

Loatlands News

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Dates for your Diary

February

Monday 3rd School Disco
Tuesday 4th Year 2 Dodgeball Festival at Montsaye (named children)
Wednesday 12th Family Open Afternoon
Thursday 13th Year 6 Liverpool Trip
Friday 14th Training day

March

Monday 16th KS1 Cross Country Event
Tuesday 17th KS2 Cross Country Event
Tuesday 17th Year 2 SATS information session 3.30pm-4.30pm
Tuesday 24th KS2 Swimming Gala
Thursday 26th Y5/6 High Fives Netball Competition
Friday 27th Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

April

Friday 3rd Easter Bonnet Parade/ Egg Rolling competition

May

Year 2 SATS Month
Monday 11th-15th Year 6 SATS – all children MUST be in school

June

Monday 8th Year 1 Phonics Screening all week
Thursday 11th Year 5 Homefront Workshop

Phase 1

Years R and 1

Phase 2

Years 2 and 3

Phase 3

Years 4, 5 and 6



Year 3 Ancient Greek Day

On Wednesday 8th January, Year 3 all dressed up as Greeks and experienced life in Ancient Athens. As Athenians the children experienced jobs such as making pottery, wax tablets, mosaic and one of their favourites was squeezing olives to make olive oil. Everyone had great fun learning about the class system, which meant that if you were not from Athens, a slave or a girl you had to sit at the back of the Temple and could not vote!

In the afternoon, the children amazed everyone with how quickly they learnt to perform plays and dances. All of Year 3 then sat in the amphitheatre to watch the performances while the slaves served drink and Greek food such as dates, feta cheese and olives. The honey drizzled cakes were very popular.

It was a fabulous day that was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered and helped to make the day so successful.



Family Open afternoon – Wednesday 12th February

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our family open afternoon on Wednesday 12th February at 2.15pm until 3pm. There will be three school entrances open to ensure visitors are able to get into school without waiting in a long queue. If you are visiting a child in Reception/Year 1 first, please use the community entrance. If you are visiting a child in Year 2/3 first, please use the main office entrance. If you are visiting a child in Years 4/5/6 first, please enter via the green gate at the junior end of the building. Once inside school, you will be able to move freely between your children's classes at any time.

Due to Health & Safety reasons, pre-school children will not be allowed to this event

Polite reminder

Please can we ask that parents do not block the carpark entrance, as access is needed to the school at all times. Also can we remind parents to refrain from using the staff car park to drop off/collect their children at all times.

Youth Club Drug Awareness Event

On Wednesday 22nd January the Youth Club are hosting a Drug Awareness Event from 7pm to 8pm. Year 6 parents and children are invited to attend (they have asked for a £1 donation to help cover the event but this is optional).

Lost Property

We have many items of clothing and water bottles in lost property. Please can we remind parents to name all items of their child's clothing, including coats, hats and scarves to enable them to be returned to the correct child.

Nursery Registrations

We still have spaces available in our nursery for September 2020 for children who were born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017. Please bring your child's birth certificate to the main school office to register.



**Phone Home
Friday
Noah A**

Attendance Award

w/e 17th January

Well done to

Austen

class for

achieving 99% attendance

Reminders

Year 4 Croft Farm Residential

A reminder that the initial deposit of £25.00 is required to be paid by 1st February for your child to secure a place on the trip.

Year 5 Kingswood Residential for Year 6

A reminder that the second instalment of £40.00 is due by 1st February.

Year 3, 4 & 5 Swimming Lessons – Term 3 and 4 (Rowling, Cowell and Wilson)

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

Nursery News

We have had a super start to the New Year! The children were all eager to see their friends and have settled back into the nursery routines. We would like to welcome all our new children and families that have joined us this term, we look forward to working with you to support your child's learning journey.

Last week we all visited the Life Education Bus to learn about staying healthy and looking after our bodies by getting lots of sleep, eating a balanced diet, staying active and cleaning our teeth. This week we have been reading lots of stories about birds and singing songs such as Two Little Dickie Birds and Five Little Ducks. We have also taken part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch to identify the different birds that visit our garden and school grounds.

How can you help at home?

You could help your child practise washing their hands by singing the following song as they rub the soap in (before washing it off!)

Tune: Frere Jacques

Wash your hands, wash your hands
In between, in between
All around the corners, all around the corners
Makes them clean, nice and clean



Make a simple bird feeder by threading Cheerios on a stick, tie some string to each end and hang it in a tree for the birds. Can you spot any birds in your garden, what type of birds are they? Borrow a book from our library as often as you wish, no need to record anything, when you have finished with it just return it and swap it for another.

