

Loatlands Edition

Respect, Resilience and Curiosity

Issue 13 – Friday 11th December

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Primary School



Dates for your Diary

December

Monday 14th Pic and Mix Homework due in

Thursday 17th Last day of term

January

Monday 4th Term starts

Thursday 14th Wilson Class birthday party (changed from 17th Dec)

February

Friday 12th Last day of term



Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday, the children and staff enjoyed our Christmas dinner day. About 274 delicious Christmas meals were served, so a big THANK YOU to all the staff at ABM and school staff for their hard work

We also raised an amazing £204.50 for the Save the children Charity. Thank you

Christmas Cards

Christmas post boxes are now available for each class in school. Please can we ask that cards are only sent to other children/teachers in your child's class bubble. Last posting date will be Monday 14th December.

Forest School Spring Term –

Dahl and Milne Classes

Year 2 Dahl Class will be having their sessions every Tuesday morning starting on Tuesday 5th January and the last session will be on Tuesday 9th February. Please send your child wearing their forest school kit and send their school uniform in a named carrier bag to change into

Year 2 Milne Class will be having their sessions every Wednesday morning starting on Wednesday 6th January and the last session will be on Wednesday 10th February. Please send your child wearing their forest school kit and send their school uniform in a named carrier bag to change into.



Follow the link below to view our fantastic virtual School Tour

<https://youtu.be/Nyeusyi49po>

Congratulations

A massive well done to Emily in Year 6 for receiving a Blue Peter Badge for submitting her amazing Superheroes poem during lockdown.



SUPERHEROES

By Emily - Pullman

Superheroes are everywhere
Giving us love, attention and care
They don't wear capes, or fly in the air
In these times of trouble they are always there

Scientists work night and day
To make this virus go away
A vaccine is what they need to find
To give us all peace of mind

We clap for the NHS on a Thursday night
As they risk their lives to keep up the fight
They wear their gloves and masks
As they go about their important tasks

Shop workers open their doors
They've marked out spaces on their floors
Supermarket workers put food out to sell
To keep us full, happy and well

Delivery drivers have taken to the roads
Travelling for miles to deliver their loads
Up and down the country they go
To delivery to those who need them so

Teachers are unable to teach their class at school
So they send work home because they are cool
They work hard to create things for children to do
To keep them able to learn things new

Parents are turning into teachers too
Thank goodness for Google to get them
through

The difficult maths, the English tasks
The sewing lessons to make some masks

Children miss their friends and family too
Staying away is something new
Not being able to cuddle or kiss
Is something they so desperately miss

This virus has changed the world we know
And everything feels so very slow.
I hope one day not too far away
I will be able to see my friends and play

So to all you superheroes who have played your
part

I thank you from the bottom of my heart
For the work you do today
To help this virus go away

Department for Education Advice - Change in End of Term Date

On Tuesday all schools received a communication from the Department for Education giving the option to make Friday 18th December a training day both as a recognition of the tremendous pressure that school staff have been under, whilst also serving to minimise contacts as much as possible. While this is late in the day to receive this from the DfE we support this approach and will be making Thursday 17th December the last day of term for all our students.

Medical Appointments during School time

If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during the school day, please let the school office know and provide a copy of the letter/appointment card by email prior to the appointment so this can be properly recorded as a medical appointment on your child's records.

Oxford Owl Online Reading

We have recently subscribed to www.oxfordowl.co.uk. This website provides a range of eBooks that your child will now be able to access from home. Each class has their own login which your child can use to access books from our reading scheme on any mobile, tablet, laptop or desktop computer and is intended to supplement their reading at home. These books will not take the place of the books we send home with your child but will give them a greater variety of choice and opportunities to choose new books. An information sheet with instructions on how to get logged in and start choosing books and also details your child's class login have been emailed home.



Nursery News

We have a lovely week celebrating Christmas; we have made Christmas cards and decorations for our tree, we've shared lots of lovely Christmas stories at group time and enjoyed taking it turns to open the advent calendar. There has been lots of tree decorating in the home corner and many sleighs have been constructed in the brick corner.

At Forest school this week the children showed such fantastic resilience and perseverance skills when learning how to whittle a Father Christmas stick. We are so proud of them.

Arrangements for Next Week:

Wednesday - we will have our Nursery Christmas party, the children can wear their party clothes.

Thursday- We will then finish with a Christmas themed Forest School so wrap up warm on the last day!

Have a lovely weekend

The Nursery Team



School Tours for Perspective parents

Our Loatlands Tour video is now available to view on the school website.

If you would like to book a tour of the school these will be available on weekdays at 4pm or 4.30pm from Monday 4th January until Thursday 14th January for one person to attend. Please contact the school office on 01536 506404 to check availability and book a day/time.

Attendance Award

w/e 11th December

Well done to

Rosen

class for

achieving 96% attendance

Term Dates 2020-2021

Term 1

Training Day Tuesday 1 September 2020
Training Day Wednesday 2 September 2020
Term starts Thursday 3 September
Term ends Friday 16 October

Term 2

Term starts Monday 2 November
Term ends Thursday 17 December
Training Day Friday 18 December

Term 3

Term starts Monday 4 January 2021
Term ends Friday 12 February

Term 4

Term starts Monday 22 February
Term ends Friday 26 March

Term 5

Term starts Monday 12 April
Term ends Friday 28 May

Term 6

Term starts Monday 7 June
Term ends Friday 23 July
Training Day Monday 26 July

Term Dates 2021-2022

Term 1

Training Day Wednesday 1 September 2021
Term starts Thursday 2 September
Term ends Friday 15 October

Term 2

Training Day Monday 1 November
Term starts Tuesday 2 November
Term ends Wednesday 22 December

Term 3

Training Day Tuesday 4 January 2022
Term starts Wednesday 5 January
Term ends Friday 11 February

Term 4

Term starts Monday 21 February
Term ends Friday 1 April
Training Day Monday 4 April

Term 5

Term starts Tuesday 19 April
Term ends Friday 27 May

Term 6

Term starts Monday 6 June
Term ends Friday 22 July
Training Day Monday 25 July

Back To School - Child Safety Tips

*You can't always be near your child.
How do you make sure they are safe?
Teach your children:*



STRANGER DANGER

01 What do you mean by strangers?

"Pretty" strangers can be as dangerous as scary-looking strangers.

02 Who can they go to when they need help?



Teachers



Policemen



Neighbours

03 Possible dangerous situations, eg:



A stranger claims to be a friend of your parents and offers you a ride home from school.



A nice looking stranger approaches you and asks for help/directions.

Children should not approach or follow strangers

Good grownups don't ask kids for help. They go to other adults for assistance.

04 What to teach your child:

Always be accompanied by someone they can trust.

Know the home address and mummy's and daddy's phone numbers.

Scream or shout "NO" when they are in a dangerous situation.

Talk with mummy/daddy about their day and not keep secrets from them.

