

# LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

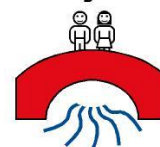
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## NEWSLETTER NO 12

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.

Munam I	Stingrays	Water	Determination and quality in your English work
Matthew C	Bats/Hares	Air	Independence and quality in Maths
Chakradhar P	Jellyfish	Earth	Confidence in class discussions
Mahiyah M	Jellyfish	Air	Quality Values Book
Jack B	Jellyfish	Air	Quality Values Book
Ahmad T	Starfish	Air	Independence and quality in writing
Jarod R	Eagles	Air	Determination and respect during computing
Anvi R	Starfish	Water	Respect of the school books
Alex C	Kites	Air	Quality work on honesty
Reece S	Kestrels	Air	Thoughtfulness and caring
Sebastian M	Kestrels	Earth	Thoughtfulness and caring
Izzy W	Kestrels	Air	Positivity, respect and caring
Zeeshan N	Kestrels	Air	Positivity, respect and caring

### Are you looking for information on how to keep your children safe online?

Vodafone have produce an annual digital parenting magazine containing tips, explanations and ideas about how you can better keep your children safe online. To download the most recent edition visit:

<http://parentzone.org.uk/DP5>

*Miss Routh, ICT Lead*

### School meal prices

We have been asked to let you know that the price for school meals is set to increase by 5p each year during the next 2 years. From 1st Sept 2017 - 31st Jul 2018 meals will cost £2.00 and from 1st Sept 2018 - 31st Jul 2019 meals will cost £2.05. *Miss Sumner, School Business Manager*



### Gardening Club

We entered a competition for the School Kitchen Garden Project through the Caterlink/WSH Foundation and received the following letter.

'The standard of applications was fantastic leaving the foundation a hard choice to choose which should be awarded. I am pleased to say Loddon Primary School has been awarded £500 which I hope you will be pleased with. Many congratulations we look forward to receiving an update on how you will be using the monies in due course.' Well done to everyone involved! *Miss Benson and Gardening Club*



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## Anti-Bullying

At Loddon Primary School we are committed to providing a safe and caring environment for all our children so that they can learn and play in a relaxed and secure environment. We know that children sometimes fall out or say things because they are upset. It is an important part of children's development to learn how to deal with friendship breakdowns, the odd name calling or not getting their own way in a game sometimes. However, actual bullying of any kind is never acceptable in our Values Based School. Bullying hurts and no-one deserves to be bullied.

At Loddon Primary School, we acknowledge that bullying does happen from time to time - indeed, it would be unrealistic to claim that it does not. We define Bullying as:

- Any deliberate, hurtful, upsetting, threatening behaviour towards others.
- It is repeated over time or likely to happen again.
- It is difficult for the bullied child to defend themselves.
- It is mean and makes people feel sad.

When bullying does occur, everyone should be able to TELL and know that incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively in accordance with our Anti-bullying Policy (available on our school website or from the office). We are a TELLING school. This means that anyone who knows that bullying is happening is expected to tell school staff immediately.

This term as part of our on-going work to identify and reduce incidents of Bullying we held our annual Anti-Bullying survey with pupils in Y2-6. The children's responses will help us to target our future work in this area. The children have told us that bullying sometimes happens to them at school, on the journey to and from school and in their homes. Some of the information that children told us about school's response to Bullying is that they will use the Peer Mediators in school, that Loddon staff tell children off if they are unkind, that you might have to miss break or lunchtime if you are mean to others and that the whole school learn how to be kind through our Values.

If you think your child is being bullied or is bullying other children please speak to their class teacher as a matter of urgency so that action can be taken to support them.



