

# Loatlands Edition

## Respect, Resilience and Curiosity

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Loatlands  
Primary School



### Dates for your Diary

#### **October**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jeffers Class Birthday Party
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Morpurgo Class Birthday Party
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's Evening
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's Evening
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pullman Class Birthday Party
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term

#### **November**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	First day of term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Flu immunisations
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Lewis Class Birthday Party
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability week

#### **December**

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
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### Mufti Day

A massive thank you to everybody for supporting our Mufti day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September. We raised an amazing

**£463.59** to be donated to Cancer Research UK and Macmillan Cancer Support.



### Uniform and Other Belongings in School

A reminder to please remember to name all items of clothing including coats, jumpers, cardigans, sun hats, lunch boxes and water bottles. This makes it easier for staff to reunite children with lost belongings.

### Jewellery

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 **are not allowed** to wear jewellery or watches, this includes earrings. These should be removed before coming to school.

Children in Years 3 to 6 are only allowed to wear a watch and one pair of stud earrings. Earrings must be removed by the child for PE. If your child is unable to remove earrings themselves, they should be removed before they come to school.

### Class Birthday Parties

Please look out for your child's class birthday party in dates for your diary. On the day of the party, children will be able to come to school in their party clothes and will have the opportunity to play some party games and generally have some fun celebrating together.

### **Parents Evening**

This year we have taken the decision to conduct our Parents Evening in a virtual format using online video appointments. This system allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments.

Parents evening will take place on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 3:30pm until 5:30pm** and **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 3:30pm until 7:30pm**.

Appointments can be booked by following this link <https://loatlands.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and completing your child's details. Appointments will be open for booking from 4pm today and will close on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office

### **Home Learning**

In the coming weeks we will be introducing the children and yourselves to our online learning platform – Microsoft Teams. Many of you may already know and use the platform for work. Staff are currently undertaking training and we will then be sharing this with yourselves.

As we all become more confident in using the platform, we will use it to set homework and, In the event of having to learn from home again due to Coronavirus, this will be the platform that we will use to set work and communicate.

Whilst this is being set up, if your child is well but needs to isolate due to family members or to await test results we will send home a sheet of suggested website and activities you can use to support them to learn at home. This will be sent home via email once you inform us of the reason your child is needed to isolate. Please contact the school if you require any support with this.

Working together as a school and parents will produce the very best outcomes for your child and we thank you again for all the support you give to the school.

### **Parking**

The Desborough Fire Service have been out on parking patrols this week and have found it very difficult to get through with the fire engine.

Could we remind parents that they should not:

- park within 10 metres of a junction
- be double parked
- park on the double yellow lines or on the school zig zags

Please be reminded that if there is a fire or accident near to the schools access is required for all emergency vehicles to get to the scene as quick and as safe as possible. If you are parking in a way that they cannot get through you are putting peoples lives at risk and action will be taken against you in the way of tickets being issued and or vehicles being removed for obstruction.



### **Cold/Adverse Weather**

With the weather turning wetter and colder, please ensure your child has a waterproof coat (preferably with a hood) with them every day. All children go outside during break times and lunchtimes unless the weather is bad.



### **Scheme Reader Amnesty**

Thank you for returning so many library and scheme readers to school – this has really helped us to relaunch reading with the children.

Unfortunately, we are still missing a large number of Dark Red scheme readers (books with a dark red sticker over the spine and Stage 16 on the back cover) which means that not all of the children on this level are able to read a scheme reader currently as we do not have enough to go around. If you have a child in Phase 3 (Years 4, 5 and 6), please help us out by having another look at home for Dark Red scheme readers – we would massively appreciate any you find being returned to school.

### **Home Reading expectations**

Now that the children have settled into school, we are keen to encourage a daily reading habit at home. Research shows that even 5 minutes of daily reading practise quickly builds a child's vocabulary and develops their confidence across all subject areas. Please remember to sign your child's Reading Record every time they read; this could be their scheme reader, a library book or any other book that they are enjoying at home. Thank you for your support.

Child A	Child B	Child C
20 minutes additional reading at home everyday	5 minutes additional reading at home per day	1 minute additional reading at home per day
60 hours per school year	15 hours per school year	3 hours per school year
1,800,000 words per school year (one million, eight hundred thousand words)	282,000 words per school year (two hundred and eighty two thousand words)	8000 words per school year (eight thousand words)
By the end of Y6, 60 whole days' reading	By the end of Y6, 12 days' reading	By the end of Y6, 3 days' reading
Reading scores usually within 90% range	Reading scores usually within 50% range	Reading scores usually within 10% range

### **Parent Courses**

Family learning are currently running all of their parenting courses like 123 magic virtually, if you would like to "register your interest". Once they have 6 learners, they start the course.

