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And just like that – it is the end of the school year! And what a year it has been! I can very safely say that, when I started at Loatlands in September, I never envisaged that the year would end quite like this! It has been an incredible year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank every single one of you – parents, children and staff – for your overwhelming support and kindness, not just over the lockdown period but throughout the whole school year.

Sitting in my office now, it is easy to think about all the special Loatlands events that I have missed in my first year and our wonderful, talented Y6 children have not been able to do (although I am not sure that I am sad that they didn't get the chance to throw wet sponges at me in the stocks! Something that I am sure they will all be more than willing to make up for next year if they come back and visit for the Summer Fete!)

While it is sad that we have missed all of these things, it is also important to reflect on all of the wonderful events that I have been able to be a part of – the performances, the carol concerts and having the privilege of watching the children learn and grow every single day. I can't help but feel an enormous sense of pride at everything that our pupils have achieved this year – every single one of our families have been part of living history! At a time when the world has been brought to it's knees our Loatlands Community, has shone bright like the true stars that they are! Yes it has been different, it might not have been what we envisaged or were hoping for but we have all learnt so much and realised that we all are stronger than we ever thought possible.

September will be different to any other September we have experienced – that I know for definite. But, the other thing that I know for definite is that we will face it together. The Loatlands children are indeed a very special bunch and I feel so incredibly lucky to be a small part of the children's educational journey.

Stay safe, have a wonderful summer and I look forward to September and seeing all of those smiling faces again every morning!

Mrs Laura Buckley
Headteacher

Parent/Carer Volunteers

Thank you to all of our parent/carers who regularly come into school to help in our classrooms. The staff have really appreciated all the help and support they have provided which has greatly benefited the children.

Thank you to Mrs Boksh for all your hard work keeping our Library tidy and up to date.

Residential

Due to the Government Guidance that all residential are unable to take place in the Autumn term, we have rearranged the two residential that were booked for September 2020

Kingswood (Current Year 5 going into Year 6)

Conover Hall (Current Year 4 going into Year 5)

Parents have been emailed a letter with further details and information regarding any outstanding payments.

Forest School – Year 1 and Year 3 Morpurgo

During the Autumn term Year 1 and Year 3 (Morpurgo Class) will be accessing the Forest School provision.

Year 1 children will be split in to 2 groups, the Willows and the Apple Blossoms. They will be completing forest school sessions every fortnight on a Friday afternoon. Information about which group your child is in will be sent out in September. A letter has been emailed to parents with details of clothing required.

Year 3 (Morpurgo Class) will be having their sessions every Wednesday morning starting on Wednesday 9th September and the last session will be on Wednesday 14th October. Please send your child to school wearing their kit and bring school uniform in a bag to change into afterwards.

Goodbye and Good Luck Mrs Simpson



We will miss you



Today we say a fond fair well to Mrs Simpson, she has been part of Loatlands family for many years and will be very much missed.

Nursery News

Congratulations to all our wonderful nursery children who are 'graduating' from nursery today and moving on to big school after the Summer! You have all been superstars this year and we will miss you and your families so much but we know that you are more than ready for all the exciting opportunities Reception will offer you.

Have lots of fun, love from your Nursery Teachers x

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.



Message from the Chair

Loatlands Primary is a special place where the ethos of support and caring brings out the best in the whole school community BUT little did we know how much that would be needed this year

This time last year I was looking forward to taking over as Chair of Governors working with the new Head Teacher. It was going to be challenging but everything was in place to ensure the transition was as smooth as could be. Little did I know what was to come!

A number of new governors had joined the board and we all settled into our roles of supporting and monitoring through numerous meetings and school visits.

The Autumn term progressed in an exciting manner, with many varied events and lots of learning taking place throughout the school. It was a joy to see the children hard at work and it was a privilege to be welcomed into Year 6 Maths on a weekly basis to help out! It was a pleasure to meet a number of parents at the Parents Evenings being able to get valuable feedback about the Loatlands experience from them.

