

Loatlands News

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Christmas Dinner Day

We will be holding our Christmas Dinner day on Wednesday 13th December. No orders can be accepted after Friday 8th December. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or top on that day.

Phase 1 Nativity

Well done to all the children in Reception and Year 1 for their fantastic Christmas nativity 'Joining Joseph'. The children all performed brilliantly and the nativity was enjoyed by all who came to watch it. Thank you to the staff for all their hard work in organising the play, and also to PALS for providing crèches for all the performances.

Phase 2 and 3 Carol Concerts

Letters and tickets have been sent home for the Phase 2 and 3 Carol Concerts next week. We are unable to allow any younger children to the carol concert 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 complete and return the form that was sent home yesterday.

Last Week Arrangements

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

Phase 1 (Reception & Year 1)

Will be operating a normal school timetable all week. On Thursday 21st December, children are welcome to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or top ready for their party. The rest of their clothes must be school uniform. Please can parents send in 1 small snack of party food in for your child on that day.

Phase 2 (Years 2 & 3)

On Monday 18th December, please send in a named carrier bag for your child to bring home all their Christmas cards and crafts. On Wednesday 20th December, children are welcome to bring party clothes to change into for the party in the afternoon. Please can parents send in 1 small snack of party food in for your child on that day. On Thursday 21st December, children can bring in a game to play during the afternoon (please do not send in any electronic handheld games or any games that require batteries).

Phase 3 (Years 4-6)

On Monday 18th December, please send in a named carrier bag for your child to bring home all their Christmas cards and crafts. On Wednesday 20th December, children are welcome to bring party clothes to change into for the party in the afternoon. Please can parents send in 1 small snack of party food in for your child on that day. On Thursday 21st December, children can bring in a game to play during the afternoon (please do not send in any electronic handheld games or any games that require batteries). Children in Year 6 can bring in Wii games



Christmas Cards

A reminder that Christmas post boxes are now available for each Phase in school. The last date for posting cards is Monday 18th December. Please ensure child's name and class is on the front of each card.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who purchased a book from PALS Book Fair held during November. The Book Fair raised a total of £692 in free books for the school. Thank you to PALS for running it over the week.

Thank You

As a school we would like to say a big thank you to the various clergy who have attended our school to lead assemblies during this last term. The children really enjoy these assemblies.

Thank you also to our Governing Body, who have undertaken many activities within our school this term - Learning Walks to monitor greater depth maths provision with Mrs Simpson, monitoring the literacy action plan with Miss Heald and Mrs Cross, meeting with Mrs Roper regarding school safeguarding, and meeting the children and teachers within Phase 3.

PE Kit

Can we please remind parents that all children in Years 3-6 need to have a warm PE kit with them in school comprising a dark or red tracksuit and a pair of trainers.

Advance Notice – Parking

Please can parents avoid parking outside the school on the following dates and times to allow room for buses to access the school to pick up/drop off for Christmas films/pantomimes:



Tuesday 19th December between 12.00-4.30pm

Wednesday 20th December between 8.30am-1.00pm

We are expecting 3 or 4 buses each day and if the buses are unable to park outside school, this could make the children late to see their Christmas shows and we would not want them to be disappointed. Thank you for your consideration.

Tea Time Talk!
**Why is the Elf on the Shelf
so naughty?**

Scarborough Residential

This year's residential to Scarborough will be open to Year 6 pupils only. We are in the process of changing our residential arrangements, which will mean that in future years we will be taking our residential trips in October rather than in June. Letters have been sent home today with the current Year 6 children. For children in our current Year 5, we are planning a residential at the beginning of October 2018. Letters will be sent home about this trip early in the New Year.

Loatlands Legends

We completed our challenge to Dover on Saturday and have asked the children where they would like us to run. So we aim to start our new challenge in January.

Reception Request

Reception are running low on boxes and packaging for their junk modelling area and would welcome donations please. The children really enjoy making some wonderful creations out of everything that is donated. Any donations can be given to the Reception teachers or handed in at the main school office. Thank you.

**Phone Home
Friday
Back in the
New Year**



Attendance Award

w/e 8th December 2017
Well done to Dickens class
for achieving 97.22%
attendance.

Reminders

Year 4 & 6 Swimming Lessons

A reminder that we ask for a voluntary contribution of £2 per week to help with transport costs. Payment can either be made through your child's online scopay account or via the school office.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 'The Star' Cinema Trip

A reminder that payment needs to be received by Monday 11th December.

Letters sent home this week:

Phase 2 Carol Concert – Years 2 & 3
Phase 3 Carol Concert – Years 4, 5 & 6
Phase 2 & 3 Crèche letter
Scarborough residential letter – Year 6

NURSERY NEWS

What an exciting week in Nursery! On Wednesday we all went to the post box to post our special Christmas surprises to our grownups. The children were such a delight to take out and really enjoyed the experience. A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers, we couldn't have done it without you. The final group were very lucky to arrive as the Postman was emptying the post box. He was such a lovely Postman and gave them lots of jobs to do such as post some letters to the local houses; lift the heavy sack of letters into the van; change the time on the post box and lock the door on the post box with the special key! What a fabulous experience! Grownups please can you keep the empty envelope (when it arrives) and bring it to Nursery so that your child can stick it in their special Profile books.

In other news, you are more than welcome to borrow a book from our lending library and swap it as often as you like. The library will be officially opening soon as we are very lucky to have been able to order lots of beautiful new books to stock it up. Watch this space for more details.

