

# Loatlands Edition

## Respect, Resilience and Curiosity

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[www.loatlandsprimary.net](http://www.loatlandsprimary.net)



### Dates for your Diary

#### **December**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner Day  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Donaldson Class Birthday Party  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Rosen Class Birthday Party  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Pic and Mix Homework due in  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

#### **January**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Term starts

### Microsoft Team

If your child is self-isolating due to waiting for COVID test results for themselves (if they are well) or a family member please check daily for home learning that will be uploaded onto Microsoft teams for them to complete. This will be uploaded from the second day of absence.



### Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner day will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Due to large numbers of children having lunch on this day, only this meal will be available. Last order date has been extended to **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**, unfortunately, no orders will be accepted after this date.

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper on this day, for a suggested donation of £1 which will be donated to the Save the Children charity.



### 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 14<sup>th</sup> December.



### 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 course.

We are very proud of them!

### Reception Classes Birthday Parties

Rosen and Donaldson will be celebrating their class birthdays in their separate classrooms on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Children are invited to wear their party clothes to school instead of their PE kits, as this will replace PE on this day.



### **Thank you**

We have received a lovely note of thanks from the Kettering foodbank for all of our harvest donations

Kettering  
**Food  
bank**

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Kettering foodbank would like to thank you very much for your generous harvest donation to our cause.

We have seen a large increase in the numbers of those needing our help this year and expect it to grow even more throughout the winter.

As such, every donation is very important to us, so, once again, many thanks.

God bless.

Jane Calcott

### **Phase 2 Staffing**

I am pleased to inform you that we have now been able to successfully appoint an excellent teacher to the post of Phase 2 Leader from January 2021. Mrs Claire Blacksmith will be joining us as Phase 2 Leader and teacher of Dahl Class straight after the Christmas holidays. Mrs Blacksmith is an experienced teacher and is relocating to the area.

This will mean that Mrs Greenwood and Mrs Smith will return to their original, part time roles for the remainder of the school year. Mrs Smith will move to Morpurgo Class and teach them on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday while Miss Heald remains teaching Morpurgo Class on a Thursday and Friday. Finally, Mrs Greenwood will remain teaching Ahlberg Class on a Wednesday afternoon, Thursday Friday as normal.

We are sure that you will join us in welcoming Mrs Blacksmith to the Loatlands family and in thanking both Mrs Greenwood and Mrs Smith for everything that they have done to ensure that our children receive as much consistency as possible.

### **Welcome**

We are pleased to welcome Miss Muggleton into our Loatlands family as a lunchtime supervisor and look forward to working with her.



### **Cold/Adverse Weather**

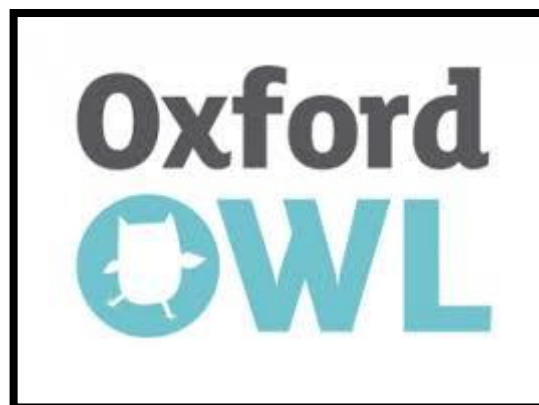
With the weather turning colder, please ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat with them every day, as well as gloves, hat and scarf. All children go outside during breaktimes and lunchtimes unless the weather is bad.

### **Cold Weather – Classrooms**

Classroom windows will be kept slightly open throughout the winter term in order to ventilate classrooms and reduce the risk of covid transmission. We will work hard to maintain a comfortable temperature but it will feel cooler than it usually does. Please can you ensure your child wears extra layers to keep warm if needed (a thermal vest, T- shirt or an extra jumper), as we are unable to close them.

### **Oxford Owl Online Reading**

We have recently subscribed to [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://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 this week.



### **My School Fund**

We are pleased to announce that Loatlands is part the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.



MY SCHOOL FUND

### **How does it work?**

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

### **How to get involved**

Visit [myschoolfund.org](http://myschoolfund.org) to register for free and link to Loatlands Primary. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

Sign up today  
at <https://myschoolfund.org/#/>







## Nursery News

"Every Child is an Artist" Picasso

This week we would like to share some beautiful artwork with you. I wonder what it makes you think of?

Have a lovely weekend

The Nursery Team



## **Attendance Award**

w/e 4<sup>th</sup> December

Well done to

**Jeffers**

class for

achieving 99% 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 Friday 18 December  
 Training Day Monday 21 December

#### **Term 3**

Term starts Monday 4 January 2021  
 Term ends Thursday 11 February  
 Training Day 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





# What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



## RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

### WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:



### WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

### LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: [www.bbfc.co.uk](http://www.bbfc.co.uk)

## RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

### WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:



PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



### LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

### PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: [www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)



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Online  
Safety

A whole school community approach to online safety  
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