

# Loatlands Edition

## Respect, Resilience and Curiosity

Issue 7 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

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### Dates for your Diary

#### **November**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	First day of term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Flu immunisations
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Individual School Photos
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Lewis Class Birthday Party
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Rosen and Donaldson Classes 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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### Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents that joined us in our first virtual Parents Evening. We hope that everyone was able to have the opportunity to speak with their child's Class Teacher.

### Forest School – Year 1 and Year 3 Rowling

After the October Half term break **Year 3 Rowling class** will be accessing the Forest School provision. They will be having their sessions every Wednesday afternoon starting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November and the last session will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please send your child's forest school kit in a named carrier bag every Wednesday.

**Year 1** children will continue Forest School sessions every fortnight on a Friday afternoon in their current groups. **Please ensure your child brings their kit into school for their session.**

### Secondary School Applications

Parents of children in Year 6 need to consider their application for secondary school. The easiest way to apply is online at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions) The deadline for applying for a secondary school place is 5pm **on Saturday 31st October 2020**



### Individual School Photographs

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, the children will be having their individual school and Nursery photographs. Unfortunately we are not able to take siblings photos this year.

### School Dinners

The menu is now available to book, please log on to SchoolMoney to book your child's school dinners for next term. Thank you

### Data Collection and Permissions Forms

We still have several outstanding Data Collection forms or Permissions forms. It is very important we have up to date details for you and your child and need your permission to allow them to take part in all future activities such as forest school.



### Harvest Donations

Thank you to all the families that were able to make a donation as part of our harvest celebrations this year. We will deliver these to a local food bank over half term.



### Drop off/ Collection

A reminder to ensure that social distancing rules are adhered to at all times and to please keep your children with you at all times during drop off and collection times. Please do not allow children to play by parked staff cars to avoid damaging any vehicles.

Children up to Year 4 should be brought to school and handed over to the teacher. They need to be supervised in the playground while waiting to come in to school. If children are left unsupervised parents will be contacted by one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads to discuss the safety of their children. The only children that should/ can be unaccompanied are in those in Year 5 and 6 with permission to walk on their own.

### Pacesetters Gymnastics

Pacesetters Gymnastics will be starting back after the half term break. This will be offered to

- Year 2 at 8am on Wednesday mornings
- Year 5 at 8am on Thursday mornings

To ensure we continue to be COVID safe, this will be offered to one year group at a time. Throughout the year all year groups will have the opportunity to access this club. If you are in receipt of pupil premium please contact the school office.

### *Year 5 Pullman!*

*Well done for all of your hard work this term! You have really impressed Mrs Sutherland and I, with your amazing ideas and writing within English. You really are super stars, keep up the hard work.*

*Miss Toye ☺*



### **Gates/Fence improvements**

Work will start soon on replacing the front hedging and gates with secure fencing and electronic gates, which will mean that the site will be more secure. The majority of this work will take place during half term but there is a possibility that there may be some overlap with school term time at end of the holiday. To keep everyone safe work will not take place at drop off and collection times.

### **Parent Courses**

Family Learning are currently running all of their parenting courses e.g. 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>

### **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)



**Attendance Award**  
w/e 16<sup>th</sup> October  
Well done to  
**Rosen and Wilson**  
classes for  
achieving 99% attendance





# Nursery News

We found a large spider in Nursery which led to lots of discussion about webs.

The children had a go at weaving their own, we think they are beautiful!

Have a wonderful half term break

The Nursery Team



Is your child currently in Year 6?



Apply  
for Year 7 in  
Secondary school

Deadline:  
5pm Saturday  
31st October 2020

Children First  
Northamptonshire

To make your application and find helpful tips and information visit:  
[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





National  
Online  
Safety

# 7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE, BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.



Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



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PLAY AGAIN?  
YES NO



How does this game/app work?  
Can I play?

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.



Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD. FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



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Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.



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Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.

