

LOSELEY FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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A WORD FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we hurtle towards February Half term which marks the halfway point of our school year, I thought I would write to you with some updates of some exciting new things that we have been working on this year that will be coming your way very soon!



We are in the process of preparing the school to change over our school's MIS (Management Information System) from SIMs to Bromcom. Those of you with secondary aged children may be used to Bromcom as Broadwater currently use this system. This will be the system that we use to hold all our admissions and pupil details and over time we will look to adopt more and more of its functions into the working life of our school.

This transition will happen across February half term so that when we return, we will be operating the school using Bromcom. For now, parents do not need to do anything different as its working initially will be on areas of school life that do not impact on you; Parentmail as our main communication tool with parents will remain for now. In time, when we have completed the first phase of implementation we will write to you again about next steps. Please watch out for these communications so that you are aware of any changes we are making.

We have also been working hard behind the scenes to also re-vamp our school website so that it is up to date with our school in 2025. It has been an exciting project where we have been able to update the look and feel of the website, re-organise information so that it can be easily found by all and ensure that our photographs represent the children currently attending the school. This work has been going on in the background whilst our existing website remains live, but we will soon be in a position to 'go live' where our new website will replace the old on the public site. Watch out for further information on a launch date – we hope you enjoy its new look. Until then, here is a sneak preview.



We are hearing about ongoing issues outside of school involving our older children's use of technology and use of apps with a 13+ age rating. We ask parents to get actively involved in your child's online presence so that you are best placed to support them to keep safe. I would like to remind parents of the following:

- Mobile phones are not allowed to be used by children at school or on the playground before or after school. For the small number of families who have requested their child has a phone for walking home, these must be handed into their teacher at the start of the day
- WhatsApp has an age rating of 13+; no primary aged child should have access. This is because there are no parental controls making it difficult for parents to monitor how their children are using the platform. We are hearing of many situations where children are being unkind to others using this. Please can I ask parents to check phones and engage in conversations with your children about speaking with adults if something worries them. More information can be found by following this link: <https://www.bitdefender.com/en-us/blog/hotforsecurity/parents-need-know-whatsapp>
- Please consider carefully about when you decide to buy your child a phone. We ask parents to consider the research about the impact of free access to the internet on children's well-being, growth and development.



Wishing you a lovely half term break when it comes.

Kind regards,

Amanda Pedder – Executive Headteacher





A FOCUS ON TEACHING AND LEARNING @ LOSELEY

As teachers, we are constantly striving to understand educational research and evidence and consider how we can use key findings in our own practice to get the best outcomes for all learners. Teaching and learning is strong at Loseley and we have been implementing a new approach to how we develop the in-class techniques we use to enable all children to think and for teachers to gain a secure understanding of what children in their class have learnt and understood. This approach to developing teaching and learning comes from [Tom Sherrington and is known as 'Walkthrus'](#). Each half term, we will focus on two key techniques and develop them with the teachers through instructional coaching.

'Learning is the residue of thought' and we are therefore focusing on techniques to get all children thinking and developing oracy skills to discuss in a way that all children have their moment to feed back.

It would be great for our parents and carers to ask their children about what they do during 'Think, Pair, Share' and how their teachers often ask them not to put their hand up and take some thinking time before being asked their ideas. We have had some excellent feedback from the staff and children already, specifically about more children offering their ideas and children who have been reluctant to share in the past, becoming more confident to talk about their thoughts.

OUR VALUES - PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

YOU CAN DO IT!

We had such a fun morning at Loseley on Monday 27th January when we were visited by ex-Olympian Courtney Orange supported by the 'sportivator' and Paralympian Nerys Pearce. They directly spoke with the children about using their values of compassion when supporting and encouraging their peers with the fast-paced exercises but also how they used aspiration to keep persevering when things got tough, using the motivational chant of 'You can do it!'.

How have you used the school values to help you achieve something extraordinary this week?



UPCOMING WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

10-13th March – Scholastic Book Fair
24th March – Class / Sibling Photos

TERM DATES

Wednesday 29th Jan – Inset Day
17-21 February – Half Term
Friday 7th march – Inset Day
4th April – Break for Easter Holidays

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