

# Loatlands News

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Welcome to the first issue of Loatlands News for the new academic year 2017-18. The children have made a fantastic start to the new year and have settled in to their new classes extremely well.

## **Staffing**

We are pleased to welcome our new members of staff - Mrs Cumberpatch (Nursery), Mrs Roper (Assistant Headteacher), Mrs Neill (HLTA), Mrs Reith (Y4 teacher), Mrs Dearing (Y3 teacher) and Mrs Small (Y2 teacher) and look forward to working with them this year.

## **PALS Summer Fete**

Please come along and support the Summer Fete on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September between 2-4pm. Entertainment includes a bouncy castle, fire engine, West Lodge petting corner, sweet tombola plus many more stalls. Entry is 50p per family.



## **Uniform**

Please can we ask all parents to ensure all items of uniform (including ties, caps, water bottles, coats and swimming kit) are labelled with the child's name to make it easier to return uniform to the correct children. All children in Years 5 and 6 should now be wearing a v-neck jumper, shirt and tie.

## **Key Stage 2 Break Time Snacks**

As a healthy eating school, all break time snacks for KS2 should be a healthy snack i.e. fruit, dried fruit, cheese, carrot/cucumber sticks, tomatoes, etc. No sweets, cakes/cake bars, biscuits, cereal bars or crisps are allowed. We will also not be accepting 'Fruit Winders' or other processed fruit products as these are very high in sugar.

## **Meet the Teacher Event – Years 1-6**

All parents of children in Years 1 to 6 are invited to come into school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September between 3.15pm and 3.30pm to see their child's new classroom and meet the teacher.

## **Year 4 and Year 6 Swimming Lessons**

From September until Christmas, every child in Years 4 and 6 will take part in weekly swimming lessons as part of the National Curriculum. These will take place every Monday morning starting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Your child will need to bring their swimming kit with them every Monday, which should include:



*Swimming costume for girls (no bikinis)*

*Swimming trunks for boys (no board shorts)*

*Towel*

*Swimming hat (these can be purchased from the school office for £1)*

*Waterproof swimming bag*

Please ensure all items of swimming kit are named. Swimming goggles are not allowed unless there is a parental note giving permission. However, please be advised that there will be times when all children will need to remove goggles for safety reasons for certain swimming tasks. We ask for a voluntary contribution of

£2 per week to help with transport costs. This can either be paid through the school office or via your child's scopay account online.

### **Fruit Frenzy**

Fruit frenzy will commence on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September for Key Stage 2 children. A wide variety of fruit can be purchased for 25p per portion at break time. Please send the money in a named envelope/purse/wallet.

### **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 not allowed to wear any jewellery except a watch and one pair of stud earrings. Earrings must be removed by the child for PE and swimming. If your child is unable to remove earrings themselves, they should be removed before they come to school.

### **Reception Tour Dates**

We have a number of dates arranged for prospective parents to view our school. These are: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2.30pm, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 7pm, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 11am, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 11am. Please call the school on 01536 506404 to book a place.

### **Nursery Registrations**

We still have spaces available in our nursery for September 2017 for children who were born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014. Please bring your child's birth certificate to the main school office to register.

### **PALS (Parents Association)**

Please can all existing PALS members come to the Studio on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 3.15pm so that their contact details can be updated. If anyone wishes to join the PALS team, please also come along so that we can take your contact details.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

##### **September**

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fete 2-4pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Years 4 & 6 Swimming Lessons start
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher Event
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hotshots Basketball Club restarts 8am

##### **October**

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents Open Afternoon 2.15pm
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**Please note these dates may be subject to change.**

#### **ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18**

##### **Term 1**

Training Days	Monday and Tuesday	4 & 5 September 2017
Term starts	Wednesday	6 September
Term ends	Thursday	19 October
Training Day	Friday	20 October

##### **Term 2**

Term starts	Monday	30 October
Term ends	Thursday	21 December

##### **Term 3**

Training Day	Wednesday	3 January 2018
Term starts	Thursday	4 January
Term ends	Friday	9 February

##### **Term 4**

Term starts	Monday	19 February
Term ends	Thursday	29 March

##### **Term 5**

Term starts	Monday	16 April
Term ends	Thursday	24 May
Training Day	Friday	25 May

##### **Term 6**

Term starts	Monday	4 June
Term ends	Friday	20 July