

Loatlands News

Issue 19 – Friday 1st February 2019

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Dates for your Diary

February

- Wednesday 6th PALS KS1 Movie Event
Friday 8th Year 2 Visiting St Giles Church (pm)
Tuesday 12th KS1 Dodgeball at Montsaye (named children)
Wednesday 13th Family Open Afternoon 2.15pm
Wednesday 13th PALS Cake sale after school in the Studio
Thursday 14th Year 6 Liverpool Trip
Tuesday 26th KS2 Dodgeball at Montsaye
Tuesday 26th Phonics Parents Meeting (Year 1) 3.15 – 4pm

March

- Tuesday 5th Phonics Workshop Reception Parents 2.15 – 3pm**
Thursday 7th World Book Day
Thursday 7th Parents Evening 3.30-5.00pm and 6.00-8.00pm
Monday 11th Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Thursday 14th Year 2 Great Fire of London Day
Friday 15th Red Nose Day (details to follow)
Wednesday 20th MCLP Swimming Gala
Monday 25th Year 2 Big Sing at Havelock Juniors 9.30-11.30
Monday 25th Year 4/5 Performances this week
Wednesday 27th Year 3 Boughton House Trip (details to follow)

April

- Thursday 4th Year 5 Evacuee Day (details to follow)
Monday 29th Y1/2 MCLP Cross Country event

May

- Year 2 SATS Month
Tuesday 7th Reception children health screening (named children)
Wednesday 8th-Friday 10th – Year 4 Bushcraft Residential
Monday 13th-Thursday 16th – Year 6 SATS – all children MUST be in school
Monday 20th Wellbeing Week
Tuesday 21st Class Photographs
Wednesday 22nd Year 6 sports morning at Rothwell
Friday 24th Family Open Afternoon 2.15pm

June

- Monday 3rd Y1-4 Archery event (named children)
Tuesday 4th Year 2 Dinosaur Workshop (9am – 11.45am in the studio)
Wednesday 5th Reception trip to Lighthouse Theatre
Monday 10th Year 1 Phonics Screening Check this week
Monday 10th Y1-4 MCLP Tri-Golf Festival
Tuesday 18th Carnival Crowning and Summer Fete

July

- Tuesday 2nd Athletics Competition KS1 and KS2
Thursday 4th Year 6 performance
Monday 8th Transition Day
Monday 8th Reports out to parents
Tuesday 9th Year 6 reports out to parents
Thursday 11th Year 6 Graduation

Nursery Registrations

We still have spaces available in our nursery for September 2019 for children who were born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016. Please bring your child's birth certificate to the main school office to register. We are also open for registering for September 2020 for children who were born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017.

School Money Changes

We have received the following information regarding changes to schoolMoney

"At Eduspot we are always striving to find ways to make our systems better. Over the last couple months, we have been working hard to make some big changes to SchoolMoney. Right now a lot of it is behind the scenes, allowing us to make the changes without interfering with your day to day running of the system.

Outside of some performance enhancements and minor bug fixes, we have been improving security throughout SchoolMoney.

Later this month, parents will notice when they login, a new option in the top right of the screen, where they can change their password themselves.

For added security, when a parent decides to change their password, they will receive an SMS or Email notification to let them know this has happened. It will not divulge the password in the message, it will simply prompt them to login using the password they have set themselves, and act as a security prompt just in case this was unexpected.

Based on parent feedback, we are also changing the link in the SMS message they receive when a new item is ready to pay for, so that parents will no longer be taken to www.eduspot.co.uk, but instead will be taken directly to the parent login page, to avoid any confusion of where to go to log in.

Further down the line we will be adding self-service password resetting tools for parents who have forgotten their password and unable to log in. If parents have any queries please use the following webpage: www.eduspot.co.uk/schoolmoney-changes

The Eduspot Team

PALS Movie Event

On Wednesday 6th February PALS are holding a Movie Event for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 after school from 3.15pm until 5pm. Tickets are available to purchase through your child's school money account or by debit card at the school office at a cost of £2.50 per child. **Tickets will be available to purchase until Monday 4th February at 3.30pm.**



PALS Presents

An afterschool treat, exclusively for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
featuring chocolate milk and yummy treats.

Come along with your favourite blanket, teddy or pillow and snuggle up
whilst enjoying a feature film with your class mates.

6th February 2019
3.15pm until 5pm

Tickets £2.50 **Tickets £2.50**

Poetry Competition

We have recently been informed that the Kettering and District Eisteddfod will no longer take place. Loatlands has a long tradition of entering children for the Poetry Recital section of the competition so we were very sad to hear this news. As an alternative, we will be holding our own in-school Poetry Competition after February half-term.

