

# LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

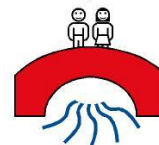
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Loddon  
Primary School



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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.

Laura P	Bennu	Air	Confidence and determination when supporting KS1 assembly
Chloe D	Seahorses	Earth	Showing all the Loddon Values when pretending to be the teacher!
Ryan M	Eagles	Water	Quality answers during cycle safety talk
Nimrah A	Eagles	Fire	Showing friendship and caring to others in PE
Ian W	Turtles	Air	Thoughtfulness and courage when giving away a cake!
Lily-Ann M	Turtles	Earth	Friendship and thoughtfulness in making my teacher a get well card
Tayyibah M	Eagles	Air	Independently setting up games and leading sessions for other children
Nimrah A	Eagles	Fire	Independently setting up games and leading sessions for other children
Tayyibah M	Kestrels	Earth	Independently setting up games and leading sessions for other children
Matthew W	Stingrays	Water	Independent writing



### Parking and traffic around the school site

Having witnessed a large four wheeler vehicle parked across the pavement next to school the week before half term it seems a good time to remind families of the need to park safely and considerately by our school. We are not sure this was a parent of Loddon but it did highlight how inconsiderate drivers can be sometimes. Parking cars across residents' drive ways and the school entrance is not acceptable and puts everyone at risk as well as creating bad feeling with our neighbours. Please stop and think more carefully about your behaviour when on the local roads around school. Or perhaps you could consider walking or cycling...

### Bikeability holiday courses at St. Crispin's Leisure Centre during Easter

Wokingham Borough Council are offering Bikeability courses for children. Please use the following link for further information: <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/road-safety/cycle-training/> (then click on "Bikeability children's cycle training").

The course application/consent forms can be down-loaded from the website.

The minimum age for the Bikeability combined Level 1/Level 2 course is age 10 by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 (i.e. children in Year 5, Year 6 or above.) This is the same course they run at Primary/Junior schools, so a child should not apply for a place on a holiday course if they are already booked to do the course at school, or if they have already passed Level 2 at school. The holiday courses are intended for children who have not had the opportunity to attend a Bikeability course, or for those who have passed Bikeability Level 1 but need further training to achieve Level 2.

The Bikeability Level 3 course is for more confident cyclists, aged 11 years upwards (who must have already passed Level 2 and have experience of cycling on their own, in traffic.)

The training will be free of charge for children who qualify for free school meals.



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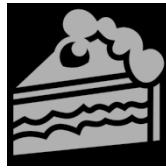


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### **Polite reminder – Afternoon Foundation session begins at 12.20pm**

Please remember that the afternoon session for Foundation children starts at 12.20pm prompt. The pedestrian gate will be open for your convenience between 12.15pm and 12.25pm only. Please ensure you arrive and leave during this time. For the safety of our pupils please also avoid standing next to the gate chatting at nursery drop off as this prevents the gate shutting when it should - thank you.



### **Y2 Cake Sale**

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Y2 Cake Sale. The event was enjoyed by everyone involved and raised a wonderful £67.45 for our School Charity Guide Dogs for The Blind. Well done Year 2!



### **World Book Day Author Visit**

Jane Clarke, a much loved children's author, will be visiting Loddon on Tuesday 1st March in celebration of World Book Day. She will be delivering Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 workshops throughout the day and we hope that her stories and sessions inspire your children to explore her books further. At the end of the day, she will be selling and signing either pre-bought or new books in the school library from 3.35-4.00pm. Your child will be dismissed from class in the normal way and if you would like a book signed please make your way to the library through the main school reception.

### **World Book Day Dress up**

World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 3rd March and we invite all Loddon children to dress up as their favourite character.

FSU and KS1 are offered the opportunity to dress up as their favourite Hero or Villain from a story of their choice.

KS2 may dress up as their favourite character from any story.

Within year groups there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd best dressed.

"The books will be variously priced between £3.99 and £6.99. Only cash payments can be taken."

### **Parent Workshops/Information evenings**

We regularly plan in workshops for parents on a range of topics; so far this year we have offered workshops on topics including the new assessment arrangements, reading, phonics, and our values education. Unless otherwise stated workshops are for all our parents of FSU aged children up to Y6. Attendance at these workshops is variable and we wanted to take the opportunity to make sure parents are aware of how to find about when the workshops are on.

Workshops are advertised via the calendar within the school newsletter and posters on school site. Following workshops we often add the PowerPoint presentations we have used to the school learning platform for your information. (Please log-on and go to the section called information for parents.)

### **Year 6 Tests Information Evening for Parents**

An information evening for parents about the 2016 Year 6 tests will be held on Monday 21st March at 6.00pm in Kestrels classroom.

