

Loatlands News

Issue 22 – Friday 28th February

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Dates for your Diary

March

Tuesday 5 th	Year 1 Phonics information session for parents
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day/ Special Menu Day
Thursday 5 th	Parents Evening 3.30-5pm and 6-8pm
Tuesday 10 th	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Friday 13 th	Sport Relief Day 'Get your Kit on'
Monday 16 th	KS1 Cross Country Event
Tuesday 17 th	KS2 Cross Country Event
Tuesday 17 th	Year 2 SATS information session 3.30pm-4.30pm
Tuesday 24 th	KS2 Swimming Gala
Wednesday 25 th	Reception – Lion Learners Workshop
Wednesday 25 th	Year 4/5 Play Performance 9.30am and 2pm
Thursday 26 th	Year 4/5 Play Performance 6pm
Thursday 26 th	Y5/6 High Fives Netball Competition
Friday 27 th	Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

April

Thursday 2 nd	Air Ambulance Mufti Day
Friday 3 rd	Easter Bonnet Parade/ Egg Rolling competition
Wed 22 nd - 24 th	Year 4 Croft Farm Residential
Monday 27 th	KS2 Dodgeball Event

May

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

June

Friday 5 th	Y3 Viking Workshop
Monday 8 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening all week
Mon 8 th – Fri 26 th	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 11 th	Year 5 Homefront Workshop

Phase 1

Years R and 1

Phase 2

Years 2 and 3

Phase 3

Years 4, 5 and 6



Parents Evening

We will be holding our Parents Evenings on Thursday 5th March 3.30-5pm and 6-8pm and Tuesday 10th March between 3.30-5.30pm. Parents have been sent a text/email, which contained a link to the parents evening system; please click on the link and enter your child's first name. This will bring up your child/children's class teacher and the available appointment times. If you have more than one child in school, please can we ask you to leave a 10 minute gap between appointments to allow for any appointments that overrun.

We would encourage all parents to attend as this is vital for parents and teachers to work together to help children's learning. Mrs Buckley will be available during the parent's evenings to answer any queries.



Sports Relief 'Get your kit on' Day

On Friday 13th March, all children are invited to join our Sports Relief day and wear any sporting outfit such as football, gymnastics or Karate kit for a suggested donation of £1. Each class will also take part in a sporting event throughout the day to celebrate keeping active.



Parent 'Stay and Read' Session

Wednesday 4th March - Ahlberg

Thursday 5th March - Lewis

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 – 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 then collect you from the office. We hope you are able to join your child for their 'stay and read' session.

World Book Day

This year World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March. We will not be asking children to come to school dressed up this year but will be celebrating with other special book sharing opportunities in school.

School start hours

Please can we remind parents that children should not arrive on the school premises before 8.40am as they are unsupervised and staff cars are still arriving at this time.

Special Menu Day

On Thursday 5th March ABM are having a special menu day to celebrate World Book Day. This will be an American Style Beefburger in a bun or a cheese and tomato book shaped pizza, both will come with sweetcorn, wedges, and a chocolate brownie for pudding. Please log on to SchoolMoney to book this for your child.

Year 1 Phonics Test Information

In Year 1, the children will undertake a phonics screening assessment to check their knowledge, this is a national requirement. To help you support your child we will be holding a Phonics information meeting for parents of children in Year 1 on Tuesday 3rd March from 3.20pm-3.45pm to give you more information. The event will be held in the Studio. All children are welcome to attend.

