

# Loatlands Edition

## Respect, Resilience and Curiosity

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### Dates for your Diary

Please follow the link below for the yearly planner

<https://loatlandsprimary.net/files/91/Letters-Home/904/Year-Planner-2022-23.pdf>

And so, it is time for me to write my last newsletter message to you all. I would like to thank all of you for your support over the last 3 and a bit years. It hasn't always been easy and we have certainly been thrown curve balls along the way – I certainly didn't see a global pandemic on the horizon when I started in September 2019! – but it has been an absolute privilege to weather the storm with your wonderful children and all of you. There have also been lots of wonderful moments along the way! Having the opportunity to watch your children grow has been very special and I have talked to them this week about some of the very special memories I have of working with them.

This week I have had the opportunity to visit all of the classes and spend time with the children to say goodbye and, as always, they have been an absolute credit to you all – their kind, caring, determined and resilient nature is down, in no small part, to you and they absolutely do you all proud on a daily basis.

I also cannot let the opportunity pass to thank the staff – having worked in several different schools during my career, I have never been so fortunate to work with a team as dedicated and compassionate as those at Loatlands – we regularly refer to our 'Loatlands Family' and it really is true! My favourite way to describe Loatlands to visitors is that 'Loatlands gets under your skin' because they are the only words I can find to describe how this very, very special school makes me feel – like it's a part of me now. I feel honoured to have been a very small part of the school's journey for a short time and will have a piece of Loatlands in my heart forever.

I know that, over the coming months, you will all continue to show the same support to Miss Heald while she ably holds the fort until Mrs Willis arrives at Easter. Both Miss Heald and Mrs Willis are incredible, experienced leaders and I could not wish to be leaving the school in safer hands.

Finally, thank you to all of you who have offered kind words, well wishes, cards and generous gifts as I say farewell – they mean so very much to me.

Wishing you all a very very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mrs Laura Buckley



**Good luck Mrs Buckley we will miss you!**



### **Reception and Year 1 performances**

Well done to all of the children in Reception and Year 1 for their amazing performances this week. Thank you to all the parents that were able to come and support them and for providing their wonderful costumes.

### **Carol Concerts**

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the carol concerts today. It was so lovely to be able to have you in school to watch the children this year. We hope you all enjoyed it too.

Well done to the children who have been practising hard over the last few weeks.



### **Decorate a jar competition error**

There was an error on last week's newsletter and the winner of the Nursery and Phase 1 jar was Frankie in Ahlberg not Isaac as stated. Well Done to Frankie.

Apologies for the error



## **Forest School next term - Year 2**

**Year 2 Dahl Class** will be having their sessions every Tuesday morning starting on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**. 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 4<sup>th</sup> January**. Please send your child wearing their forest school kit and send their school uniform in a named carrier bag to change into.



### **Dressing for Forest school during the winter**

#### **Clothing**

- Thermal leggings or tights
- Warm trousers such as jogging bottoms
- A long-sleeved top
- Fleece sweater
- Normal socks, then thermal socks or woolly socks.

#### **Outerwear**

- Warm coat
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof trousers or puddle suit (we can provide these)
- Hat, gloves, scarf
- Wellies or ski boots.

Remember to send spare underwear, socks and a warm spare coat with your school uniform.

## **Swimming Lessons**

A reminder that all children in Year 4 will start swimming lessons on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January so will need to bring their swimming kit with them. Contributions of £2 per week towards transport costs can either be paid via your child's school money account or to the school office by debit card.

## **Christmas Dinner**

On Wednesday the children and staff enjoyed our Christmas Dinner day together. Over 280 delicious Christmas meals were served, so a big THANK YOU to the team from ABM and the Loatlands staff for all of their hard work.



### Well Done to Maisie and Olive

On the way to the hairdressers the girls both remembered that some poorly children don't have hair and they had lots- so decided there and then to cut it off and donate!

We are very proud of them for being so selfless and thoughtful, and to top it off they have raised nearly £250 on a just giving page to help make the wigs!

A massive well done well!



### Term 3 - Before/after school clubs

	Before school	After school
<b>Monday</b>	Hot shots basketball KS2 8am – 8.45am	
<b>Tuesday</b>		Year 3 Archery 3.15pm - 4.15pm
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	Year 4 Dodgeball 8am – 8.45am	

### Change of PE days – Term 3

Please see below for PE days for Term 3.

Year Group	PE days – Term 3
Reception	Monday
Year 1	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Monday and Friday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 6	Wednesday and Thursday



# Safeguarding Spotlight

## Christmas safety

Christmas is a time when your home is likely to be full of people, and it's in the excitement of the season that accidents can easily happen.

But one of the good things about Christmas is that there are typically more people around to supervise children and, with a little more care and forward planning, most accidents could be avoided.

<https://www.rosipa.com/home-safety/advice/christmas-safety>

**We would like to take this opportunity to wish  
all parents, carers and children a Merry Christmas**



**and a Happy New Year  
from  
all the staff at Loatlands**



**Sunday 18th December**

**Join us for the Mini Church Nativity**

**10am at**

**St Giles Church**

**Come dressed up as Mary, Joseph, Shepherd, Wise Man,  
Donkey, Sheep, Star, or an Inn Keeper and join in with  
our scratch nativity.**

**Refreshments and Mince Pies served after in the  
Community Centre**

## REVISED Pathfinder Schools - 2022-23 academic year Term Dates

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	School days
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	Weekend
	Training day
	Bank Holiday

Total Days	
Pupils	189
Teachers	194

Term	Days	TD	Term	Days	TD
Autumn 1	30	32	Spring 1	28	29
Autumn 2	35	36	Spring 2	30	30

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# **Loatlands Presents**

# **Minions: Rise of Gru**



**Phase 1 and 2**



**Date – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

**Time - 3.15pm – 5.00pm**

**Come along with your friends and enjoy an after  
school event with a small treat and a drink**

**£2.50 per child via SchoolMoney**