### **Year 2 Assessment Information Evening for Parents**

There will be a Year 2 Assessment Information evening for parents on Wednesday 23rd March 6-7pm in Stingrays classroom.



## Parent Forum

We would like to thank those of you who participated in our first Parent Forum meeting which took place on the evening of Monday 8th February. It was a very constructive meeting with a positive outlook. Minutes of meetings will be available for you view on the school website within a month of each meeting date. Our next Parent Forum meeting will be held on Monday 18th April 2016 at 7pm onwards. The final agenda will be confirmed nearer the time of the meeting, though it is most likely to include the 'School Expansion'.

The names of Parent class representatives who have kindly come forward to support the Forum are.

### Foundation Stage Unit 1

Rebecca Chard

Annie Khan

### Year 3

Rebecca Kral

Anwar Dadd

### Foundation Stage Unit 2

Mr Haidir Habib

Helen Bantock

### Year 4

No representatives yet

### Year 1

Niall Waller

Tina Patel-Shone

### Year 5

Halak Nanavaty

### Year 2

Rakesh Hemraz

Natacha Chenchery

### Year 6

Lisa Meadows

Penny Foreman

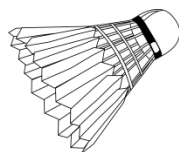
### Other Parent Participants

Nicola Cox (FSU1 and FSU2)

If you wish to send an email to the parent forum members with your views, please email [parent.forum@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:parent.forum@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk). Thank you once again, we look forward to hearing from more volunteers to take part and represent your child's class. **Parent Support Advisor, Mrs K. Bhogal**

### Parent handbook update

Thank you to all the parents who made suggestions for our updated Parent Handbook or who have supported in giving feedback on the final draft. The Handbook is currently being published and will be ready for distribution shortly.



### BiSi Badminton event

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February eight year 3-4 children took part in a Bisi Badminton event at Woodford Park, Woodley. The children enjoyed a wonderful time competing against other local schools and showed great sportsmanship - well done! *Mr Holloway, PE Subject Leader*

### Special Education Needs - Attention deficit / hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

The terms ADD and ADHD are medical diagnoses and describe a syndrome of emotional or behavioural difficulties, which may include extreme impulsiveness, inattentiveness and continuous motor activity. There are 2 subgroups for childhood ADD

- ADHD - the impulsive - hyperactive type
- ADD - without hyperactivity - the inattentive -impulsive type

This is a complex condition. Children with ADD or ADHD may sometimes be on medication. More boys than girls seem to be affected. It is important to recognise that it is the behaviour that is the problem, not the child as a person. Only a qualified specialist usually a psychiatrist or a paediatrician can give a diagnosis of ADHD. To be considered for a diagnosis of ADHD:

- A child must display behaviours from one of the above sub groups before the age of 12
- These behaviours must be more severe than in other children the same age
- The behaviours must last for at least 6 months
- The behaviours must happen in and negatively affect at least two areas of the child's life such as school, home, childcare settings etc.



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### Children with ADHD may:

- Display impulsivity in all areas of school / home life
- Murmur, talk or call out continuously because they are unable to internalise speech
- Get up and wander around or have constant fidgety movements of hands and feet
- Lash out physically or verbally with no thought for the consequences
- Be easily distracted and therefore find it hard to focus on one activity or follow instructions
- Find it hard to make and keep friends
- Have poor organisational and self-help skills e.g. getting dressed, finding equipment for a task
- Have difficulty in waiting and allowing others to take turns in games
- Be unaware of danger when running and climbing

### Strategies which can help

- Consistently use an organised set of rules and routines
- Make sure the child is notified of any changes in routine well in advance
- Praise small achievements - set up a reward system for good behaviour rather than using too many consequences for inappropriate behaviour
- Provide opportunities for the children to move e.g. regular movement breaks, stretching activities, practical activities and responsibilities
- Use 'time out' in a positive way e.g. time to calm down / be free from distractions
- Ensuring the child is seated away from distracting stimuli such as heaters / windows
- Use the child's name before giving an instruction / use direct eye contact
- Give short, simple instructions and encourage the child to repeat back the instructions / talk through a task before attempting it
- Use prompt sheets and step by step instructions
- Working in a pair / individually may be more successful than working in a group
- Focus on effort rather than achievement
- Possible use of a 'fiddle toy' - sometimes these are more of a distraction so try something small e.g. a piece of blue tac

### A few useful websites

The UK ADHD Partnership - <http://www.ukadhd.com/support-groups.ht>

ADD Information Services (ADDISS) - [www.addiss.co.uk](http://www.addiss.co.uk)

Information taken from: 'A-Z of Special Needs for every teacher' and Foundry College - ADHD training notes

**Mrs Didcock, Inclusion Leader**

### **Parent Supporting Parents (PSPcan) Support Group**

We are a group of parents who all have children with an additional need whether it be a Physical, Educational, Social or Behavioural need, with or without a formal diagnosis. We can offer support as parents on school procedures, external agencies and other support networks. We meet in the Parent Hut every Thursday during term time between 8.45-10am. You will be sure of a warm welcome with parents who really understand the extra pressures of having a child with additional needs.