## Reception outdoor area

We are currently developing the outdoor area used by our Reception aged children. We would be pleased to receive any pots, pans, metal kitchen utensils or compost you may be happy to donate. Thank you! *Mrs Hampton, Foundation Stage Team Leader*



**School Attendance**

We're working really hard at Loddon to ensure that all our pupils make the best progress. In recent months it has become more common for children to be absent from school for prolonged periods to travel overseas and/or to receive requests for term time absence other than in exceptional circumstances. Absence of this kind undermines our attempts to ensure your child's continued progress. We consider that all absence from school makes a potential negative difference as it always results in missed lessons.

Regular attendance at school is essential if your child is to 'Realise their Potential'. We believe that good attendance habits should start in Nursery and as such our school policy applies to all Loddon children of all ages. *(In accepting your child's place at our school you are also accepting our school policies of which our attendance policy is one.)*

We wish to remind you of the following details from our Attendance Policy and to ask that you respect its contents and work in partnership with us to 'Realise Your Child's Potential' by avoiding absence during term time.

- There is no entitlement to leave of absence in term time and it is only in exceptional circumstances that the school will grant an authorised absence.
- It is for parents/carers to supply school with the evidence of the exceptional nature of their request. All such requests for absence should be made in advance via the Request for Absence form if they are to be considered for authorisation.
- Should leave not be granted but parents/carers decide to take their child out of school regardless, this will be always be counted as unauthorised absence.
- Please be aware that if holiday/leave is taken without approval, this information may be passed to our Education Welfare Officer and a Penalty Notice may be issued without further warning.
- In a situation where a child fails to return to school within a month they may be removed from school roll and you would then need to reapply to Wokingham Borough Council for a school place on your return. There is no guarantee that this school place will then be at Loddon. (Since September 2016 x3 children have been removed from roll due to travel overseas of longer than a month.)

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Phillips  
Headteacher

**Diary Events List: Spring - Summer term 2017**

Date	Time	Event
17/3/17	15.30-16.15	Y5-6 football match (Home) against South Lake Primary School
20/3/17	All week	Last week of Clubs run by School Staff
20/3/17	During day	Y5 & 6 House Football Tournament
21/3/17	During day	Y1 & 2 House Football Tournament
22/3/17	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
22/3/17	11.30-16.00	Y5-6 Girls football tournament at Bisham Abbey
22/3/17	18-19.30	Full Governing Body Committee meeting: attendance by Chair or HT invitation



21/3/17	During day	Y3 & 4 House Football Tournament
23/3/17	15-15.20	Y2 sharing assembly for parents/carers in the Main Hall
24/3/17	All day	Red Nose day Mufti and cake sale
24/3/17	15.30-16.15	Y5-6 football match (Home) against St Paul's C of E Junior School
27/3/17	All day	Y1 trip to Go Wild - selected classes TBC
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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	9.00-10.00	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
19/4/17	18.00-19.00	LPSPC committee meeting: attendance by invitation of the Chair or HT
19/4/17	During Day	F2 Heights, Weights & Hearing Tests
19/4/17	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
20/4/17	20.00-22.00	PTA meeting in The Hut
26/4/17	During Day	Group photos
26/4/17	8.30-9.30	Personnel and Finance Governor meeting: attendance by invitation of Chair or HT
26/4/17	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
1/5/17	All day	May Day Bank Holiday - School closed
2/5/17	13.30-15.00	Y2 REInspired session at Brookside Church: Taking Care of the World
3/5/17	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
8/5/17	Mon-Thur	KS2 SATS week
10/5/17	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
10/5/17	18.00-19.30	Curriculum Governor meeting: attendance by invitation of Chair or HT
15/5/17	Mon-Fri	Y6 residential to Culmington Manor
16/5/17	13.30-15.00	Y3 REInspired session at Brookside Church
17/5/17	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
17/5/17	18.00-19.30	Environment Governor meeting: attendance by invitation of Chair or HT
24/5/17	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
24/5/17	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting: attendance by invitation of Chair or HT
25/5/17	15.00-15.20	Y1 sharing assembly for parents/carers: Hillside Hall
29/5/17	All week	Summer Half Term Holiday
5/6/17	All day	Pupil Summer term continues