# Loatlands News

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## **Dates for your Diary**

**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 7th - 10th 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.

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Phase 3

Years 4, 5 and 6



# Christmas Dinner Day - Wednesday 11th December

☆ 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 <u>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</u>, unfortunately no orders will be accepted after this date.



# **Christmas Bazaar**

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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 from the normal collection point to go into the hall. Please advise the school office by Tuesday morning if you wish to do this. Children who are not collected early will remain in their classrooms with a member of staff doing Christmas activities until they are collected. Parents who are unable to come before 3.15pm are able to collect children in the normal way and are welcome to join the Bazaar at that time.

Children in Years 5 and 6 who would normally walk home on their own will not be released until 3.15pm unless parental permission to attend the Christmas Bazaar on their own is provided to the school office.

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. For younger siblings that do not attend the school or nursery, tickets can be purchased as a shool term on a school/pursery child's SchoolMone.

purchased as a shop item on a school/nursery child's SchoolMoney account

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* 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 ind the Golden Cracke 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 SchoolMone

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This is a new idea for our Christmas Bazaar as we have found weekends are often busy for families and we are trialling this timing to see how this works. The reasoning for the timings is to reduce waiting times for children to see Santa and ease congestion at the stalls.

We would greatly appreciate your support of the event and all monies raised from the Christmas Bazaar will be added to the generous closing donation from PALS to improve the outdoor learning environment, as we are fundraising to build an outdoor classroom.

If you have any queries please speak to the school office.

# 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.

#### **Remembrance Walk**

We attended the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>
November. We are very proud of our children for taking part in the Remembrance
⇒ service and representing the school, the local community and themselves so well; they
⇒ are a credit to the school and to you as parents. We have had many comments of how
lovely it was to see so many children at the service and how well behaved they were.



# **Punctuality**

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We have noticed a number of pupils are arriving late for school in the morning. Please note that the school gates open at 8:45am ready for children to line up and be collected by their class teacher at 8:50am. It can be extremely disruptive for the teacher and the rest of the class when a child arrives late and they are missing out on valuable learning time.

School will continue to monitor punctuality and will contact families of children who are persistently late to offer guidance and support accordingly.



# Parent 'Stay and Read' Session

Wednesday 4th December - Dahl

Thursday 5th December - Wilson

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.

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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.

Phone Home Friday

Riley F & Liam W



# **Attendance Award**

w/e 29<sup>th</sup> November Well done to

Morpurgo and Rowling

classes for achieving 97% 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 **Year 1 Botanic gardens** 

A contribution of £11.00 is due by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

# Nursery News

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The children have made some beautiful creations with our magnetic tiles this week. Playing with the tiles in this way helps the children understand the properties of shape and develops social skills as the children work together.

# How can you help at home?

You could get a toy catalogue and cut out some pictures together to write a letter to Father Christmas. You could scribe exactly what your child says and if they wish they could add their own marks. Modelling writing in this way helps your child see that writing has a purpose, experimenting with marks, scribbles, shapes is a really important stage in learning to write.

# **Important Dates**

Every Friday Sing-a-long 11.20am and 3.20pm

# December:

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**☆ ☆**  Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> School Christmas Bazaar 2-4pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Play 11am and 2.45pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Local Elections – Nursery open as usual

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party Day – slightly shorter session 9-11.30am and 1-3.30pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

#### Have a lovely weekend

## The Nursery Team









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