your child to not use their device at the table, make sure you don't. Try setting house rules that the whole family abide by.

REMOVE DEVICES FROM THEIR BEDROOM

Setting a rule about removing devices from bedrooms will help your child to get the sleep they need and be more focussed the next day at school. 20% of teenagers said that they wake up to check their social network accounts on their devices. Even by having a device switched off in their bedroom, they may be tempted to check for notifications.

LESS TIME MEANS LESS EXPOSURE

There are many risks associated with devices, such as cyberbullying, grooming, sexting, viewing inappropriate content etc. Less time spent on a screen means that a child will be less exposed to these risks.

53% of children aged 3-4
go online for nearly **8hrs** a week

79% of children aged 5-7
go online for nearly **9hrs** a week

94% of children aged 8-11
go online for nearly **13.5hrs** a week

99% of children aged 12-15
go online for nearly **21hrs** a week

STATISTICS

ENCOURAGE ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES

It may seem like an obvious solution, but encouraging children to play with their friends, read a book, or playing outdoors will help them realise they can have fun without their device. Playing football, trampolining, camping, going for a walk or swimming are all healthy replacements for screen time. Try to join them in their outdoor activities to show your support.

MOBILE-FREE MEAL TIMES

Have you tried to settle your child by giving them a tablet at the dinner table or restaurant? This may seem like a quick fix to calm them down but in reality, it is encouraging them to use their device as a distraction from conversation and dealing with their emotions. We suggest removing all technology from the dinner table and having conversations with your family about how their day has been.

<https://www.independent.co.uk>
Children and Parents Media Use and Attitudes Report 2017: <https://www.zfcom.org.uk>
<https://uk.businessinsider.com/how-app-developers-keep-us-addicted-to-our-smartphones>
Journal of Youth Studies: <https://www.mirror.co.uk/tech/one-five-kids-losing-sleep-9653986>
University of Leeds: https://medhealth.leeds.ac.uk/news/article/1296/lack_of_sleep_damaging_for_children



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