

Loatlands Edition

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Loatlands
Primary School



Dates for your Diary

September

Thursday 2nd

Monday 6th

October

Monday 11th -14th

Friday 15th

School Re-opens

Year 4 Swimming

Year 6 Bikeability week

Last day of term



Goodbye to Mrs Hibbs

Today we say a very sad farewell to Mrs Hibbs who has decided to retire and will be leaving today. Mrs Hibbs has been a part of our Loatlands family since 1990 and will be hugely missed by everyone. She was presented with flowers and a beautiful vase, which was brought with money contributed from parents, during her farewell assembly this morning. She would like to say a massive thank you to all parents for their gifts and well wishes. She was also given her very own cleaning trolley, memories book and Loatlands Legends hoody to remember us by. Mrs Hibbs will always be a part of our Loatlands Family and we wish her a wonderful retirement



Goodbye to Mrs Bindley and Mrs Bellamy

Mrs Bindley and Mrs Bellamy have decided to retire from their lunchtime supervisor and cleaning roles and will leave Loatlands today. We wish them both a restful and joyful retirement



Goodbye to Year 6

Today we are saying a fond farewell to all of the children in Year 6. We all wish them the very best of luck for the future and we sincerely hope that they will find happiness in whatever they choose to do - we are very proud of all that they have achieved. I would like to thank all of the teachers and support staff who have played their part in the care and development of these super young people during the time that they have been at Loatlands Primary School. I would also like to thank you, their parents and carers, for your fabulous support over many years.

Thank you to Governors

On behalf of the school, we would like to say a big thank you to our Governors who have continued to support us through this challenging time. Our Governors are all volunteers from across the community who give up their time to benefit all children.

We would like to say a massive thank you to our staff Governor Miss Burberry and our Parent Governor Mrs Fletcher as they have come to the end of their term and will be leaving the Governing Body.

Forest School - September Change of days

Year 1 Ahlberg Class will be having their sessions every Tuesday morning starting on Tuesday 7th September. Please send your child wearing their forest school kit and send their school uniform in a named carrier bag to change into

Year 1 Jeffers Class will be having their sessions every Wednesday morning starting on Wednesday 8th September. Please send your child wearing their forest school kit and send their school uniform in a named carrier bag to change into.



PE Days in September

On your child's PE days, we will be continuing with children coming to school in their PE kit and they will stay in this all day. Please ensure that your child is wearing a plain t-shirt and plain, dark coloured tracksuit bottoms and warm top. They will need to bring a change of shoes with them (plimsolls) so that they have a change of footwear for indoor PE sessions.

Swimming

Instead of your child receiving short blocks of swimming lessons during each year in key stage 2 they will now only swim during their time in year 4. Research has shown that lessons over a more sustained period are likely to produce more proficient swimmers. (Any children that cannot swim 25m by the end of their sessions in Y4 will receive catch up sessions in the Summer Term when they are in Y6).



Sports week

The children all had a fantastic sports week and we saw some great sportsmanship all round. It was so wonderful to see the children supporting each other and celebrating in each other's successes. The children took part in throwing, jumping and track events throughout the week and points were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Children demonstrating fair play, resilience, team work, leadership and kindness were also awarded points



And the winning house is Earth with an amazing 1371 points

2nd place - Mars with 1190 points

3rd place - Saturn with 1178 points

4th place - Jupiter with 1148 points

Well done to all of the children and staff for making this a huge success

Medicines and Inhalers

All Medicines and Inhalers will be sent home on the last day of term. If they are needed in September a new signed form will be required, this will be sent home with the medicine/inhaler. Please complete this and hand it to the member of staff on the gate on the first day of term in September.

Parking

We have received complaints from our local neighbours regarding a number of parents blocking both sides of Cypress Close and Neuville Way and regularly parking on the double yellow lines on the corner of Neuville Way. This obstructs the view of vehicles coming from the left on Harrington Road

Could we remind parents that they should not:

- park within 10 metres of a junction
- be double parked
- park on the double yellow lines or on the school zig zags



Letters emailed home

Year 4 - Swimming

All - Letter about return to school in September

Message from the Chair

As another school year draws to a close the reflections on how it has gone and what is to come in the Autumn Term continue to be unprecedented. The vaccine gives us all hope that we may be able to return to a more normal life in the not too distant future although there is no doubt we will all have to be vigilant over the next few months.

I have immense pride and admiration in the way all the staff at Loatlands, under the exceptional leadership of Mrs Buckley, have worked so incredibly hard to ensure the pupils have had the best education possible in these trying times. I cannot thank them all enough for the extra time and effort they have put in undertaking the various extra tasks required to be done throughout the year.

A big thank you also goes to all Parents and carers for the support given during Lockdowns in particular. It must have been a major logistical exercise in many families to get work completed online. I have been delighted to observe with the way the rules for entry and exit into school have been followed, together with the wearing of masks in the school grounds. It's so important that we do this to protect vulnerable members of our community.