How things changed towards the end of the Spring term to the present. The unprecedented situation we find ourselves in has of course led to many changes in education which have relied on the hard work and good will of all involved. I know this has been a difficult time for staff and pupils but I also realise the tremendous pressure put on Parents / Carers to help your children at this time. I think you're all doing an incredible job!!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the staff of Loatlands for their hard work and commitment this year and appreciate they have gone to extraordinary lengths to deal with all the changes and challenges they have had to face. You are all stars!

Thanks also go the governors whose support has been invaluable to me. We are all looking forward to the time when we can get back into school.

Now to my final thank you and a big one it is too. This is the person who makes the difficult decisions, ensures everything is in place and cares for everyone. I am of course referring to Mrs. Buckley our Head Teacher. She has been truly remarkable through this pandemic spending many hours on Risk Assessments, implementing Government guidelines and generally looking after the welfare of all in her charge. Her commitment and desire to do the best for Loatlands is inspirational. Thank You!!!

We can now look forward to September when the children are all welcomed back to school. An immense amount of planning and preparation is underway to ensure the school operates a safe learning environment.

I would like to finish now by wishing you all well, especially the Year 6 pupils who are moving on to secondary school, and hope that we can get back to normal next year.

Best Wishes,

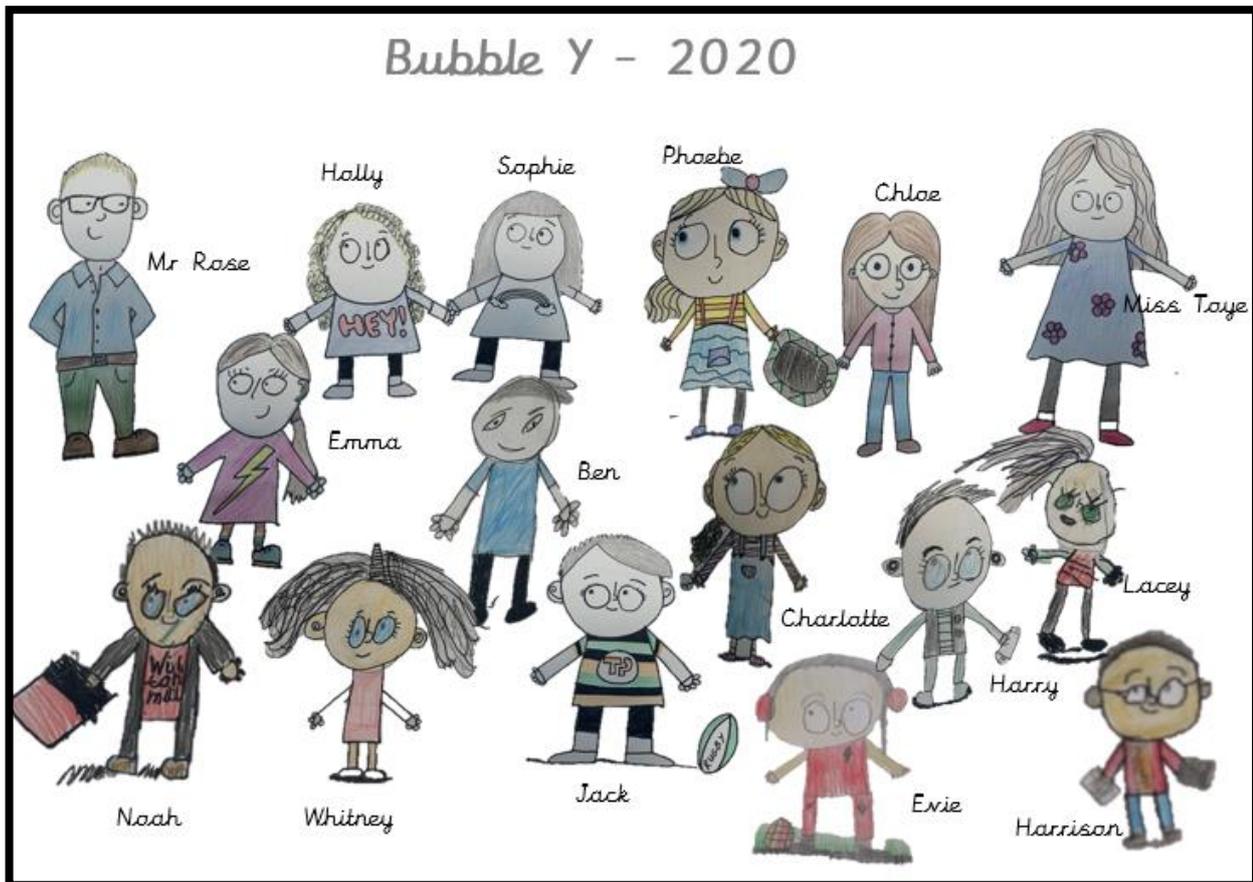
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Bubble 3 made clay bees and painted them.



