

Loatlands Edition

Respect, Resilience and Curiosity

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Dates for your Diary

November

Monday 9 th	TTRS Rock out 2020 Week
Monday 16 th	Anti-Bullying week / Odd Socks Day
Friday 27 th	Lewis Class Birthday Party
Friday 27 th	Rosen and Donaldson Classes Birthday Party
Monday 30 th	Year 6 Bikeability week

December

Wednesday 9 th	Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 14 th	Pic and Mix Homework due in
Friday 18 th	Last day of term

Times Table Rockstars

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, this November we are taking part in a competition for Maths Week England. It is called Rock Out 2020 and it is all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.



All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9th to Saturday 14th November.

Good Luck!

Flu Immunisation

The School Aged Immunisation Service visited our school on Monday to offer the nasal flu vaccination. If your child is in Reception to Year 6 and missed this opportunity to be vaccinated and you would like your child to receive the vaccine please contact us to book an appointment at one of our community catch up clinics.

If your child is in a clinical risk group or shielded group you can also access the vaccine via your GP surgery.

To book an appointment please contact our 0-19 Admin hub on **0800 170 7055 (option 4)**.

Please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/> for further advice about the vaccination programme and details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate

Community Library Sheds

Following the success of the mini lending library that we opened during the first lockdown, we have now purchased two small sheds, which we have turned into community lending libraries for children. These will further supplement our own school library collection and will hopefully encourage children to read widely for pleasure.

The shed near the Community entrance has a small collection of books suitable for Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2). The shed near the Key Stage 2 entrance has books suitable for Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). The Rothwell Citizen's Welfare Committee has kindly donated some activity and curriculum support books which will also be stored in the shed.

Please feel free to browse the collections before and after school. We ask that children choose one book at a time please so there is enough for everyone. If children choose one of the donated activity books, these do not need to be returned and can be kept at home.

Any returned books need to be placed in the plastic box stored behind the bottom door of each shed so that they can be quarantined before being added back to the collection. If you have any children's books that you no longer have use for, please put them in the returns box. We will be grateful for any donations.

We would respectfully ask that you continue to observe social distancing with one family group at a time browsing the community library sheds.

Virtual Voucher

If your child is entitled to a virtual voucher, unspent money from last year will be rolled over for you to use this year. You will still get the full amount for this year too (£100 for children in KS1 and £200 for children in KS2). If you are unsure how much money is still available on your virtual voucher from last year and would like to check, please contact the office and they will be happy to tell you. Orange voucher cards will not be issued this year, please advise the school office if you wish to use your voucher for school uniform, residentials, sporting clubs or music lessons.

Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences

The current situation has been reviewed and the local authority will again be using the Penalty Notice system as part of their range of sanctions in dealing with attendance issues.

Whilst they continue to recognise the anxiety that remains for some parents, the national guidance is clear that all children should be attending school except in a few specific circumstances.

Christmas Dinner Day

This year our Christmas dinner day will be on Wednesday 9th December, please log on to SchoolMoney to place an order. This will be the only option available to order on this day.



Cold Weather

Classroom windows and doors will be kept open throughout the winter term in order to ventilate classrooms and reduce the risk of covid transmission. Please can you ensure your child wears extra layers to keep warm if needed (a vest, T- shirt or an extra jumper), as we are unable to close them.

Collection arrangements

If someone, who is not on your child's collection list, is collecting please can we ask that you inform the school office before 2.30pm to allow messages to be sent to the classroom. Thank you

Microsoft Teams / Home Learning agreements

Please can we ask that the home learning agreements are signed by parents and children and returned by Friday 13th November.

Distribution of Free School Meal Vouchers for October Half-term

As you may be aware, following central Government's decision to not provide Free School Meals for the October half-term period, Northamptonshire County Council decided to distribute vouchers in their place, in an effort to help support our most vulnerable families. Each eligible child was to receive a voucher to the value of £15, that could be used at a number of supermarkets.

