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# Headteacher's newsletter #4

### 03.05.23

Summer 1

#### **Exciting News!**

I am delighted to announce that as of September 2023 Loughton will be using a new catering company. The company we have chosen to work with are called 'Hobbs School Catering'. They are a family run business who currently operate in Bedfordshire. The most exciting part of this new venture is that the meals we will be serving to the children will be cooked freshly on site. We will be building a new kitchen on site during the summer, so that we can achieve this vision. I have provided the website address for you to take a further look at and see the menus that are offered.

#### https://www.hobbsschoolcatering.co.uk/who-we-are/

More information will be coming out over the summer term regarding the changes ahead.

#### **Uniform policy**

Please make sure you check the uniform policy on our website before you start buying new uniform for September. We are hoping to hold a pop-up stall where second-hand, good quality uniform will be sold for £1 an item. If you have any uniform that you can donate, please bring this into school after May half-term. Once I know how much uniform we have, I will set a date and time for the pop-up stall.

#### Earrings

If you are planning to get your child's ears pierced, please make sure you do this in the first week of the summer holiday so they have time to heal. Children are not allowed to take part in PE lessons unless they can remove their earrings.



Classes who gained 98% attendance +

Week beginning 20.3.23

HB4 98.8% HB5 99.3% HB6 98% HB13 98.1%

Week beginning 27.3.23

HB6 98.3% HB11 98.7% HB14 98.3% HB16 98.7%

Week beginning 17.4.23

HB8 98.7%

Week beginning 24.4.23

HB1 98.2% HB4 98.5% HB16 98.7%

Well done to HB4 who achieved 100% attendance week beginning 27.3.23.

They have gained a headteacher reward.



#### **TT Rockstars**

The children of Loughton School have been rocking their times tables recently and we are very proud of all of their commitment. As a school, we celebrate the children's effort, shown by the number of minutes played.

Over the last 30 days the leader board, across the school, is as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Year 4

96% of children playing with a daily average of 1m 23s

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> place Year 3

61% of children playing with a daily average of 1m 40s

3<sup>rd</sup> place Year 6

43% of children playing with a daily average of 2m 10s

4<sup>th</sup> place Year 5

41% of children playing with a daily average of 53s

Special mentions go to HB14, HB15, HB16 and HB5 who have the most daily average minutes within the school.

Please do keep encouraging the use of Times Table Rockstars. The fluent recall of times table is the foundation for most concepts of mathematics throughout their journey at Loughton School and their secondary education. Using the 'Soundcheck' feature will offer personalised times tables to your children, based upon previous efforts to allow them to close the gaps within their facts. This is unique to your child and therefore challenging even if they know all 12 times tables as they will begin to introduce new facts.

#### **New Trim Trail**

We have used the PE Grant to update the trim trail in school. The new trim trail will have a mixture of activities that will encourage the children to use their agility, balance and co-ordination skills. We are hoping this will be finished ready for the children to use after halfterm. The children will be able to use this during lunch times and also as part of PE lessons.

# Coronation Competition Winners

We are very proud of the children in HB2 who were amongst some schools who won a competition to design a throne for King Charles III. Their design is being made into a throne and will be on display at The Tower of London. As a class, HB2 will be going on a trip to The Tower of London to see their throne amongst all the other competition winners.

#### Medication in children's bags

Over the last few weeks, we have had a few children with medication in their bags. If your child needs to have medicine in school, please make sure you follow the policy we have in place so that we keep all of our children safe in school.

Keep rocking Loughton School!



## 2022/23 Summer term dates

- 3 May Y5 careers day
- 5 May Coronation picnic
- 9-12 May Y6 SATs week
- 11 May Y3 Science day
- W/B 15 May Y5 Bikeability
- W/B 15 May Y6 STEM week
- 26 June Athletics fixture (invite only)
- W/B 26 June Y5 STEM week TBC
- 3 July Transition day
- W/B 10 July reports out to parents
- 17 July Y5/6 sports day
- 18 July Y3/4 sports day
- 20 July Y6 graduation
- 21 July summer term ends at 1.15pm

More information about each event will come out via ParentMail nearer the time.