All the Governors have missed visiting school to catch up with the Staff and pupils but we are all hoping to be able to get back in early next term. I would like to thank them for their support and hard work during this challenging year. Three Governors, Chris Francis, Vickie Fletcher and Clare Lester, have all left the Governing Board this year and I very much appreciate all they have done for the school.

We are going to be joined in September by two new Parent Governors, Jo Barker and Rachel Chapman. Welcome to the team!!

A final thank you goes out to the pupils of Loatlands for being such an exceptional group of young people. I know from feedback at committee meetings through the year that the children have tried really hard with their work and adapted efficiently to the new practices in the classroom. Well done!!

To illustrate how kind the pupils of Loatlands are and how they are such a credit to their families I'd like to share some personal experiences. I have become part of the School Run this year as my Grandson started Nursery last September. I was a teacher for over 40 years so was used to being the receiver of the pupils which I have to say is so much easier than being the person passing over the pupil!!! "Have we got your hat, gloves, book? Shoes on the right feet?????" "Do we have to look at every slug and snail on the path as we have to be at Nursery in 5 minutes?" "Oh No!! Forgot my mask!!" Arriving at the school gates we would almost always have the gate opened for us and given a cheery "You're welcome" after we thanked them. This always brightened my day!! Thank you to you all.

I would like to finish now by wishing you all well, especially the Year 6 pupils who are moving on to High School, and hope that we can get back to normal next year. Enjoy the Summer Break!!

Best Wishes,

Malcolm
Chair of Governors



Nursery News

Wow what a year! We are so proud of all our nursery children, they are all super stars! For the first time ever the children had to leave their grown-ups at the nursery gate and walk in alone, they blew us away from day one with how quickly they settled and embraced Nursery life. Even after another lockdown they came back with more smiles on their face and took everything in their stride. They are some of the kindest, creative, most independent and resilient children and they have made us smile every day.

Well done Nursery!

Thank you...

- To all the Parents for trusting us with your children, we know how precious they are and we are so grateful to have been part of their learning journey.
- To all the Nursery Staff, you have worked tirelessly this year to provide an exciting, wonderful learning environment for the children to thrive in. You have given up so much time and energy on top of your usual busy job to completely renovate the garden and make it an extra special oasis of learning opportunities.
- To our lovely volunteers Marion, Millie and Christine who have also been integral to our garden updates and for all the kindness and support you provide to the children and staff every day.
- To Evie's mum for making us a fabulous stage and musical wall.
- To Seb's parents for putting up our Pergola in our sensory garden.
- For local builder Craig Read for building us a sensory path and planting beds.
- For all the parents that provided plants, tyres, reels, logs and everything else that has added to the learning opportunities in the garden.
- To local builder Ben Hopkins for making us a woodwork bench so that we can begin woodwork in September.
- To Mrs Seakens who has helped dig endless amounts of bark and soil. Mrs Thank you everyone, you are all amazing!

Thank you!

Finally, thank you to Mrs Seakens and Mrs Buckley for supporting our vision and making it happen!

It has been such a wonderful year and we hope you all have a lovely Summer. We are sad to see two of our fabulous team move on to new adventures but know they will have a wonderful time. Good luck Miss Tropman and Millie who will be leaving us to study at University. We will miss you both so much but hope you will visit in the holidays.

Have a wonderful time in Reception to all those children leaving us, your teachers are so lucky to be receiving such creative, curious, resilient children.

To those that are returning, have a restful Summer and we will see you in September

Love all your Nursery Teachers xx



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

Term Dates 2022-2023

Term 1

Training Day	Thursday 1 September 2022
Training Day	Friday 2 September
Term starts	Monday 5 September
Term ends	Friday 14 October

Term 2

Term starts	Monday 31 October
Term ends	Friday 16 December
Training Day	Monday 19 December

Term 3

Term starts	Tuesday 2 January 2023
Term ends	Thursday 9 February
Training Day	Friday 10 February

Term 4

Term starts	Monday 20 February
Term ends	Friday 31 March

Term 5

Term starts	Monday 17 April
Term ends	Friday 26 May

Term 6

Term starts	Monday 5 June
Term ends	Wednesday 26 July
Training Day	Thursday 27 July

We would like to wish all children, parents and staff a safe and relaxing summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming all children back at 8.50am on Thursday 2nd September.



Summer Reading Challenge 2021

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The Summer Reading Challenge launches at Desborough Library on 24th July, and is a very special nature-themed Challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet!

- Join the challenge at your local library
- Read 6 books over the summer and receive a certificate and medal
- Everytime you read 2 books you will receive a reward
- Borrow books, eBooks or eAudiobooks from your local library or read or listen to your own books

If you are not already a library member, you can join for free, at your local library. If you only want to borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks, you can join online at: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/libraryservice

There will also be lots of fun activities to take part in at home. Don't miss our four virtual story hunts, from Storyteller John Kirk, which will explore the natural world in a virtual storytelling experience like no other.

Our activities will be available from our YouTube channel, library Facebook pages and our dedicated Summer Reading Challenge page.



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FOR THE LOVE OF BOOKS

This year adults can take part in a reading challenge too! Encourage your grown ups to take part in the For the Love of Books reading challenge and read 12 books in 6 months.

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