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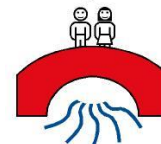
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Primary School



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NEWSLETTER NO 10

Dear Parents/Carers,



House Gems

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Values 'House Gem' celebrating their actions in promoting our school values.

Elaf A	Seahorses	Fire	Quality work in English
Ben B	Seahorses	Earth	Quality work in English
Morgan G	Starfish	Fire	Determination in Phonics learning



Value of the Month - Understanding

During the month of February, we will be looking at the value of 'Understanding'. We are asking the children to think carefully about what it means to be understanding and to be understood by others. We are asking them to reflect on how their actions and words can affect others and understand that what they do and say can affect how other people feel. Children in Year 2-6 have also taken part in our annual Anti-bullying survey giving us feedback on how they behave towards others and how they are feeling at school. Younger children in school have discussed this with teaching staff. The information from this survey will help us to target our nurture work, PSHE and assemblies in the coming months.

At home, we hope that you will reinforce the value of Understanding and discuss with your child their learning this month. Some books which might help you to talk about understanding and empathy include: 'Lost and Found,' 'Can't you sleep Little Bear,' 'Charlotte's Web', 'Shadow' and 'Do Nice, be Kind, Spread Happy.'



ICT Mark award

We are pleased to announce that Loddon has once again achieved the ICT Mark. This prestigious award celebrates the forward thinking use of ICT both within the curriculum and in day to day use around the school. At Loddon we are keen to offer new and up to date ICT opportunities for the children to support them in a digital world and offer them innovative learning experiences. We are pleased this has been officially recognised by NAACE (the assessing body) and would like to thank all the staff, governors and children (particularly our digital explorers, digital leader and e-safety reps) who helped to put together our portfolio for assessment. *Miss Routh, ICT leader*



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Annual Parent/Carer survey at Parents' Evening March 1st and 2nd

School governors will be at Parents' evening in March and invite you to contribute to their annual survey for parents/carers. The survey will be available via computers in the main ICT Suite as well as in the FSU hall. The survey will only take a few minutes to complete and we hope to have as many responses as possible so that we can review the work of the school, as well as identify strengths and areas for improvement from the perspective of our parents. *Loddon Primary Governing Body*

SEND Update 5 - Anxiety

An anxiety disorder prevents a child from enjoying normal life experiences. This may impact on school, friendships and family life. Approximately 2% of children are diagnosed with an anxiety disorder. The main types are:

- Separation Anxiety Disorder - around age 5
- Specific Phobia - around ages 5-8
- Generalised Anxiety Disorder (GAD) - around age 11
- Social Phobia (being rejected by peers) - around ages 12-14

Some signs of anxiety

Physical: Stomach aches; Headaches; Fatigue.

Behaviour: Pessimism; Thinking the worst; Self-critical/over-exaggerating; Restlessness and irritability; Avoidance; Sleep difficulties; Clinginess or crying; Perfectionism; Eating difficulties.

Emotions: Worry (about things that have or may have happened); Anger; Irritability; Panic.

Remember: ALL children, young people and adults have changes in mood, and ups and down. Being fearful is very common during childhood. You need to consider whether it is developmentally appropriate.

Consider the following: Is the fear completely out of proportion to the level of threat? Is there fear in the absence of threat? Is it difficult to settle the child back to a normal state?

The following book has been recommended by professionals. It is a skills based book for parents of anxious children aged 7-12. It includes general information regarding anxiety; ways of helping children challenge their anxious thoughts, facing fears gradually and problem solving.



Useful websites: www.youngminds.org.uk; www.andyresearchclinic.com; www.anxietyuk.org.uk

The above information has been taken from the training programme notes 'Psychological Perspectives in Education & Primary Care - Overcoming Childhood Anxiety' by Dr Monica Parkinson & Dr Kerstin Thirlwall. Previous updates in newsletters have included Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, Dyslexia and Dyscalculia.