Important Dates

Every Friday We would love you to join us for Sing-a-long at 11.20am and 3.20pm

The Nursery Team

Letters sent home

Year 6 - Liverpool Trip
Years 5 & 6 - Netball Club

12 Smartphone Online Safety Tips

FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

The Christmas season has finally arrived and soon many of you will be opening your presents in the hope that Santa has listened to your request for the latest mobile phone or smart device.

Owning a mobile phone can be fun, but it's important to use it safely and responsibly. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that you set up your phone securely, keep your personal information private and enjoy using your phone in the healthiest way possible.

1 ALWAYS SECURE YOUR PHONE WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your phone without your permission. Make sure your password is memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share it with your parents just in case you forget it.

2 DISABLE LOCATION SETTINGS

This can usually be done from the device's privacy control settings. Disabling location settings means that your phone can't be tracked by others and strangers can't tell where you are when you're using it. It also helps to save battery.

3 ALWAYS USE A SECURE WIFI NETWORK

When you use your WIFI at home usually it is a secure network that only you and your family know the password to. Public networks, like those in coffee shops, can be accessed by anyone which means that people could potentially hack into your device and access your personal information without you realising.

4 ONLY PAIR WITH BLUETOOTH DEVICES YOU KNOW

A Bluetooth connection with another device means that you can send and receive data wirelessly. For example, you could listen to music wirelessly or receive pictures and videos from your friends. However, pairing your phone with a device you don't know means that you could be sharing personal information with a stranger or could leave your device open to receiving viruses.

5 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new apps, always check the age-rating of the app. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain things that aren't safe for you to see.

6 BEWARE OF BECOMING ADDICTED TO YOUR PHONE

Your phone can be fun to use and it's easy to become too attached, whether it's keeping in touch with friends, discovering new features or downloading the latest apps. Remember it's always good to talk in person, go out and have fun and get regular exercise. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just your mobile phone.

7 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Using your phone for too long, particularly in the evenings, can make you feel tired at school, affect your concentration and make you lose interest in other things in life. Only use your phone at certain times of the day and don't use it close to bedtime. You can set a 'screen time limit' via the settings on your phone. This will help you stay fit and healthy and means that you will still be able to focus and perform well at school.

8 THINK OF OTHERS WHEN TAKING PHOTOS

Don't take embarrassing photos of other people on your phone. If other people get access to the photo and share it with more people, it could make that person really upset and treated as a form of bullying. Always be mindful of the photos you take using your camera and who you share them with.

9 MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'

This means that you will be able to use your phone safely and securely and won't accidentally do things you shouldn't do. The best time to do this is when you get a new phone or device so that you're protected from the very beginning.

10 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR PARENTS IF YOU DON'T FEEL SAFE

Sometimes, even though your phone is really secure, you might see something you don't like, or someone might contact you who you don't know. If this happens, always tell your trusted adult like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and advise you on what you should do next.

11 DON'T TEXT AND WALK

This might seem like a strange thing to say but it can be dangerous to stare at your mobile phone whilst walking outside alongside busy roads or bicycle paths. In some cases, children have been knocked over by cars or cyclists because they haven't been aware of their surroundings whilst texting or playing games on their mobile devices.

12 DON'T SHARE YOUR NUMBER OR YOUR DEVICE WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW.

Never feel pressured into sharing your phone number with people you don't know and don't lend your phone to strangers or keep it where others could get hold of it. Look after your device and always keep it hidden from sight to avoid it being stolen or broken into.

Next Week

Do you have a Lucky Plate?

**WIN A GROW
GOODIE BAG!**

WATCH OUT FOR
THE LUCKY PLATE
STICKER, TO BE OUR
LUCKY WINNER



Grow
FUEL FOR YOUNG MINDS

2019 – 2020 Term dates

Term 3

	Training Day	Friday 3 January 2020
Term starts		Monday 6 January 2020
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
(Bank holiday		Friday 8 May)
Term ends		Friday 22 May

Term 6

Term starts		Monday 1 June
Term ends		Friday 17 July

2020 – 2021 Term dates

Term 1

	Training Day	Tuesday	1 September 2020
	Training Day	Wednesday	2 September 2020
Term starts		Thursday	3 September
Term ends		Friday	16 October

Term 2

Term starts		Monday	2 November
Term ends		Friday	18 December
	Training Day	Monday	21 December

Term 3

Term starts		Monday	4 January 2021
Term ends		Thursday	11 February
	Training Day	Friday	12 February

Term 4

Term starts		Monday	22 February
Term ends		Friday	26 March

Term 5

Term starts		Monday	12 April
Term ends		Friday	28 May

Term 6

Term starts		Monday	7 June
Term ends		Friday	23 July
	Training Day	Monday	26 July