The Local Authority are pleased to confirm that the majority of children and young people eligible for FSM in the county are now in receipt of a £15 voucher.

However, vouchers were distributed using contact details for parents that were provided at the time the initial application for FSM was made. In some instances, NCC do not hold contact details for individual children and young people or the contact details were out of date. As such, not all children and young people who are eligible for FSM will have received a voucher.

If you are yet to be contacted and are eligible for FSM please use the link supplied below to ensure you receive yours.

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals-vouchers.aspx>

If you think you may be eligible for FSM but are not currently in receipt of them, please use the eligibility checker below

[https://northamptonshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply for free school meals#_ga=2.38905056.254709522.1547124744-1091775545.1494319870](https://northamptonshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply%20for%20free%20school%20meals#_ga=2.38905056.254709522.1547124744-1091775545.1494319870)

Please note, any applications will be processed by Northampton County Councils and any queries regarding an application should be emailed to

freeschoolmeals@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk

Year 6 House Captains

We are pleased to announce the Year 6 House Captains and Vice Captains. A big well done to all the children who took part and provided a video of their speech, you all did a fantastic job. Congratulations to the following:

House	Captains	Vice Captains
Earth	Lily Freddie	Archie Imogen
Saturn	Holly Braeden	Violet Oliver H
Jupiter	Takunda Ava	Myles Julia
Mars	Emily Rossi	Laila Harry D

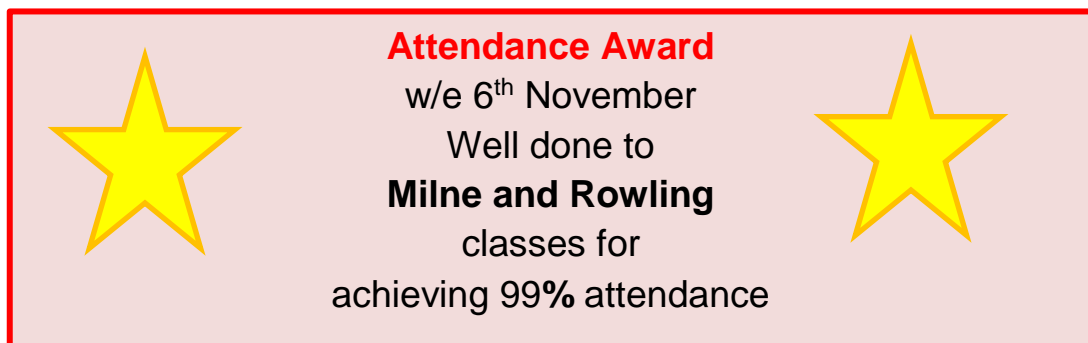
Anti Bullying Week - Monday 16th November



What is Odd Socks day?

Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school or workplace, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week each year to help raise awareness of bullying.



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



PRESENTS

MATHS WEEK England

9TH-14TH NOVEMBER

ROCK OUT 2020

PRIZES TO BE WON

- ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE
- PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE
- WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL
- ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS OR VISIT:
[TTROCKSTARS.COM/PAGE/MATHSWEEEKENGLAND2020](https://www.ttrockstars.com/page/mathsweekengland2020)



Tik Tok

TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips - typically about 15 seconds long. Videos can be 'spiced up' with special effect filters, stickers, music and sound clips. Currently one of the world's most popular apps, TikTok was formerly known as Musical.ly, before it was rebranded by the Chinese company that acquired it in November 2017. If your child had previously had a Musical.ly account, all of their videos and personal settings will have automatically been moved to TikTok.

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

What parents need to know about TikTok

BEING INFLUENCED

More than one third of children aged 8-17 consider 'social media stars' to be among their top role models. There are millions of creators on TikTok, showcasing their 'talents, moments and knowledge', from singing to dancing to stunts and comedy skits, which receive thousands of likes and comments from around the world, quickly turning people into 'stars'. There is the danger that children may develop unrealistic expectations of how they should look and behave on the app in order to become the next 'star'. They may have feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem or become swayed by certain opinions.

