

# Loatlands News

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**Loatlands**  
Primary School



## Dates for your Diary

### November

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Year 5 National Space Centre Trip  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Festival walk  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Mufti Day (Bottle donations)

### December

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 6 Bikeability  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 6 Bikeability  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Bazaar 2pm-4pm  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Bikeability  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Bikeability  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Futsal Tournament (Named Children)  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Full Governing Board Meeting  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Phase 1 Play 10am  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner Day  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Phase 1 Play 10am  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Phase 1 Play 2pm (Family Friendly)  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Phase 3 Carol Concert 2.30pm  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Botanic Gardens Trip  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Phase 2 Carol Concert 2.30pm  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term

### January

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> School Re-opens  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Rowling, Cowell and Wilson Swimming Commences  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Life Education Bus Visit  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Ancient Greece day in the studio  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATS Information Evening

### February

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> School Disco  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Training day

### March

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

**Please note these dates may be subject to change.**



## Emails

We are aware some parents are having issues receiving emails from the school, we have been advised by our email provider that Hotmail, Outlook and Live have updated their security and filter settings and as we now send a large number of emails we unfortunately have become classed as spam. They are in the process of changing the filters to remove us from spam. Please add the following email address to your contacts and safe senders list to allow emails to go into your inbox as normal.

[donotreply@teachers2parents.co.uk](mailto:donotreply@teachers2parents.co.uk)

A text was sent out on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November containing this email address, please could we ask if this information can be shared with parents who are having issues. Thank you

### **Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

We are pleased to confirm our Christmas Dinner day will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Due to large numbers of children having lunch on this day, only this meal will be available. **If you have already booked a Sandwich or Jacket Potato for this day please log onto SchoolMoney and change this to the Christmas dinner option or cancel the meal and provide a pack up from home.**

Children will be allowed to wear a christmas jumper or hat on this day, but the rest of their clothes must be school uniform.

**Last order date is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, unfortunately no orders will be accepted after this date.**



### **Christmas Bazaar**

We are holding our Christmas Bazaar on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 2pm until 4pm in the hall. Parents/Carers are invited to join us and will be able to collect children from 2pm (further details of where to collect to follow). We have many stalls for you to visit and your child will be able to visit Father Christmas and receive a small gift for £2.50. Payment can be made via your child's SchoolMoney account.

### **Christmas Bazaar Mufti Day**

The children are invited to come to school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November dressed in Mufti in exchange for a bottle donation. Any bottle such as squash, shampoo, tomato ketchup etc. These will be used in our Bottle Tombola

### **Decorate a Jar Competition**

The whole school are invited to decorate a jar – Any shape, any size and fill with any contents such as sweets, bath salts or stationery.

Use your imagination when it comes to decorating. It can be any theme; it does not have to be Christmas related.

There are prizes for the best decorated jar for each Phase. Entries need to be in school by Monday 2nd December, please put your name and class on the bottom of the jar

All jars will be raffled off at the Christmas Bazaar on Tuesday 3rd December

## **Loatlands Christmas Bazaar**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2pm - 4pm

Please come and join us for our

Christmas Bazaar

We have many amazing stalls for you to visit:



Sweet Tombola  
Biscuit Decorating  
Raffles



Knock the Santa  
Find the Golden Cracker  
Bottle Tombola  
Decorated Jar Raffle



Your child will also be able to visit  
Father Christmas and receive a small gift  
- £2.50 per child

(Payment can be made via your child's SchoolMoney account)



### **'We can spell Christmas' Performances**

Reception and Year 1 are currently preparing for their performances of 'We can spell Christmas' that will be taking place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10am and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10am and 2pm. Tickets are available to purchase through your child's SchoolMoney account or via debit card at the school office. **Tickets will only be sent home once payment has been received and the reply slip returned indicating which tickets are required.**

### **Parents Evenings**

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parents Evenings on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. This is a valuable opportunity for parents and teachers to work together to help support children's learning.

### **Consultation on Admissions Arrangements**

Pathfinder Schools is consulting on the Admissions arrangements for our schools in 2021/22. Please follow the link below to view the proposed arrangements and for details on how to make any comments.

<https://www.pathfinderschools.org.uk/about-us/statutory-information>



### **Parent 'Stay and Read' Session**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Ahlberg**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Cowell**

The 'stay and read' session will begin at 9am and will finish at 9.25am. Pre-school aged children are welcome to come to the sessions during this trial period – we will have a special library area for parents who bring pre-schoolers with a range of books and toys suitable for younger children.

If you wish to attend a 'stay and read' session then you just need to enter the school via the main entrance after dropping off your child/children as usual. The class whose turn it is will then make their way to the library after the register and then collect you from the office. We hope you are able to join your child for their 'stay and read' session.

### **Illness**

A reminder that if your child is suffering with sickness or diarrhoea, they cannot return to school until 48 hours after the last bout. If your child is absent from school due to illness, please ring the school office every morning they are absent on 01536 506404, and leave a message on the absence line stating the reason they are not in school, or send a message via the Studybugs App.

### **Children in need**

Thank you to all the children and parents for supporting our mufti day for children in need last Friday. We raised an amazing **£363.37**





## TT Rockstars Maths Competition

We did amazingly well and exceeded the 100,000 point target. I am sure like me, you are absolutely blown away by the way we have all pulled together as a school to achieve this result and 223 children have been awarded a certificate for taking part.