### **Parents of children with Special Educational Needs** 🎵🎵

'Matilda the Musical' are holding a 'Relaxed Performance on Sunday 12 June 2016, 3pm at the Cambridge Theatre, London. Following two sold-out relaxed performances in 2014 and 2015, the RSC alongside 'The National Autistic Society' and 'Mousetrap Theatre Projects' are hosting a further performance to make theatre accessible to those with autism and learning disabilities. The performance will be adapted to reduce anxiety or stress by adjusting lighting and sound levels. There will also be a more relaxed environment in the auditorium allowing audience members to move around and make noise as they wish, there will also be "chill-out" areas with soft seating outside the auditorium to take a break during the show. The performance will also be audio-described. Please find attached the website link to the theatre if you or any of your family or friends are interested: <http://uk.matildathemusical.com/news/third-relaxed-performance/>.



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## Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers and there is a box available for them in the School reception area.

## Library service consultation - message from Wokingham Borough Council

Wokingham Borough Council has launched a consultation on its draft Library Offer, which includes principles by which the service could be run in the future and a proposed delivery model.

The draft Library Offer and consultation can be found on the Council's website and can be filled out online via <https://wokinghamboroughcouncil.researchfeedback.net/wh/s.asp?k=145207593982> or paper copies are available at every Wokingham Borough Library. The consultation will run until Friday March 25.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Phillips  
Headteacher

## Diary Events List: Spring term 2016

Date	Time	Event
29/02/16	All week	Y5 Bikeability training
29/02/16	16.00-16.45	KS1 Reading Workshop for Parents/Carers in Main Hall
29/02/16	18.00-18.45	KS1 Reading Workshop for Parents/Carers in Kestrels Class (second opportunity)
01/03/16	All day	World Book Day Author visit to school
01/03/16	08.30-09.30	Personnel & Finance Governor Committee meeting: attendance by invitation from Chair or HT
01/03/16	13.00-16.30	Year 5/6 boys and girls netball at Bulmershe
01/03/16	13.30-15.00	Y5 REInspired session on Inspirational Christian Writers at Brookside Church
02/03/16	08.30-09.30	PSA second hand uniform sale in the Hut
02/03/16	09.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
03/03/16	09.00-11.00	PSP Can Support Group run by parents in the Parent Hut
03/03/16	10.15	F1 tour for prospective parents
03/03/16	15.00-15.20	Y4 class sharing assembly: Parents & carers welcome
03/03/16	19.30-21.30	Parents Supporting Parents (PSPcan) Support group in The Hut
03/03/16	All day	World Book Day: Come to school dressed as a favourite character
04/03/16	As shown	PTA Spring Disco (Years 1-3 17-18.15. Years 4-6 19-20.15)
08/03/16	16.00-19.00	Parents' evening
09/03/16	09.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
09/03/16	13.30-15.30	Y5 First Aid Training
09/03/16	16.00-19.00	Parents' evening
10/03/16	09.00-11.00	PSP Can Support Group run by parents in the Parent Hut
11/03/16	09.30-14.30	Wokingham Years 5-6 Girls football tournament
15/03/16	13.30-15.00	Y1 REInspired session on Parables at St Nicolas Church
15/03/16	TBC	Y5/6 Football Team vs Emmbrook Juniors to be held at Loddon



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16/03/16	08.30-09.30	Governor Environment Committee meeting by invitation from Chair or HT
16/03/16	09.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
16/03/16	18.00-19.30	Governor Curriculum Committee meeting: attendance by invitation from Chair or HT
17/03/16	09.00-11.00	PSP Can Support Group run by parents in the Parent Hut
17/03/16	15.00-15.20	Y2 class sharing assembly: Parents & carers welcome
21/03/16	14.00-15.00	Years 3 & 4 performance for parents & carers
21/03/16	18.00	Year 6 SATS parent information evening in Kestrels classroom
22/03/16	18.00-19.00	Years 3 & 4 performance for parents & carers (x2 allocated tickets per family)
23/03/16	09.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
23/03/16	18.00-19.00	Year 2 assessment parent information evening in Stingrays classroom
23/03/16	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting: attendance by invitation from Chair or HT
24/03/16	09.30-11.30	Easter services at St Nicolas Church - Exact times TBA.
24/03/16	All day	Last day of Pupil Spring term - all session finish 30 minutes earlier
24/03/16	19.30-21.30	Parents Supporting Parents (PSPcan) Support group in The Hut
25/03-10/04/16		Easter Holiday
11/04/16	All day	First day of Pupil Summer term