

LOSELEY FIELDS

PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2023

A WORD FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been lovely to welcome so many new families into the Loseley family this academic year. This includes not just in Reception but also across the school with children arriving from other local schools or further afield. We warmly welcome you all and hope that you and your children are beginning to feel at home with our school routines.

September has certainly been a month of mixed weather, but despite the wind and rain the children have taken every opportunity to get outside and enjoy spending learning and play time in the great outdoors.

Our new Reception children have made an excellent start. They are learning the routines that come with school and are looking more settled as each day passes. Thank you to all parents from Year R and Year 1 who joined us on our phonics workshop where Mrs O'Hanlon was able to inform you about the expectations of our phonics programme. Your support with this at home really does make a big difference in our effort to teach the children their sounds as quickly as possible. I have already heard from parents who are describing their children enjoying sharing their books at home with you; it won't be long until the magic of reading words comes alive. For our older children across the school, September is a good time to re-establish good reading habits at home. The more the children read, the more the curriculum comes alive! Please help us to help your child by making books a prominent part of family life at home. Read yourself, share books with your children and enjoy them reading to you and watch your relationships blossom!

Across this year we are all going to have a concerted push on Spellings and the children's ability to apply these spellings in their writing. For younger children it is about using their phonics when they write words and for our older children it will be about ensuring that the words that they can spell are always correctly written when writing more freely. Please see Mr Bibby and Miss Leah's introduction to KS2 spelling and writing in next month's newsletter for more information.

Until then, enjoy the sunshine whilst we have it.

Amanda Pedder - Headteacher



OUR VALUES - PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT



All our children have been working with their teachers over the last few weeks to establish classroom expectations for their new year group. Teachers have been working with children for them to understand how our school values of Integrity, Aspiration & Compassion can be demonstrated in their behaviours in the classroom and in the playground. This year we will be having monthly assemblies to celebrate children, identified by staff, who have particularly demonstrated our values across school. Watch out for celebration postcards coming home to your children soon!

Special Headteacher Awards for September:

For INTEGRITY: At a recent football tournament, the Year 6 team, without prompting, shook hands with every member of the opposing team at the end of each game showing incredible sportsmanship. Well done boys.

For ASPIRATION: Ethan Cotter (Year 4) brought an incredible piece of writing to show me. Ethan showed that he was able to implement all the learning from class, aspiring to be the best writer he can be. Well done, Ethan.

For COMPASSION: Leo Bottaro (Year R) was overheard asking another student, who was struggling to settle, if they wanted to play with him outside. What a magic moment Leo, well done.





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MEET THE LEADER: FAYE JOHNSTONE



I am one of the Deputy Headteachers here at Loseley with responsibility for Inclusion, Equality and Diversity, Pupil Premium and Pedagogy. At Loseley, we are passionate about our children becoming responsible citizens who can build meaningful relationships and keep themselves safe. Part of my role this year is working with our SENDCo, Emma Baker, on PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education) and Citizenship which are key threads within our curriculum and go beyond the school gates.

UPCOMING WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

9th October - Flu immunisations
13th October - Harvest Assembly
18th October - Open Evening
31st October - Parents Evening
2nd November - Parents Evening

TERM DATES

4th September - 20th December

Half Term:

23rd October - 27th October

INSET Day: 30th October

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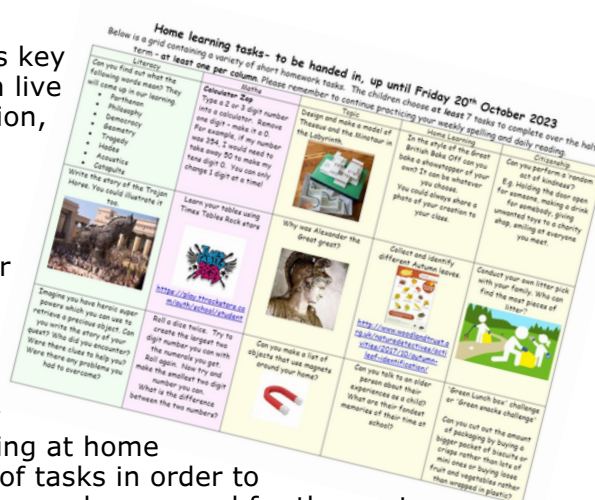


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Developing the relationship between school and home is key to ensuring our children can live the school values of aspiration, compassion and integrity. Our experience tells us that homework is viewed very differently by different families: some wanting their children to be given lots of work to do at home whilst others feel that home should be about spending time with family. At Loseley Fields we believe that learning at home should consist of a balance of tasks in order to develop well-rounded young people prepared for the next stages of their educational journey.



Our [Home Learning Policy](#) outlines how we use our home learning to go beyond traditional homework to demonstrate our values outside of school. You will therefore see a mixture of activities from reading, phonics and other curriculum-based learning (all designed to link with prior knowledge) as well as other tasks that demonstrate citizenship and our school values such as supporting their family, work within the local community and other tasks that promote positive parent and child interactions.

In school, we are using the language of our values to help children to recognise how they are living the values in their school life. It would be wonderful to hear our parents and carers using our values to support children in understanding their behaviour outside of school and our home learning grids are a great place to start!