Nursery Registrations

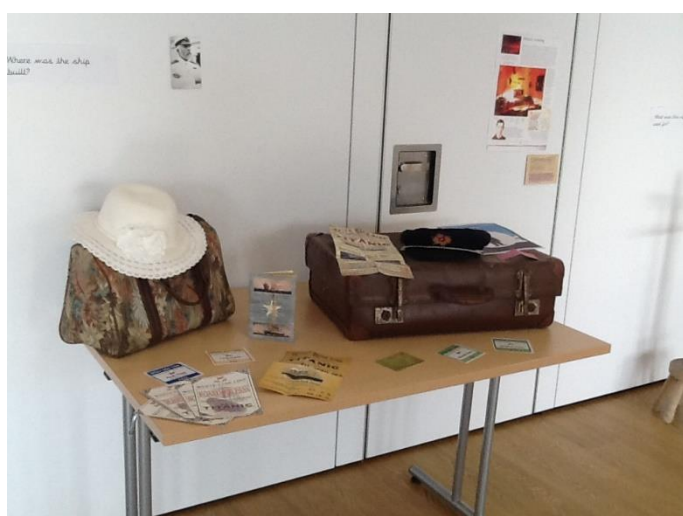
We still have spaces available in our nursery for September 2020 for children who were born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017. Please bring your child's birth certificate to the main school office to register.

Phase 2 Request

Please can Phase 2 children bring a water bottle into school. We do not have easy access to a water fountain so water bottles are essential for hydration and keeping germs at bay. (water only please)

History Week

During the last week of term all the children from Reception to Year 6 enjoyed discovering all about Titanic for our History week. We started our learning with an exhibition on Friday, which staff set up in the studio. All the children visited throughout the afternoon to see the different artefacts, pictures and even our version of an iceberg! Over 100 parents and children popped in after school to take a longer look. Throughout the week the children have done many varied activities including making boats, testing their boats, learning all about the history behind Titanic. Some children have even been investigating who was to blame! All the children have taken part in a free writing exercise based on Titanic and they have all done artwork related to this topic as well. From the discussions overheard in classrooms, corridors and the playground the children have thoroughly enjoyed the week.

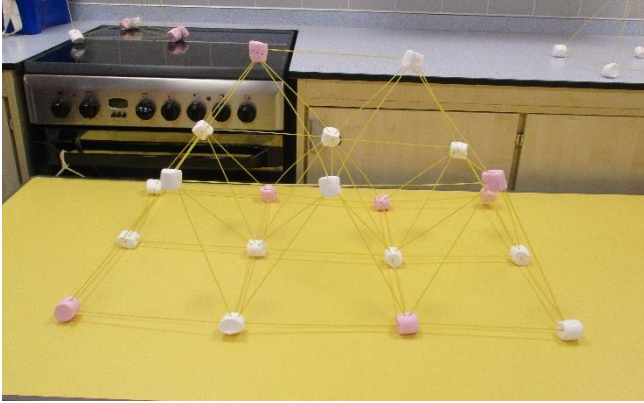


Lewis Class had a fabulous parents afternoon learning about water displacement, linked to our Titanic themed week. Children (and adults) designed and tested their boats. The winning boat held an astonishing 180 marbles! Well done to everyone that participated.



Our Values

Today we launched our new school values of 'Respect', 'Resilience' and 'Curiosity'. After a special assembly, the children spent the morning in mixed-age house groups where they explored different activities connected to our new Values. Then this afternoon, the children participated in two collaborative projects – pebble painting in Phase 1 and Phase 2 and CD weaving in Phase 3.



Our Vision and Values

At Loatlands Primary School we believe in the transformative power of education. Our school community is where we develop as well-rounded individuals, using our collective strengths to grow as a team. We believe that every member of our school community has the capacity to excel. This success will only be achieved through a commitment towards our shared values of respect, resilience and curiosity.

Our Values

Respect

- We are a caring and thoughtful school community. We understand the importance of showing kindness and politeness to others.
- We appreciate our differences and accept others for who they are. We celebrate our unique strengths and talents.
- We promote honesty, understanding that we are all responsible for our own actions. We act with integrity so that we can respectfully disagree and move forward together as a result.

Resilience

- We show courage and positivity when working together to tackle new challenges. As learners, we know our own strengths and weaknesses, taking bold risks whilst learning.
- We seek feedback to help us grow. We try to learn from our mistakes, showing determination to succeed.
- We support each other so that we are happy, confident individuals. We are encouraged to make healthy choices so we feel good about ourselves.

