

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 9th 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 11th 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 11th 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 scopy account online.

Fruit Frenzy

Fruit frenzy will commence on Wednesday 13th 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 2nd October 2.30pm, Wednesday 11th October 7pm, Friday 13th October 11am, Tuesday 7th November 2.30pm, Thursday 19^h 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 1st September 2013 and 31st 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 13th 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 9th Summer Fete 2-4pm
Monday 11th Years 4 & 6 Swimming Lessons start
Monday 11th Meet the Teacher Event
Monday 18th Hotshots Basketball Club restarts 8am

October

Friday 13th Grandparents Open Afternoon 2.15pm

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