

Loatlands News

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Loatlands
Primary School



Dates for your Diary

December

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

January

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

February

Monday 3rd School Disco
 Friday 14th Training day

March

Friday 27th Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

Phase 1

Years R and 1

Phase 2

Years 2 and 3

Phase 3

Years 4, 5 and 6



October 2020 Half Term

During the course of last academic year we consulted with all Pathfinder Schools regarding lengthening the October half term to 2 weeks and reducing the summer holiday to compensate. This was met with overwhelming agreement, hence the dates of school holidays in the academic year 2020/21 are:

Term	Open to pupils on	Closed to pupils on
Term 1 (36 days inc. 2 training days)	Thursday 3rd September 2020	Friday 16th October 2020
Term 2 (35 days inc. 1 training day)	Monday 2nd November 2020	Friday 18th December 2020
Term 3 (30 days inc. 1 training day)	Monday 4th January 2021	Thursday 11th February 2021
Term 4 (25 days)	Monday 22nd February 2021	Friday 26th March 2021
Term 5 (34 days)	Monday 12th April 2021	Friday 28th May 2021
Term 6 (35 days inc. 1 training day)	Monday 7th June 2021	Friday 23rd July 2021

The advantages of these changes include a shorter summer holiday, therefore less educational slippage for the pupils, and a longer break during the longest school term of the year when pupils become tired and therefore learning can become less effective. The added bonus is that families have the option of going on holiday during a relatively cheaper week of the year thereby reducing the amount of requests for term time holidays. We have included the holiday dates should this be something you are considering taking advantage of.

Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 11th December

Our Christmas Dinner day will be on Wednesday 11th 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 6th December, unfortunately no orders will be accepted after this date.



Christmas Bazaar

A massive thank you to all the children and parents/carers who supported our Christmas Bazaar on Tuesday. It was a huge success and we raised over £1000 to put towards our outdoor classroom.

Thank you to all the staff for giving up their free time and the amazing effort by everyone to put this event together.

Decorate a Jar Competition

Thank you to all the children who entered our Decorate a Jar competition. We had so many wonderfully decorated jars and great themes. These were all raffled off at the Christmas Bazaar

Well done to the phase winners:



Phase 1 - Freya W



Phase 2 - Luke



Phase 3 - Evie-May

Christmas Cards

Our Christmas post boxes are now in school. If children would like to send Christmas cards to some of their friends at school, please ensure the child's name and class is written on the envelope. Can we please ask that children do not send cards to everyone in their class, only a few close friends. Post boxes will be in Reception/Year 1 area, Year 2/3 area and Y4/5/6 corridor.

Free School Meals

As many of you will be aware, the government pay a grant to schools for children in receipt of free school meals to support them in school; this fund also covers those children who have ceased to be looked after by a local authority in England and Wales because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order.

If you are the parent or carer who cares for a child in any of these cases and have not notified the school, would you please do so before 16th January so that the grant can be applied for; for further information please contact Mrs Roper or the school office.

Last week of term arrangements

For your information, please find details below of arrangements for the different year groups for the last week of term.

Phase 1 (Reception & Year 1)

- Monday 16th - Normal Day
- Tuesday 17th – Normal Day
- Wednesday 18th – Year 1 Trip to Botanic Gardens
- Thursday 19th – Normal Day
- Friday 20th – Reception and Year 1 Christmas Party. Children are welcome to come to school wearing party clothes for the day – no school uniform needed

Phase 2 (Years 2 & 3)

- Monday 16th - Year 3 Christmas Party. Children are welcome to bring party clothes to change into at school
- Tuesday 17th – Normal Day
- Wednesday 18th – Year 2 Christmas party. Children can bring in party clothes to change into at school
- Thursday 19th - Phase 2 Carol Concert at 2.30pm. Children can bring in a Christmas jumper to change into at school
- Friday 20th – Children can bring in a game to play (please do not send in games that are: electrical/battery, have small pieces that are easily lost, soft toys or are precious/expensive)

Phase 3 (Years 4-6)

- Monday 16th – Year 4 Christmas Party. Children are welcome to bring party clothes to change into at school
- Tuesday 17th - Phase 3 Carol Concert at 2.30pm - Children can bring in a Christmas jumper to change into at school
- Wednesday 18th - Normal Day
- Thursday 19th – Phase 3 Christmas film morning
- Friday 20th – Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party. Children are welcome to bring party clothes to change into at school. No toys or games are needed.

Carol Concerts

Phase 2 (Years 2 and 3) Thursday 19th December at 2.30pm

Phase 3 (Years 4, 5 and 6) Tuesday 17th December at 2.30pm

Letters and tickets will be sent home next week for the Phase 2 and 3 Carol Concerts. We are unable to allow any younger children to the carol concerts due to fire restrictions, however we are able to offer a crèche. If you would like to book a younger child into the crèches, please let the office know. Please note places in the crèche are limited.

Outside of the school gates

Polite reminder for parents/carers to please refrain from smoking by the entrance gates to the school and to ensure all litter is placed in the bin or taken home.

Year 3 Request

Year 3 are having an Ancient Greece Day on Wednesday 8th January and would appreciate any parent volunteers to help. Please let Mrs Simpson or the school office know if you are able to help. Thank you

Year 6 Bikeability

Well done to all of the Year 6 students who completed the Bikeability course this week. The instructors were very impressed with how well the children did and developed throughout the week.
We are very proud of them!



Parent 'Stay and Read' Session

Wednesday 11th December – Milne

Thursday 12th December – Pullman

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.

Attendance Award

w/e 6th December

Well done to

Dahl

class for

achieving 100% attendance



Reminders

Year 1 Botanic gardens

A contribution of £11.00 is due by Monday 9th December

Letter sent home

Year 6 - Pledge to bake Cookies

2019 – 2020 Term dates

Term 2

Training Day

Monday 4 November

Term starts

Tuesday 5 November

Term ends

Friday 20 December

Term 3

Training Day

Friday 3 January 2020

Term starts

Monday 6 January 2020

Term ends

Thursday 13 February

Training Day

Friday 14 February

Term 4

Term starts

Monday 24 February

Term ends

Friday 3 April

Term 5

Term starts

Monday 20 April

(Bank holiday)

Friday 8 May

Term ends

Friday 22 May

Term 6

Term starts

Monday 1 June

Term ends

Friday 17 July

LOOK AFTER YOURSELF



THIS CHRISTMAS



Free Christmas meals this December

Whether you fancy some company, don't have much money or just fancy something different, please feel free to come along to any one of these Christmas meals. No judgment, no hassle. A lovely atmosphere awaits you at all of the meals below:

Sat 21st/Sun 22nd Dec

Free Christmas day lunch. Open 10-2. Food served 11-1.30.

Johnny's Happy Place

Keystone, 97 Rockingham Rd, Kettering

Xmas Day

7.30-9.30am Free Xmas breakfast.

Johnny's Happy Place

11am-2pm Free Xmas lunch

The Eden Centre

Eden St, Kettering

www.johnnyshappyplace.com