As with all of our updates if you would like to discuss something in more detail, please contact Mrs Didcock via the school office or at inclusion@loddon.wokinghm.sch.uk. *Mrs Didcock, Inclusion Leader*

Gardening Club

At gardening club we got 2 massive pots, filled them with soil and carefully planted two cherry trees. We also planted some raspberries. We are excited, as it will soon be Spring and we are looking forward to growing more plants and seeds. *By Izzi and Kiera (Year 6)*

Celebrating Mother Language Day

The Centre for Literacy & Multilingualism (CeLM) at the University of Reading and Bilingualism Matters @ Reading are delivering two free, interactive events on Tuesday 21st February in collaboration with the award winning charity 'Mothertongue' to communicate the benefits of maintaining the Mother Tongue and provide a glimpse into the world of interpreters. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information please contact the Centre for Literacy & Multilingualism www.reading.ac.uk/celm. To book your place visit www.reading.ac.uk/events.pe



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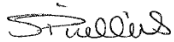
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Loddon Out of School Club - Half Term Holiday Club: Monday 13th - Thursday 16th February 2016

There will be fun, games and a light tea served late afternoon. Charges are £20 full day and £12 half day. To book please complete the form in the School Reception and return it to the club together with full payment or phone Hayley on 07968 278584 for information.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips
Headteacher

Diary Events List: Spring term 2017

Date	Time	Event
10/2/17	13.30-15.30	Y5/6 football match v Hawthorns (away)
13/2/17	All week	Spring Half term holiday
20/2/17	All day	1 st day of Spring 2 half term
22-23/2/17	Two days	Y4 residential trip to Ufton Court
22/2/17	9-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
22/2/17	18.00-19.00	KS1 SATs Parents Information Evening in Stingrays classroom (for Y2 parents)
23/2/17	18.00-19.00	Y6 SATs meeting in the Main Hall
24/2/17	17.00-20.00	PTA discos for Years 1-3: 17-18.15 and Years 4-6 18.45-20.00
28/2/17	13.30-15.00	Y5 RE Inspired visit to Brookside Church: Inspirational Christian Writers
1/3/17	8.30-9.30	Personnel and Finance Committee meeting: attendance by Chair or HT invitation
1/3/17	9-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
1/3/17	16-19.00*	FS-Y6 Parents evening *FS timing TBC
2/3/17	All day	World Book Day
2/3/17	10.15	F1 prospective parents monthly tour of Foundation
2/3/17	16-19.00*	FS-Y6 Parents evening *FS timing TBC.
8/3/17	9-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
8/3/17	18-19.30	Curriculum Committee meeting: attendance by Chair or HT invitation
9/3/17	15-15.20	Y3 sharing assembly for parents/carers in the Main Hall
10/3/17	All day	Y3 trip to Chiltern Air Museum
13/3/17	20-21.00	Parent Forum meeting in the Parent Hut
14/3/17	13.30-14.30	Y1 RE Inspired visit to Brookside Church: The Stories Jesus Told
15/3/17	8.30-9.30	Environment Committee meeting: attendance by Chair or HT invitation
15/3/17	9-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
20/3/17	All week	Last week of Clubs run by School Staff
22/3/17	9-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
22/3/17	18-19.30	Full Governing Body Committee meeting: attendance by Chair or HT invitation
23/3/17	15-15.20	Y2 sharing assembly for parents/carers in the Main Hall
27/3/17	All day	Y1 trip to Go Wild - selected classes TBC
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Date	Time	Event
28/3/17	11-12.00	Y3-4 performance - dress rehearsal to the school
28/3/17	13.30-15.00	Y4 RE Inspired visit to St Nicolas Church: Easter
29/3/17	9-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
29/3/17	14.00-15.00	Y3-4 performance to families
30/3/17	18.00-19.00	Y3-4 performance to families
31/03/17	9.30-11.30	Easter service at St Nicolas Church: F2-Y2 at 9.30am. Y3-6 at 10.30am
31/03/17	All day	Last day of Pupil Spring term - all sessions finish 30 minutes earlier than usual
1-17/4/17		Easter Holiday
18/4/17	All day	First day of Pupil Summer term