Curiosity

- As a community, we ask questions about the world around us to challenge our thinking. We initiate our own ideas, exploring them creatively and taking pride in the outcomes.
- We are passionate learners who investigate and seek out answers.
- We make connections to our own experiences and collaborate with others.



Air Ambulance

On Wednesday we had an unexpected visit from the Air Ambulance who used our playground to land to attend an emergency elsewhere in Desborough. Whilst the paramedics attended the incident, the Pilot spoke to all of the children and we were able to take photos with the helicopter. We would like to show our support for the amazing job the Air Ambulance crew do and hold a whole school event to raise money for the charity. The children are invited to come to school wearing yellow or mufti for a suggested donation of £1 on **Thursday 2nd April**.

Attendance Award

w/e 28th February

Well done to

Dahl

class for achieving 99% attendance

Letters sent/emailed home

Year 4 - Croft Farm Residential forms

Reminders

Reception Lion Learners Workshop

A reminder that a contribution of £3.00 is due by Monday 16th March

Year 3 Great Fire of London Workshop

A reminder that a contribution of £9.00 is due by Friday 6th March

Please be aware that if insufficient contributions are received it may be necessary to cancel the workshops

Year 4 Croft Farm Residential

A reminder that the second instalment of £40.00 is required to be paid by 1st March and please can all medical and code of conduct forms be completed and returned by Monday 2nd March

Year 5 Kingswood Residential for Year 6

A reminder that the third instalment of £40.00 is due by 1st March.

Loatland's Legends

Silver medal glory!

Our Loatlands Legends Indoor Kurling team competed on Monday at the Winter Games.
We won silver medals! The second ranked Kurling team in the county.

Before Christmas we successfully won a place at the Northamptonshire Winter school games.
This is a countywide event.

Roughly 270 Northamptonshire schools are given the opportunity to compete in sports events and
the winners of those events are given the opportunity to compete against the best of the best.
Just like the equivalent of the Olympics!

This is an awesome result for our wonderful team.
During the last 14 years that this opportunity has been running we have had 2 gymnastics teams
reaching the school games finals but we have never come home with a medal.

Our team used skill, excellent team communication and tactical moves as their secret weapons.
As ever our Legends are dedicated, enthusiastic, resilient, fair players and exceptionally polite.
Our team were one of only a few teams at the event to thank the organisers.
This is the Loatlands expectation but I am so proud that the children do it naturally.

Please contact Mrs Johnson, Mrs Small or the office if you would like your child to be considered
for a sports event or to tell us of 'out of school' sports success.
We have a sports board in school to highlight our awesomeness!



Nursery News

Welcome back to Spring 2, we hope you all had a lovely break. This week we have celebrated Pancake Day. We learnt a poem about pancakes and we made and tasted pancakes, yum!

Pancake Poem

Mix a pancake

Stir a pancake

Pop it in the pan

Fry a pancake

Toss a pancake

Catch it if you can



The children have also enjoyed trying out our new areas in nursery, especially our new book corner where we have observed some lovely storytelling with our puppets.

A big thank you to everyone that donated money made and bought cakes at our sale. All proceeds will go towards new nursery waterproofs for Forest School. We are currently counting the money and will let you know how much we raised next week. A great big thank you to Marion, Rachel and Christine for all their hard work, we could not have done it without you.

Please can we ask that children leave toys at home, as they get very upset when they get lost or other children want to play with them.

How can you help at home?

Say the poem together and ask your child to teach you the actions.

Important Dates

Every Friday after Half Term

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

Friday 13th March

Sports Relief 'Get your Kit on', wear your sports kit and donate £1.

Friday 20th March

Mother's Day Stay and Play for all our lovely mums, step mums, aunties, nannies, grandmas, childminders or dads! Come and play at 10.30 - 11.30am and 2.30 - 3.30pm.

The Nursery Team

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