Thank you all for supporting this, we truly are a fantastic school! Thank you.

Mrs Blakemore

44	Balliol Prima...	461,161
45	Parkhill Du...	456,439
46	Crossflatts...	455,083
47	Upton Juni...	450,162
48	Hillingdon ...	446,673
49	The St Ter...	439,910
50	Belfour Du...	435,620
712	Loatlands ...	108,002

## Adverse Weather

With the weather turning colder, please ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat with them every day, as well as gloves, hat and scarf. All children go outside during breaktimes and lunchtimes unless the weather is really bad.

We are asking parents/carers to ensure that all mobile telephone numbers are up to date with the school office, so if we do have to close the school due to health and safety concerns in relation to snow we are able to contact you as soon as possible. A decision to close the school will not be taken lightly and will depend on the conditions of the school site, staffing levels in school and access to the site from surrounding routes and roads in Desborough. Where possible, we try to make this decision in consultation with the Chair of Governors and other local Head teachers in the town.

### **Attendance Award**

w/e 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Well done to

**Austen**

class for

achieving 98% attendance

## Reminders

### Year 5 - Kingswood (Year 6 Residential)

A reminder that the a deposit of £50 is due to be paid by 1<sup>st</sup> December to secure a place on the trip

### 2019 – 2020 Term dates

#### **Term 2**

Training Day

Monday 4 November  
Tuesday 5 November  
Friday 20 December

Term starts

Term ends

#### **Term 3**

Training Day

Friday 3 January 2020  
Monday 6 January 2020  
Thursday 13 February  
Friday 14 February

Term starts

Term ends

Training Day

#### **Term 4**

Term starts

Term ends

Monday 24 February  
Friday 3 April

#### **Term 5**

Term starts

(Bank holiday

Term ends

Monday 20 April  
Friday 8 May)  
Friday 22 May

#### **Term 6**

Term starts

Term ends

Monday 1 June  
Friday 17 July

# Loatlands Legends

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 40 of our strongest runners from years 3,4,5 and 6 represented Loatlands in the Kettering schools cross country event at the Desborough Parkrun course. These runners were exceptionally well behaved, excellent fair play ambassadors and utterly fabulous competitors. As you can see our Legends came second by only 3 points, amongst the most talented runners from 14 Kettering Primary schools. The children who finished in the top 20 positions, qualified to run in a cross district race.

322	1 <sup>st</sup> Isham
325	2 <sup>nd</sup> Loatlands
356	3 <sup>rd</sup> Havelock

On Monday we had the honour of competing in that cross district cross country competition, the best runners from the Corby and Kettering schools against each other in slippery, cold, unusual terrain. The race was over 2km and the competition was tough. Even though we had 20 of our runners finish in the top 20 places; year 3 and 4 were not eligible to run because it was against the senior school runners too.

10 of our very best year 5 and 6 cross country runners had qualified for this event and so we went to show off our formidable talent! I am delighted to tell you that every runner gave their heart and soul to the event, 5 of those children once again finished in the top 20 places. With the rest not very far back at all in the placings, in races containing roughly 60 runners! The year 6 runners even had to race with year 7's for the top 20 placings.

We are waiting to find out what event they have qualified to take part in now! We have never had the opportunity to do this level of competition before.

We are so proud of our Legends. Not just these exceptional runners but all of our children who compete for us and help to run the competitions.

If your child has been inspired to run, they can take part in the weekly children's parkrun at Desborough leisure centre, every Sunday at 9:00, free of charge.

We also have an information board in school for them to update us on their sporting successes in out of school time.

Well done my Legends

Mrs Johnson



# Nursery News

Look at the fun we have been having splish, splash, splashing in puddles!



## How can you help at home?

You could go on a listening walk, either at home or on your way to nursery. Stop every now and again to see what you can hear. Can you hear an aeroplane, motorbike, telephone etc? Encouraging your child to stop and listen to sounds in the environment helps them to improve their listening and attention skills which are vital for learning language and early reading skills. Children need to be able to tune into sounds in the environment before they can begin to hear sounds in words, it's lots of fun too!

## Important Dates

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Tree Festival, please sign up to join us on the walk to the church on the nursery notice board. Morning children will be leaving nursery at 9.10am to walk down to the church. You are free to go straight home afterwards or come back to nursery for some mince pies and a Christmas sing along. Afternoon children will be leaving nursery at 1.05pm. Any latecomers can meet us at the church with their grown up.





**THEY ARE BACK.....**

# ***Adult English Classes***

So you can impress the children when you are able to know if they are completing their homework correctly!



This is also an accredited course, so you get a qualification too!!!!



**WHEN?** Tuesday 14th January 2020

1.00 p.m.—3.00 p.m.

**WHERE?** Loatlands Primary School

**HOW?** Please forward your interest to your school office and then just turn up!

*Run by the Family Learning Team. We look forward to seeing you.....*

## **ADULT MATHS GROUP**

**BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE FAMILY LEARNING TEAM**

Come and brush up on your Maths skills and learn the different ways your children are taught Maths and get a recognised Diploma too!

**WHEN?** Friday 17th January 2020

9.15am-11.15 a.m.

**WHERE?** Loatlands Primary School

**HOW?** Please forward your interest to your school office and then just turn up!

Alternatively contact Gloria Jinadu on 07496080342 or Hayley Harvey on 07527324844 for more information

