

Loatlands Edition

Respect, Resilience and Curiosity

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Loatlands
Primary School



Dates for your Diary

July

Monday 19 th	School reports sent home
Wednesday 21 st	Rowling Class Birthday Party
Thursday 22 nd	Special leavers lunch menu
Friday 23 rd	Last Day of term
Friday 23 rd	Year 6 Leavers assembly- 1.45pm

September

Thursday 2 nd	School Re-opens
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Forest School - September

Year 1 Jeffers 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 Ahlberg 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.



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.

Goodbye and Good luck to Miss Ruffell

Miss Ruffell has made the very difficult decision to leave Loatlands to pursue new opportunities and will be leaving us on Friday 23rd July. Miss Ruffell has been part of our Loatlands Family for over 6 years' and has worked in many areas of the school. She will be hugely missed and we would like to wish her all the best for the future.

We will be looking to appoint Miss Ruffell's replacement in the Autumn term.



Tuesday 20th July

We will be taking photos of the children in various formations on the field on Tuesday 20th July. These will be taken by a drone and from a height that children will not be able to be identified. The photos are for school use only. If you do not wish for your child to take part, please email the school office via parents@loatlandsprimary.net



Well done to this week's School Superstars



Reception Rosen – Tillichay
Reception Donaldson – Delilah and Lydia
Year 1 Ahlberg – Hal and Arabella
Year 1 Jeffers – Esmee
Year 2 Dahl – Oscar F and Seren
Year 2 Milne – Skyla and Freddie
Year 3 Morpurgo – Harrison and Sophia
Year 3 Rowling – Whole class



Year 4 Cowell – Amelia
Year 4 Lewis – Shannon
Year 5 Pullman – Bailey
Year 5 Wilson – Lola P, Phoebe N and Tasiah
Year 6 Horowitz – Harry
Year 6 Tolkien – Chloe



Absence and lateness reporting

From September attendance and lateness monitoring will resume in line with our school policy. This can be found on our school website. As part of our attendance monitoring procedures, we will be sending home our termly attendance letters to parents. These procedures identify children whose attendance has fallen below the thresholds of 95% and 90% accordingly. We understand that, quite often, absence from school can be caused by illness or medical reasons but would like to use this opportunity to work with parents who feel they may benefit from school support in this area. Mrs Harvey, our Pastoral and Attendance manager is available to support families with absence issues and can be contacted via the school office.

Our attendance monitoring procedures work in the following way:

- Parents will be notified in writing for information purposes only if their child's attendance falls below 95%.
- If a child's attendance falls below 90% they will be monitored for a period of 6 weeks with the expectation that their attendance reaches 97% during this time period.
- If the attendance fails to meet this for 12 consecutive weeks or falls below 80%, Parents will be referred to our external Attendance Officer and invited in for a meeting with our School's Pastoral and Attendance manager and the external attendance officer.

DFE website

The DfE has launched an information site for parents, featuring advice and support on catch-up programmes and fun activities for all children and young people in England. The site also caters to parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities and covers mental health and early years as well as catch-up for 4-16- and 16-19-year-olds. Follow the link <https://educationcatchup.campaign.gov.uk/>

LFD Home Testing Kits

A reminder that LFD testing is for adults only and **should not be used on primary age school children**. (The instructions given do provide information regarding testing on children but this **should not be used for primary children** and it is in place to support testing for secondary pupils)

If your child has any of the coronavirus symptoms, you must book a PCR test.

The guidance also states that, should a positive result be obtained, then the whole household will need to isolate and a confirmatory PCR test carried out. A negative result does not guarantee you do not have the virus and therefore does not lessen the need for face coverings, social distancing and other mitigating safety precautions.

For further details, please visit the GOV.UK website.

September

During next week we will send a letter with information about gates; start times and other organisational information ready for September. In the mean time, in order to keep everyone as safe as possible, we will be continuing with our existing control measures until the end of term. This is to ensure that everyone has as much chance as possible of not having to spend the early part of the holidays isolating. We would politely ask that you continue to wear a mask while on site and respect social distancing for just a few more days. We are hugely grateful for all of your support so far and want to keep going for just a few more days please.



Nursery News

Harvest Time! This week the children harvested our potatoes, runner beans and peas. Yum! First the potatoes had to be dug up, then they were scrubbed before cooking them. Mrs Bailey served the potatoes three way;, plain, with butter and with salad cream and chives (also picked from our garden), the children thought they were delicious.

Something very exciting happened in our sensory garden this week, our growing beds have been finished. The children helped to move all the compost into nursery from the carpark and we have planted them with lots of wildlife friendly plants. Our sensory path is also complete and just waiting for us to take off our shoes and explore, Nursery Parents look out for photos on Tapestry. A huge thank you to local builder Craig Read for giving up his time for free to come and build these for the children. We know they will get so many benefits from this wonderful addition to our garden. Today we will add bark to the area to complete the project.

Have a wonderful weekend

The Nursery Team



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