



Headteacher's Newsletter 8

July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe that another year has almost flown by! The next few weeks are really busy so please take note of the dates at the end of this newsletter.

Santander Volunteers

On 18th May we were extremely lucky to have a team of volunteers from Santander who spent the day gardening, painting and jet washing. This has made a huge difference to our outdoor spaces and we are extremely grateful for their time and efforts.

Planetarium

On 9th June we were so pleased to welcome UK Astronomy into school, with their Planetarium. This was a really exciting experience and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. I would like to thank the Friends of Loughton Manor First School for funding this experience for us.

Men Behaving Dadly

During the week commencing 19th June, we were so pleased to welcome so many dads, grandads, uncles and other male relatives/friends into school. The children had a wonderful time creating a collaborative 3D model of Loughton. It looked absolutely fantastic on the Friday when it was all constructed. Huge thanks to Fern Bunton and Lucy Lock for their inspiration, organisation and hard work.

Book Swap for Breakfast

It was fantastic to see so many of you at this event last week. We raised a fantastic £150 which will be spent on books for our classrooms.

Induction Evenings

Induction evenings for children going into Year One and Two will be this Thursday evening. There will be an opportunity to buy second hand uniform if you would like to.

Used Uniform

As you know, uniform is usually outgrown rather than outworn. If you do have uniform in good condition which is no longer needed, we would be extremely grateful for donations.

Sports 'Days'

Sports Events will last for approximately one hour, less for Monkeys. Please ensure that your child wears their PE kit to school on the day and brings a sunhat and water bottle with them, as well as having sun cream applied in the morning. Monkeys' parents will be informed as to which session their child will be participating in.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance so far this academic year is 94.1%.

Good attendance is 96% or above and this is our target. We are getting closer!

Giraffes' Class was the class with the highest attendance last week and Giraffes' Class also continues to have the overall highest attendance since September – well done!

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School Anniversary Celebrations

As a result of the strike days, we have decided to change our School Anniversary Celebration to Friday 21st July. It was officially our 25th Anniversary in September but due to the passing of the Queen, it did not feel appropriate to hold our celebrations then. As a result we decided to wait until the summer (hopefully!) weather. We would like to invite you to our 'Proms in the Playground Family Picnic'. The event will begin at 12pm and we will ask you to arrive promptly for safeguarding reasons. We will be unveiling the mosaic which every child in the school has taken part in creating. The children whose designs were used will get a sneaky peak of the mosaic on 20th. We will be singing some songs and we will be welcoming MK Brass to play for us during the afternoon. We would ask you to provide packed lunches for you and your child(ren). If you wish to bring anything to share with others, I ask that you please check with their parents first due to allergens. If you are unable to attend, please provide your child with a packed lunch and we will ensure that they sit with a member of staff and a group of friends. If you wish to take your child home as the event ends, please ensure that your child's class teacher is aware and please make sure they take all of their belongings home with them. If you are unable to take your child at this time, we will see them out at 3pm as usual. Just a reminder – there is no After School Club on this day.

Daniela Thompson Headteacher

Upcoming Events

5.7.23 – FS2 visit to Herrings Green Activity Centre

5.7.23 – Strike day – School open for Zebras, Tigers, pupil premium children and those with an EHCP

6.7.23 – Induction evenings – in the school hall:

6.15 – Children moving to Yr1

7.15 – Children moving to Yr2

7.7.23 – Strike day – School open for pupil premium children and those with an EHCP

12.7.23 – 9am – Year Two Music Celebration – Year One and Two parents invited

12.7.23 – Monkeys to Thrift Farm

13.7.23 – 9.30am - Year 1 Sports

13.7.23 – 6.15pm Year Two Performance

14.7.23 – 9.30am – FS2 Sports Morning

17.7.23 – 9.30am – Year 2 Sports

19.7.23 – Year Two Leavers' Party (during normal school hours)

20.7.23 - 9.30am – FS1 Sports ½ class

2.00pm – FS1 Sports ½ class

21.7.23 – Last Day of Term

AM - Yr2 Leavers' Celebration

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE:

21.7.23 – 12.00 – School Anniversary Celebration & Family Picnic