Mrs Proctor will be taking over in January when Mrs Cumberpatch goes on Maternity Leave, she has been in lots over the past few weeks getting to know the children and will be in over the following two weeks. The children are already developing great relationships with her which will aid a very smooth transition. We are also very lucky to have a Level 3 student, Amy, working with us on a Tuesday and Wednesday until February. Amy only started this week and has already proved such a great asset to our Nursery!

A polite reminder that the nursery sessions finish at 11.40am in the morning and 3.40pm in the afternoon. Please ensure that you arrive on time as it is vital that we set up for the next session and meet to discuss the children's learning. We appreciate your understanding.

Useful dates:

Thursday 14th December: Magician Show

Tuesday 19th December: Christmas Party Day (Please note that the sessions will be slightly shorter on this day, 9-11.30am and 1-3.30pm, to allow us to set up for this exciting event).

Wednesday 20th December: Christmas Play Day, please come and watch at 10.40-11.40am or 2.10-3.10pm, session times for children are as normal.

Thursday 21st December: Our last day

Have a super weekend. The Nursery Team.





Dates for your Diary

December

Wednesday 13 th	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 14 th	Magician visiting Nursery and Reception
Thursday 14 th	Y2 & Y3 Christmas Concert 2.30pm
Friday 15 th	Y4, Y5 and Y6 Christmas Concert 2.30pm
Tuesday 19 th	Y1 & Y2 Snow White Pantomime trip
Tuesday 19 th	Nursery Christmas Parties 9-11.30am & 1-3.30pm
Wednesday 20 th	YR Wind in the Willows Theatre trip
Wednesday 20 th	Y3-6 Cinema trip
Wednesday 20 th	Phase 2 Christmas Party 1.15pm (Y2&3)
Wednesday 20 th	Phase 3 Christmas Party 2.15pm (Y4-6)
Wednesday 20 th	Nursery Christmas Plays 10.40am & 2.10pm
Thursday 21 st	Phase 1 Christmas Party 2pm (Rec & Y1)

January

Wednesday 3 rd	TRAINING DAY
Monday 8 th	Y3 and Y5 swimming commences
Tuesday 9 th – Thursday 11 th	– Life Education Bus
Monday 15 th	Primary School Application Deadline 5pm
Monday 15 th	Year 6 SATS Information evening 6pm
Monday 29 th	Writing Theme Week

February

Tuesday 6 th	Parents Evening 3.30-6pm
Wednesday 7 th	Blue Cross visiting with dogs
Thursday 8 th	Parents Evening 3.30-5pm & 6-8pm
Friday 9 th	Mothers' Open Afternoon 2.15pm
Monday 26 th	Year 2 SATS Information evening 6pm
Wednesday 28 th	Reading Workshops for parents 3.30-5.30pm

March

Thursday 1 st	World Book Day
Monday 5 th	PALS Mothers' Day Shopping
Tuesday 6 th	PALS Mothers' Day Shopping
Monday 12 th	Year 1 Phonics Information event 3.15pm
Wednesday 21 st	MCLP Swimming Gala
Tuesday 27 th	Y4 & Y5 Easter Play 2pm & 6pm
Wednesday 27 th	Y4 & Y5 Easter Play 2pm
Thursday 29 th	Easter Bonnet Parade 1.30pm
Thursday 29 th	Y3-6 Egg Rolling

April

Wednesday 18 th -Friday 20 th	– Year 4 Residential to Everdon
Tuesday 24 th	Spelling & Grammar Workshop for parents 3.30-5.30pm
Monday 30 th	Year 2 SATS Month

May

Monday 14 th	Year 6 SATS Week
Thursday 24 th	Fathers' Open Afternoon 2.15pm
Tuesday 22 nd	Class Photographs
Tuesday 22 nd	MCLP Year 6 sports event



Dates for your Diary

June

Monday 11 th	Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Screening week
Monday 11 th	PALS Fathers' Day Shopping event
Tuesday 12 th	PALS Fathers' Day Shopping event
Thursday 21 st	Multi-Skills morning for parents
Monday 25 th -Friday 29 th	Year 6 Residential to Scarborough

July

Tuesday 3 rd	MCLP Athletics at Montsaye
Thursday 5 th	Year 6 Performance 6pm
Monday 9 th	Transition Day
Monday 9 th	Reports home to parents
Tuesday 10 th	Year 6 reports home to parents
Friday 13 th	Year 6 Graduation 6pm

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

You can follow us on Facebook and Twitter, as well as keeping up to date via our website www.loatlandsprimary.net where you can find copies of our newsletters and letters sent home to parents.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18

Term 2		
Term starts	Monday	30 October
Term ends	Thursday	21 December
Term 3		
Training Day	Wednesday	3 January 2018
Term starts	Thursday	4 January
Term ends	Friday	9 February
Term 4		
Term starts	Monday	19 February
Term ends	Thursday	29 March
Term 5		
Term starts	Monday	16 April
Term ends	Thursday	24 May
Training Day	Friday	25 May
Term 6		
Term starts	Monday	4 June
Term ends	Friday	20 July

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19

Term 1		
Training Days	Monday and Tuesday	3 & 4 September 2018
Term starts	Wednesday	5 September
Term ends	Friday	19 October
Term 2		
Training Day	Monday	29 October
Term starts	Tuesday	30 October
Term ends	Friday	21 December
Term 3		
Training Day	Friday	4 January 2019
Term starts	Monday	7 January
Term ends	Friday	15 February
Term 4		
Term starts	Monday	25 February
Term ends	Friday	5 April
Term 5		
Term starts	Tuesday	23 April
Term ends	Friday	24 May
Term 6		
Term starts	Monday	3 June
Term ends	Friday	19 July
Training Day	Monday	22 July