

Loatlands Edition

Respect, Resilience and Curiosity

Issue 14 – Thursday 17th December

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Loatlands
Primary School



Dates for your Diary

January

Monday 4th Term starts

Thursday 14th Wilson Class birthday party (changed from 17th Dec)

February

Friday 12th Last day of term

I would like to thank all of you for your understanding and support throughout this year, I know that this is an incredibly worrying time for everyone. The staff at Loatlands have worked incredibly hard to provide a safe learning environment and to ensure the wellbeing of all of the children. The children have shown great resilience and I am very proud of how well they have coped with all of the changes we have made.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 4th January.

Wishing you all a safe Christmas period.

Mrs Buckley



A message from the Chair of Governors

As this extraordinary year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to send my best wishes to all members of the Loatlands Primary community.

I cannot praise highly enough the hard work and effort that has been put in by Mrs Buckley and all the staff to ensure that the pupils have been able to learn in a safe, secure environment. I know all Governors would join me in thanking them for the extra workload they have had to take on in these difficult times.

I would also like to thank all Parents and Carers for your understanding, both through periods of Lockdown, self isolation and when the children were able to attend school again. Getting used to home schooling and the new procedures for their return must have added so much stress to your busy lives.

A big thank you must go to the children who have had to accommodate so many changes in such a short time. I understand that it has been difficult for them but have been impressed by the updates I have received that they are trying hard to apply our values of respect, resilience and curiosity. I am also pleased to hear there are still lots of smiles!! Well done!!

There are lots of words associated with this time of year but one that seems particularly appropriate at this time is HOPE! Even though this Christmas will be more muted than in the past the news of the vaccine to fight this virus gives us a positive note with which to look forward to a return to normal or to a new normal which is even better!

I wish you the best Christmas possible and a New Year filled with joy!

Malcolm Toovey



Reporting System

Although school will be closed for the holidays it is still important that you notify us of any positive COVID cases in your child/ren so we can still support the contact tracing process required by NHS test and trace. Please notify us using the following email address parents@loatlandsprimary.net

Informing us of Positive Cases during the Break

The procedure to follow from Friday 18th December:

- If your child:



In the event of a class bubble needing to isolate following the closure of school for the Christmas break parents will be notified by text message detailing the length of any isolation period.

Normal reporting of absence will resume via telephoning the school when we re-open on Monday 4th January.

A Christmas Blessing from St Giles!

It's been a really tough year and here at St Giles we'd like to bring a bit of festive cheer – as far as we're able to within Covid restrictions! So we'd like to bless you with a free festive packed lunch to take away as we wish you a happy Christmas. This will be on Tuesday 22nd December between 12-2pm. Come and collect from the Community Centre between those times! Open to all!

Forest School Spring Term –

Dahl and Milne Classes

Year 2 Dahl Class will be having their sessions every Tuesday morning starting on Tuesday 5th January and the last session will be on Tuesday 9th February. Please send your child wearing their forest school kit and send their school uniform in a named carrier bag to change into

Year 2 Milne Class will be having their sessions every Wednesday morning starting on Wednesday 6th January and the last session will be on Wednesday 10th February. Please send your child wearing their forest school kit and send their school uniform in a named carrier bag to change into.



Class Performances

Some classes have performed a short Christmas video to send to parents. Due to some technical difficulties, we have been unable to share this with you. Mrs Buckley will continue to work on this to resolve the issues to hopefully send this to out to parents over the next few days. Thank you

School Tours for Perspective parents

Our Loatlands Tour video is now available to view on the school website.

If you would like to book a tour of the school these will be available on weekdays at 4pm or 4.30pm from Monday 4th January until Thursday 14th January for one person to attend. Please contact the school office on 01536 506404 to check availability and book a day/time.



Year 2

This week, Year 2 have had fun making their own Guy Fawkes.

Nursery News

We had a fantastic time at our Christmas party on Wednesday. We danced, played lots of party games, enjoyed some lovely food and even had a visit from Father Christmas. We finished the session off by watching The Snowman, it was magical!

Wishing all of our families a very happy Christmas. We will see you all on January 4th.

The Nursery Team



Attendance Award

w/e 17th December

Well done to

Cowell

class for

achieving 99% attendance



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all
parents, carers and children a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year

from all the staff at Loatlands

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	Thursday 17 December
Training Day	Friday 18 December

Term 3

Term starts	Monday 4 January 2021
Term ends	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