This week, children in Years 1 to 6 have chosen a poem to learn off by heart (this is a requirement of the English curriculum for all children in Key Stages 1 and 2). We would be very grateful if parents could spend a little time supporting their child at home to learn their chosen poem. Time will also be given in school for children to practice performing their poems. We will then hold special assemblies in Phases where the children can perform their poem to an audience. We look forward to sharing details of the winners with you next term.

Job Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for two lunchtime supervisors. Job descriptions and application forms are available from Gillian Seakens at bursar@loatlands.northants-ecl.gov.uk or on our website

Reception Request

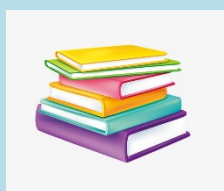
Reception are looking for some bits for Reception's loose play such as shells, wooden rings, tubes, corks and Bottle tops. They are also looking for odd bits that could be a talking point in our classroom and some wicker baskets, trinket trays and wooden bowls etc.



Love Food Orders

The new menu will be going live on School Money on Monday 11th February. Please remember log in and order your child's menu choices for the first week back after half term. A copy of the menu is on the school website in the letter home section.

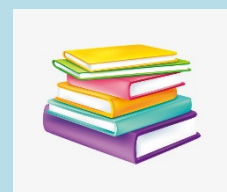
Reading Corner



Parent 'Stay and Read' Session

Wednesday 6th February – Rosen

Thursday 7th February – Austen



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. If the sessions prove popular then we will continue them after February half-term.



Phone Home
Friday
Back next
week



Attendance Award

w/e 1st February
Well done to Donaldson for
Achieving 98% attendance



Letters Sent home

KS1 - PALS Movie Event
Year 1 and 2 - Kurling Festival (named Children)
Year 1 – Lego Club
Year 4 - Bushcraft Residential Forms
Year 6 – Kurling Sport Leaders (named Children)

Reminders

Year 5 Kingswood Residential for Year 6

A reminder that the initial deposit of £50 needs to be paid by Friday 1st February for your child to secure a place on the trip.

Year 3 & 5 Swimming Lessons – Term 3 and 4

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 school money account or by debit card via the school office.

Year 6 – Liverpool Trip

A reminder that a payment of £19.50 needs to be paid by Friday 8th February for your child to secure a place on the trip.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19

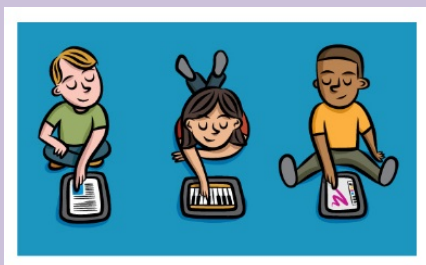
Term 3		
Training Day	Friday	4 January 2019
Term starts	Monday	7 January
Term ends	Friday	15 February
Term 4		
Term starts	Monday	25 February
Term ends	Friday	5 April
Term 5		
Term starts	Tuesday	23 April
Term ends	Friday	24 May
Term 6		
Term starts	Monday	3 June
Term ends	Friday	19 July
Training Day	Monday	22 July

ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-20

Term 1		
Training Days	Monday and Tuesday	2 & 3 September 2019
Term starts	Wednesday	4 September
Term ends	Friday	25 October
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
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
Term ends	Friday	22 May
Term 6		
Term starts	Monday	1 June
Term ends	Friday	17 July

Online Safety Support

Are you worried about your child having too much screen time? Do you think your child may be accessing tablets and devices too often for too long?



Here are some handy tips to assess whether you may need to reduce the amount of screen time your child is being exposed to.

- 1) Headaches
- 2) Blurry vision
- 3) Feeling hungry
- 4) Devices running out of battery or getting hot
- 5) Sleep difficulties
- 6) Family members making comments on the amount of screen time
- 7) Feeling moody and grumpy
- 8) Neck ache

Get creative! Students could draw the outline of a body and then label where they experience signs they have been online too long, or you could ask them to make road signs warning of the dangers of spending too long online.



Finding a healthy balance for children

- 1) If you have been sat looking at a screen too long, try some gentle exercises. Play a game like football or tag which gets your body moving.
- 2) Take a break and find something to eat! You might need a snack but a drink like water or juice can also help give your body the energy it needs.
- 3) Being online can affect your mood so put down the device and find something to cheer you up: catch up with friends or relax with your family.
- 4) Don't just plug in and keep using the device. Use this as an excuse to put it to one side and do something else instead. Why not go outside for a bit?
- 5) Headaches are a sign you haven't been drinking enough, so get a glass of water straight away. It's also good to do something which gives your eyes a break.

Further advice and resources: www.childnet.com www.saferinternet.org.uk

Nursery News

We have been blown away this week by the children's creativity. I think the photos speak for themselves!

Thanks to everyone who has sent in photos of the Weekly Wow Challenge, the children have loved celebrating their success at Group time, please keep them coming. This week's weekly challenge is Coats!

Have a super weekend

The Nursery Team