Link to register interest:

<https://courses.northantsglobal.net/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=XOA8XR28&NAME=123+Magic&ID1=2600&ID2=31894&ID3=1>

Link to the full list of courses from Learning for Life:

<https://courses.northantsglobal.net/AvailableCoursesList.Asp?COL=NameDisplay&SRT=ASC>



### **Bikes and Scooters**

To avoid accidents with other children or adults, children must dismount from bikes and scooters before entering the school gates and walk them to the racks provided

## **Community Governor Vacancy**

Could you help to support the education and personal development of local children?

Do you have a few spare hours each month?

Meet new people?

Help to benefit local children and our community?

Work as part of a team?

### **Then Loatlands Primary School Governing Board needs you!**

At Loatlands we actively seek to work in partnership with families to nurture the whole child and develop the highest standards of education for children in all that they do. We believe passionately in creating a love of learning that will allow children to become enquiring learners in all areas of our enriching curriculum.

If you would like to find out more about how you can help our local children thrive and achieve their potential, please contact Malcolm Toovey, Chair of Governors, by email [chair@loatlandsprimary.net](mailto:chair@loatlandsprimary.net)

### **Nursery Registrations**

We have spaces available in our Nursery for September 2021 for children who were born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018. We also have a few remaining afternoon spaces to start immediately for children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017

Please contact the school office via [parents@loatlandsprimary.net](mailto:parents@loatlandsprimary.net) for more details and to register your child.

### **Prospective Tours**

Due to the current restrictions, we are only able to run a very limited number of tours for prospective parents this year. For this reason we respectfully request that you only attend these tours if you are new to Loatlands. These tours will be limited to 5 people per tour and we ask that only one person per family attends as numbers are very limited (please no children). We also ask that you wear a mask for the length of tour (approximately 15 minutes) and you will be asked to provide contact details in order to comply with test and trace guidelines.

Under normal circumstances, we encourage parents to visit us during the school day to see the school in action and to meet some of our wonderful children. Unfortunately this year, in order to keep our staff and children safe, these tours must take place outside of normal school hours.

Tours will take place on Monday 2nd November, Tuesday 3rd November, Wednesday 4th November, Thursday 5th November and Friday 6th November. Further tours will then take place on Monday 7th December, Tuesday 8th December, Wednesday 9th December, Thursday 10th December and Friday 11th December.

All tours will take place at 4:30pm and must be pre-booked with our office on 01536 506404 or via [parents@loatlandsprimary.net](mailto:parents@loatlandsprimary.net)

# Nursery News

Playing alone is great but playing with a friend is lots of fun! We love to see our children working together, looking after their friends and enjoying each other's company.



## Attendance Award

w/e 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Well done to

**Milne Class**

class for

achieving 100% attendance



## Guitar Lessons Are Taking Place In Your School.



Small Group Lessons  
£5.50 per week (whole half term to be paid upfront)  
Learn Pop songs  
Learn Graded Material to sit exams  
Fun environment to learn an instrument  
DBS and Safeguarding trained Teacher  
15 +Years experience teaching

"Excellent teacher! Very patient with the kids. My daughter says that he always makes it simple to start. Would definitely recommend."  
- Gemma Elton

"My son has guitar lessons with Brad and I have to say he is a fabulous teacher, so patient and fun, his experience and knowledge of the guitar really comes through in lessons and Brad has an amazing ability to explain things. I would highly recommend Brad to anyone looking for guitar lessons!"  
- Elizabeth Bowdler

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APPLY FOR A  
SCHOOL PLACE

Does your child turn  
4 on or before  
31 August 2021?



**Deadline: 5pm Friday  
15th January 2021**

It's time to apply for a  
Reception place



Children First  
Northamptonshire

[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions)

Northamptonshire  
County Council



### Term Dates 2020-2021

#### **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

### Term Dates 2021-2022

#### **Term 1**

Training Day	Wednesday 1 September 2021
Term starts	Thursday 2 September
Term ends	Friday 15 October

#### **Term 2**

Training Day	Monday 1 November
Term starts	Tuesday 2 November
Term ends	Wednesday 22 December

#### **Term 3**

Training Day	Tuesday 4 January 2022
Term starts	Wednesday 5 January
Term ends	Friday 11 February

#### **Term 4**

Term starts	Monday 21 February
Term ends	Friday 1 April
Training Day	Monday 4 April

#### **Term 5**

Term starts	Tuesday 19 April
Term ends	Friday 27 May

#### **Term 6**

Term starts	Monday 6 June
Term ends	Friday 22 July
Training Day	Monday 25 July

## Keep Discovering Kettering Park Bingo

Visit various parks and open spaces across Kettering Borough with your passport and fill it in by colouring over the stencils you find on wooden posts dotted around the parks. Each park has a different character to find – some have more than one!

Submit your completed passport for a chance to win 1 of 50 Keep Healthy Kettering goody bags! Email [Luke.Waterfield@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:Luke.Waterfield@groundwork.org.uk) for full details.



To find out where you can collect your passport from or to download one, please visit [www.thisiskettering.com/keephealthy](http://www.thisiskettering.com/keephealthy)