



Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to see so many smiley faces back at school with us and we are extremely thankful for all your kind words of encouragement. The children have worked hard in their first week, are living up to year 6 expectations and have been so well behaved. They have taken the return to school in their strides and we are extremely proud of them. We know that this year will be a successful one for all pupils.

Getting to know the year 6 team

HB13 – Mrs Cathy Higgins

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I have taught at Loughton School for many years in a range of year groups; I particularly enjoying teaching maths and history. I have many interests, which include reading, swimming and spending time with my family. I am very much looking forward to teaching in year 6 again this year and getting to know my class.

HB14 – Miss Leonie Hearne

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I had a wonderful first year at Loughton with year 3 and I am now excited to be moving up to year 6, which is a year group I enjoyed teaching at my previous school. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the children and getting started with our fantastic topics! I will continue to be a part of the reading team in my role as Guided Reading Champion. In my spare time, I enjoy going for walks, visiting new places and baking!

HB15 – Miss Kirsty Coppins

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I am very excited to be joining year 6. It has been lovely to work with this cohort in year 5 and then move along with them for their last year at Loughton School. Watching their continuation has been a highlight for me, being able to witness their success and dedication to learning. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my son exploring the country and visiting new places. We really like visiting castles so if you know of any then be sure to let me know!

HB16 – Mrs Jane Solloway (year manager)

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I am thrilled to be back in year 6 and especially pleased to be back with this cohort of children again. Before I was their year manager in year 4, I had spent a number of years in year 6 and am looking forward to teaching the inspiring curriculum we have developed. I will be continuing in my role as Writing Champion across the school and editing LS News with a team of enthusiastic reporters. Outside of school, I play viola with Milton Keynes Sinfonia and am a committed volunteer with

Girlguiding MK but I also love curling up with a good book!

Additional adults that will be working in year 6 this year include:

HLTAs: Mrs Vernon, Mrs Carter Mr Hodgson and Mr Williams will all be working with us this year.

Learning support assistants: Miss Baillie, Mrs Brownlow, Mrs Haselton, Mrs Keetley, Miss Lawrie, Mrs McPherson Mrs Nagra, Miss O'Connor and Mrs Ross.

Family support workers: Miss Churchman and Mrs Gordge

SENDCo: Mrs Ramsden

Should you need to contact Mrs Ramsden, you may contact her via telephone by calling the school office and asking to be put through on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday or send her an email.

ramsdenc@loughton.school

Reading

Your child has chosen a reading book from the class reading area. They have also been given an orange exercise book to record their reading at home and school which should be kept in their school bag and can be used to reflect on their reading. It can also help the children to share their reading experiences with other members of the class as well as record comments about reading from parents if you wish. The library will be open next week and the classes will have timetabled slots to visit and borrow books on the following days:

HB13 - Tuesday

HB14 - Wednesday

HB15 - Thursday

HB16 - Friday

Learning this term

This term, the title of our theme is 'From Darkness to Light.' The aim of this theme is to inspire year 6 children across a range of different subjects including science, history, reading, writing and RE. It links the darkness of World War Two through our chosen text "Letters from the Lighthouse", to how light is produced and the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. During our learning journey, we will uncover the secrets of one of the most significant events of the 20th Century and its local significance including learning about Bletchley Park. Further details of our visit to Bletchley Park will be sent to you soon.

For further details about this term's curriculum, please refer to the parent curriculum web which can be found on the year six padlet page.

PE days

PE and games lessons will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays for all year six classes this year. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for any weather that we may encounter, as weather predictions for the day may not always be accurate. Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery in school, apart from plain ear studs and watches, which should be removable for PE lessons.

Homework

The homework set this term will complement the learning taking place in school. Our homework page link can be accessed by clicking the following link:

<https://padlet.com/sollowayj/year6>

The password is **Loughton**

All homework will be uploaded to the padlet on **Wednesday** and should be submitted to the class teacher by the following **Wednesday**. Please encourage your child to use their homework book to jot any ideas down or answers to the tasks. Any answers to the work will be uploaded to the padlet page on a Monday and the children will then need to email their completed, marked work to their class teacher or bring their book into school every Tuesday.

Each week, pupils will receive arithmetic and English/SPAG, (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) homework. Theme homework is set as a project piece each half term. Please check the year group padlet page for any work set and support your child with the completion of it.

We would also like children to read regularly and discuss their books with an adult at home. Even if you feel they are confident readers, they benefit from showing off their skills and talking about their reading. There will be a termly reading challenge on the padlet page.

Please also refer to our '**Activity Passport**' column for lots of fun activities that the children will enjoy completing.

End of Key Stage 2 SATs

End of Key Stage 2 SATs will take place in the **week commencing Monday 13 May 2023** – Please make sure your child is in school for this week as no absence will be authorised for this period.

We also ask that parents do not use any existing test papers at home as they are used in school as part of our termly assessments. By testing your child at home, we are unable to accurately give a test score or assess your child's understanding and gaps based on this assessment.

Dates for your diary

25-9-23 – Residential visit to France (5 days)

27-9-23 – Residential visit to Kingswood (3 days)

27-9-23 – Let's Leap activity afternoon (for those not on a residential)

2-10-23 - Clubs start this week

3-10-23 - School Photographer – *all children to please wear smart school uniform*

11-10-23 – "Turn Back Time" Dance Workshop

16-10-23 – Parents' consultations (face to face) 4-7pm

17-10-23 – Parents' consultations (virtual) 4-7pm

18-10-23 – Bletchley Park Visit

19-10-23 – End of Autumn 1 at 3.15pm

20-10-23 - STAFF INSET (Children not in school)

30-10-23 - Start of Autumn 2 starts at 8.40am

13.12.23 – Christmas jumper day

14.12.23 - Christmas window display

19 & 20-12-23 – Christmas Cracked visits to the church

21-12-23 – End of Autumn 2 at 1.15pm

Thank you for your support so far this term. We look forward to an excellent and exciting last year at primary school for your child.

Best wishes,

Jane Solloway (year manager)
and the rest of the year 6 team.