

Loseley Fields Newsletter

November 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a busy and fun filled term here at school and as we head towards the busy Christmas season, both at school and at home, it is nice to pause and take a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved.

The Autumn Term is a time historically when we open up our doors to new prospective parents and give new families an opportunity to come and hear about all our good work and see the school in action. We started this with an Open Evening where we were able to present on all the fantastic opportunities children get at Loseley during their time with us from Reception to Year 6. This has been followed by tours around our classrooms during the school day which enables new parents to see the realisation of our curriculum in action and to also observe the high standards of engagement we see everyday from the pupils. I have been overwhelmed with the footfall through our doors, with over 100 new families coming to take a look at our school and we hope that this puts us in a good place for our Reception intake for next year.

We have spent time as a staff this term working on our school priorities and shaping the things we would like to progress as the school begins the next 'post-Ofsted' phase of our school journey. As a whole team we worked during our July INSET to develop a whole school Sustainability Strategy so that we can continue our good curriculum work on teaching the children about the impact of humans on our valuable planet but also delving deeper into how we can really live these values through all of our school operations at school, including how we can use our school site to encourage greater biodiversity but also to ensure that we are acting responsibly with our energy consumption and using sustainable office and procurement functions. Our student leaders, The Purple Planetees (formally known as the Sustainability Ambassadors) have been hard at work and have just developed a video all about food waste that they will present during a whole school assembly this term so that the children understand the social and environmental impact of this. I have attached our strategy to this newsletter for your reference.



We also have some new and exciting plans for the continued development of our school site. The next phase of our playground development project has just been agreed and work will hopefully begin sometime in February. This will include new equipment and playground markings coming to each of the three playground areas that we have. We are particularly thrilled to be able to build two new infant sized trim trails down at the bottom end of the playground that will have a roadway marked on for our youngest children to use when they take their trikes out for their daily ride.

We are still feeling the buzz from the outcome of our Ofsted visit in July which has really enabled us to achieve the external validation of all the good work that we have been doing over the last four years at Loseley. As a secure and united team, we now understand who we are and what we are about as a school. As a result, we have also been working as a staff and governance team to find ways to express this clearly in the written and spoken form. As a result, we have undertaken a piece of work on re-working our school values so that they reflect the school we are today. I really look forward to sharing this with you more fully in the new year!

A reminder from our Attendance Team

As a school, we know that lateness can severely affect academic achievement and we therefore monitor punctuality closely. We know that children that are frequently late for school struggle with confidence as they worry about walking into their classroom without their friends when the learning has begun. Children really benefit from walking into class from the playground with their friends to start their day. Teachers usually teach phonics and reading right at the start of each day so if your child is late, they will be missing this vital bit of teaching. Please remember that gates open at about 8.30am, with classroom doors opening at 8.40am for early work. Registers are taken punctually at 8.50am and close at 9.20am. Any child arriving between those times will be marked late and if arrival is after 9.20am they are recorded as an unauthorised absence. Please do all you can to ensure that your child has the best possible start to their school day. Thank you.



Christmas reminders:

Friday 2nd December: Friends Christmas Market

Wednesday 7th December am/pm and Thursday 8th December am: KS1 and Reception Christmas Show

INSET Days 3rd and 4th January 2023













Watch out for Parent mails with more information.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas when it comes. With the current strain on home budgets, the staff have asked me to take this opportunity to remind you to not feel pressured to buy a gift for them. Please be mindful of not making things difficult at home but that if you still want to say thank you, think about clubbing together, make something homemade or make a donation to our foodbank collection.

Wishing you all a relaxed and fun-filled holiday.

Kind regards
Amanda Pedder
Headteacher

LOSELEY FIELDS SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY 2022

Action Area 1 Climate Education 	Action Area 2 Green Skills & Careers 	Action Area 3 Estates and Digital infrastructure 	Action Area 4 Operations & Supply Chains 
<p><i>'At Loseley Fields we commit to providing a curriculum which allows our children to make real and meaningful connections with the natural world, so they understand their responsibilities to Global Citizenship and environmental protection.'</i></p>	<p><i>'At Loseley Fields we are committed to ensuring that our children leave us with the knowledge, abilities, values and attributes needed to live in, develop and support a sustainable and resource efficient society.'</i></p>	<p><i>'At Loseley Fields we understand how important it is to use our school building responsibly to minimise its impact on the environment. This includes responsible energy use, ethical food and waste management and pollution free environments which supports pupil health and wellbeing and encourages biodiversity on our school site.'</i></p>	<p><i>'At Loseley Fields we are committed to ensuring that our procurement of goods and services uses companies which support our sustainable and fairtrade commitments. We will develop a waste management policy and recycling plan in our ambition to become paper and single use plastic free.'</i></p>
<p>Short Term Targets (2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise the profile of our sustainability work through half termly sustainability citizenship homework tasks and on website Embed enquiry projects in Geography curriculum Develop a project of 'Collaborative Nature' where year groups work together for a common purpose Undertake the WWF sponsored TES Sustainable Schools Award or Eco-Schools Green Flag 	<p>Short Term Targets (2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a directory of Green skills professionals linked to our curriculum to add to our visitors programme Expand our working relationship with local environmental organisations eg. Surrey Wildlife, Merrist wood Include Environmentalists and Green Careers in our Remarkable People Days Assembly focus on People who have made a difference for the environment across a variety of careers 	<p>Short Term Targets (2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use less paper in our classrooms by using IT more effectively to support learning resources Establish more effective recycling across the school including food waste for composting Establish systems to monitor the air quality across the school site and use this information to establish more effective travel plans and a no idling zone around the school Complete the development of wild outdoor area to encourage biodiversity 	<p>Short Term Targets (2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write a procurement policy which clearly states our school's sustainability commitment Set processes in place to routinely interview contractors in their sustainability commitments, making this part of our selection criteria Establish a list of preferred suppliers based on ethical credentials
			
<p>Medium Term Aims (2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gardening Club expanded to 'Grow your own' Establish a community garden School leads on local community improvement work 	<p>Medium Term Aims (2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake research project to identify skills needed explicitly taught to promote green careers Refine our curriculum plans to highlight where Green Skills can be taught directly 	<p>Medium Term Aims (2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retender our catering supplier to improve quality and therefore reduce food waste Re tender our uniform supplier to balance the requirements of low-cost uniform with sustainable and ethical production 	<p>Medium Term Aims (2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulate an energy reduction plan including using smart meters to better understand our energy usage Implement sustainable business practices in all that we do
			
<p>Long Term Ambitions (2030)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieve the Earth Shot Award 	<p>Long Term Ambitions (2030)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieve the Earth Shot Award 	<p>Long Term Ambitions (2030)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in solar panelling to generate our own electricity Development of living roofs 	<p>Long Term Ambitions (2030)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be paper free in all administrative functions Commitment to procurement from businesses who commit to net zero by 2050 Eliminate single use plastics from all areas of school life