INAPPROPRIATE SONG LYRICS

TikTok lets users lip-sync to their favourite songs and produce their own music videos. Some of the music choices contain swear words or sexual themes. So not only can children be exposed to potentially inappropriate content but they can broadcast themselves miming or singing these lyrics.

CONCERNING CONTENT

Some of the outfits and dance moves in videos can be overtly sexual and provocative. There have also been reports of some users sharing concerning content, such as videos that promote anorexia, porn, self-harm and violence.

DANGEROUS TRENDS & CHALLENGES

On TikTok, there are always 'trending challenges' and hashtags that users can copy or build upon, and sometimes, these challenges can pose risks to young people.

STRANGERS CAN FOLLOW YOUR CHILDREN

If your child's profile is open, strangers can use the app to comment on your child's videos. While this isn't always sinister, it gives potential predators the ability to contact your child through the platform.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Of course, as with many apps, there's a paid element to TikTok. Users can buy virtual coins to be exchanged for virtual gifts - for example, if they like a specific video, your child can use coins to purchase emojis to show approval. These can be expensive and easily purchased - there is the option to buy 10,000 coins for £97.99 with a one-click buy button.

ANYONE CAN SEE YOUR CHILD'S CREATIONS

TikTok encourages users to 'share their passion and creative expression through their videos' and while something may seem fun at the time, videos can get in the wrong hands and cause embarrassment in the future. If posted publicly, anyone in the world can see your child's homemade music video and potentially cause bullying within personal friendship groups or even online.



National
Online
Safety

Top Tips for Parents

TALK ABOUT THE PITFALLS OF OVERSHARING

Encourage your kids to always think before they do, say, like or post anything online, explaining that their 'digital footprint' can shape their online reputation and the way that other people see them. Something they may find funny and entertaining now may impact them in the future. Talk about how to deal with peer pressure and how doing something they think will impress others could affect them.

HANDLING CRITICISM

While it's fantastic to see your child being creative and expressive and bonding with people with similar interests, they need to be aware that not everyone will be supportive online. Comments can be negative or even cruel. Make sure they know how to comment respectfully and handle negative feedback. In the app's Privacy and Safety settings, your child can decide who can react to their videos, who can comment, and who can send them private chat messages. We suggest using these settings so only their friends can interact with their posts.

SIGNING UP WITH THE CORRECT AGE

When signing up to TikTok, you are prompted to input your birth date. If your child inputs their age as 'under 13', the app will not allow them to sign up and will be locked for 24 hours. The app is intended for users aged 13+, so explain that the rating is there for a reason: to keep them protected from online dangers. It is actually possible to watch TikTok videos without even creating an account, so it's important to check if your underage child has downloaded the app to their devices.

USE THE 'DIGITAL WELLBEING' SETTING

If you're concerned about the amount of time your child is spending on TikTok, in the app's settings, you can switch on a feature called Digital Wellbeing. This includes 'Screen Management' to limit the amount of time your child spends on the app.

SET THE ACCOUNT TO PRIVATE

This means that only people who you and your child approve of can see their creations. To make an account private, tap the three dots at the top right of the screen to access settings. Click 'Privacy and Safety'. Scroll down until you find 'Private Account' and turn this setting on.

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you or your child see something on TikTok that appears to be inappropriate, they can report content in different ways within the app. They can report an account, video, comment or chat conversation by simply tapping 'Report'. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there is also an 'Enhanced Restricted Mode' which limits the appearance of videos that may not be appropriate for all audiences.

AVOID IDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS

To ensure that there's no way of anyone tracking your child's location or identity, make it clear to them that they should never film a video in their school uniform or near a landmark that gives away where they live.

DISCUSS IN-APP PURCHASES

To lower the risk of your child making accidental in-app purchases, teach them exactly what in-app purchases are and the risks of making them without permission. Tell them that they are not essential to enjoy the app and that if they want to make a purchase, they should always ask you beforehand. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there is the option to disable the function of purchasing coins and sending gifts.

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