

Loatlands Edition

Respect, Resilience and Curiosity

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Dates for your Diary

Please follow the link below for the yearly planner, please check for updates.

<https://loatlandsprimary.net/news-dates/letters-home>

This week, as well as welcoming all our wonderful children and staff back to school, we also welcomed Mrs Willis our new Headteacher and Miss Sannerude (Office Administrator).

We very much look forward to working with them both.



A huge thank you to you all for making me feel so welcome. It has been a busy week getting used to lots of new systems and processes. I have managed to visit all the classrooms and it is great to be stopped by the children throughout the day to tell me about their learning. I am hoping over the next few weeks I will be able to spend longer periods in class and I also have my wellies at the ready for forest school. I look forward to being on the gate next week, please do pop over and introduce yourself. Have a great weekend and let's hope the sun continues to shine

Mrs Willis 😊



To celebrate the Coronation of Kind Charles 3rd we will be having a picnic in school on Friday 5th May for all the children to attend. A special Coronation picnic menu has been put together (by our catering providers ABM) for the day and can be ordered through your child's school money account in the normal way. See attached poster. Please note, there will be no hot dinners available on this day.

Children are invited to wear red, white and blue for the occasion.

Desborough Carnival



We are pleased to announce the 2023 Carnival Court has been chosen in assembly by an electronic draw.

Congratulations to:

Carnival Queen – Eleanor Ba (Y6)

Attendants – Evie (Y4) and Nela (Y3)

Page Boy – Finley (Y1)

More information about our exciting Carnival Crowning Ceremony to follow shortly.....

Timetable Rockstars

The results for this week's battle of highest scoring class are:

1st place – Cowell, 3784

2nd place – Tolkien 2,278

3rd place – Lewis 1,893

Largest improvement in accuracy in 7 days

1st place Ethan Y3 Rowling

2nd place Archie Y3 Rowling

3rd place Sienna Y3 Rowling



Next week's challenge.....Year 4 V's the rest of the school!!

Well done to everyone who took part ☺

Reminders

KS1 Cross Country Event – Monday 24th April

Named children only (letter sent home) Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit.

Mental Health Support

This year we have been working with the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) to obtain support for individual children and families. They are currently completing an audit of provision at Loatlands of parents and staff. We are looking for parents who are keen to be a part of this and share their views. You don't have to have had any involvement with MHST this year, purely have an interest in the mental health and the wellbeing ethos of our school. It would involve a short online session with the MHST lead practitioners of about 30-45 minutes where you would be given the opportunity to answer questions related to mental health and wellbeing. If you feel you would like to be part of this, please email parents@loatlands.pfschools.org.uk.



Mrs Robinson

Safeguarding Spotlight – WhatsApp

WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages, as well as make voice and video calls. You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute.

All you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number!

Click on the link for more information around the safety of WhatsApp

[Is WhatsApp safe for my child? | NSPCC](#)

Please also refer to the poster below for more information.

School Lunches

There are many benefits of Healthy Eating for Children

- Keeps skin, teeth, and eyes healthy.
- Supports muscles.
- Helps achieve and maintain a healthy weight.
- Strengthens bones.
- Supports brain development.
- Supports healthy growth.
- Boosts immunity.
- Helps the digestive system function

As a school we encourage healthy eating for all our children, below are some great ideas for healthy and nutritious snacks and lunches.

All Children should bring in a bottle of water for drinking throughout the day. Water sources are available to ensure children stay hydrated.

Please remember we are a nut free school ☺





WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an Internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient in one-to-one chats, or all members if it is a group chat. Not even WhatsApp can read them.



AGE RESTRICTION
16+



What parents need to know about



WhatsApp



AGE LIMIT CHANGE

Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp has not yet stated whether it will take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already hold accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as closing their account or seeking parental permission.

SCAM MESSAGES

Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive spam messages from unauthorised third parties or from fraudsters pretending to offer prizes to 'lucky people', encouraging recipients to click on a link to win a prize. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp subscription has run out with the hope that people are duped into providing their payment details. Other scam messages include instructions to forward the message in return for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or another person.

FAKE NEWS AND HOAXES

WhatsApp has been linked to enabling the spread of dangerous viral rumours. In India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

THE 'ONLY ADMIN' FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the receiver. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. Whilst this can be good for one-way announcements, the group admin has the power to block somebody from responding to an offensive message in a chat, which could result in a child being upset and unable to reply.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

To start a chat in WhatsApp, you need to know the mobile number of the contact you want to speak to and they also need to have the app downloaded. WhatsApp can find contacts by accessing the address book of a device and recognising which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with some-body they don't know, they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

LIVE LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp's 'Live Location' feature enables users to share their current location in real time to their contacts in a chat, allowing friends to show their movements. The feature, which can be found by pressing the 'attach' button, is described by WhatsApp as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." Location-sharing is already a common feature on other social apps, including Snapchat's Snap Map and Facebook Messenger and can be a useful way for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. However, if your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.



National
Online
Safety

Top Tips for Parents



CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though somebody would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra security measure we suggest altering their profile settings to control who can see their profile photo and status. The options to choose from are 'Everyone', 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody'. We suggest selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure their profile is protected.

EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE

If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or attachments from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. Blocking someone will not remove this contact from the contact list - they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the person's chat stream and tap on the settings.

REPORT SCAM MESSAGES

Advise your child not to tap, share or forward any message that looks suspicious or sounds too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report the number as spam directly inside the chat. They can also report a contact or a group as spam using the following steps: 1) Open the chat. 2) Tap on the contact or group name to open their profile information. 3) Scroll to the bottom and tap 'Report Spam.'

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group they don't want to be part of, use the group's settings to show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once. If they leave again, they cannot be added again.

USING LIVE LOCATION SAFELY

If your child needs to use the 'Live Location' feature to share with you or a friend, advise them to only share it for the amount of time they need to. WhatsApp gives the options of either 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can choose to stop sharing at any time.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child has sent a message to the wrong chat or if a message they sent has contained a mistake, they can delete it. To do this, simply tap and hold on the message, choose 'Delete' and then 'Delete for everyone'. The app allows seven minutes to delete the message after it has been sent, but it is important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

SET TIME LIMITS

A 2017 study found that by the age of 14 the average child will have sent more than 35,000 texts, 30,000 WhatsApp messages and racked up more than three solid weeks of video chat. Although it is inevitable that your child will use technology, you can still set boundaries. This is not easy, especially since teens use their devices for both schoolwork and free time, often simultaneously.

SOURCES: <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/apr/26/whatsapp-plans-to-ban-under-16s-the-mystery-is-how>; <https://whatsappbrand.com/>; <https://www.independent.co.uk/2018-style/gadgets-and-tech/news/whatsapp-update-latest-india-hoaxes-forward-messages-app-download-84540011.html>



JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER

or simply come and watch – it's up to you!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS

Every Sunday morning

EVERYONE WELCOME

Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - it's up to you!

HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE

Share high fives and big smiles!

LEARN NEW SKILLS

Kids can volunteer in lots of roles

FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS

Adults can join in with the kids too!

FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART

No special kit needed - wear whatever you like

MAKE FRIENDS

Meet lots of new people

FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD

Try your best and celebrate your achievements

*"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice,
it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"*



Register at **parkrun.com**
and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

notes:

Desborough Green Space Junior parkrun,
9am @ Desborough Leisure Centre, Ironwood Avenue, NN14 2JJ

REVISED Pathfinder Schools - 2022-23 academic year Term Dates

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	School days
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Total Days	
Pupils	189
Teachers	194

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