Mr Rose and I would like to say a MASSIVE well done to all of the children in Bubble Y. They all came to school happy and continued to learn in these strange times, they never failed to have fun and make each other laugh! We hope they have a lovely summer. Miss Toye



Bubble 1

Mrs Neil and Mrs Oram would just like to say a huge congratulations to all the children in Bubble 1 for being so funny, kind, sensible and patient this term. You have all been amazing learners and we are incredibly proud of all your achievements. Have a fabulous summer, whatever you are doing!

Bubble 8 have had a great time back in school and they have all displayed the school values of 'Respect, Resilience and Curiosity'. The children have been busy creating lots of art work for a fabulous 'Under the sea' display which they are very proud of and have enjoyed listening to lots of stories – look how full our reading tree is! Well done Bubble 8, have a lovely summer. Mrs Simpson and Mrs Smyth.



This week Bubble 4 have been continuing their writing tasks around Jack and the Beanstalk. They enjoyed making masks and acting out the story. We have made catapults out of lolly sticks and elastic bands to fire at the enemies trying to enter our castle. We had a bubble competition to see who's catapult fired the furthest. We also made delicious bee cakes – yum yum!



Holiday Programme

We have secured some funding to offer free holiday programme provision for children with a disability. There are two options:

- Receive a free workbook to take part in various activities remotely/with the family. There are a limited number of sports equipment bags that we can give out too for pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds/pupil premium. (School staff please make us aware if you know of any children that would need this)
- Attend free virtual zoom sessions for physical activity and fun challenges alongside the workbooks. (Our inclusion coach Russell Lewis will be running these alongside schools coaches)

For both options, we are asking parents of participants to sign up on the website. There is a tick box option for attending the virtual summer programme. August dates will be sent to participants from here. <https://www.ntfccommunity.co.uk/disability-holiday-courses>

Northamptonshire Virtual Sports

A massive well done to all the children that took part, Loatlands came third in the district last week in the virtual school games! Mrs Johnson is very proud of you all.



Loatlands Legends

It's the end of quite an unusual year for the Loatlands Legends!

We achieved so much, in such a short space of time, we were Indoor Kurling champions, gymnastic finalists. We hurtled bravely around fields during cross country competitions but most importantly were fair and competitive contenders at all of the events we attended.

Then suddenly we needed to use all of our determination, resilience and discipline in another way. I am so proud of the way that our Loatlands legends children, families and teachers have dealt with the last few months. You have found different ways to keep fit and healthy, some of you are playing football, golf, bouncing on trampolines, completing the Northamptonshire sport weekly competitions, dog walking or following online exercise classes like Joe Wicks and are doing your gymnastics and dance classes on zoom! Some of you have taken the opportunity to learn new active skills, many of you have learnt to ride your bikes, to skip with a rope or hula hoop. I know because I've been sent emails and I've seen photos of you in action - these bring me and your teachers so many moments of joy!

I know that your teachers have been busy cycling, running and walking long distances.

The children in school have been stretching to cosmic kids, following Cbeebies workouts, learning dance moves and doing daily Tai chi, stretch and move exercise sessions.

We also won a virtual athletics competition and came third amongst the whole of Kettering district in a virtual sports day with 15 schools competing!

There's much to look forward to from September. We can't wait to welcome you back, we'll need to be a little inventive with our sport and exercise, let's see that as a challenge!

Until then, try to keep active.

Keep safe, look for those moments of joy!

Mrs Johnson

We would like to wish all children, parents and staff a safe and relaxing summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming children back on Thursday 3rd September 2020.

