

# LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

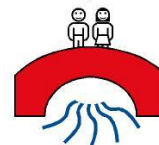
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## NEWSLETTER NO 12

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we end what has been a short yet extremely busy term I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support of our school. The recent parent survey carried out by governors at parents' evening acknowledged the hard work of our staff in the care of your children, the quality of our teachers and school leaders as well as the fact that you would recommend us to other parents. We are always striving to do better but it is of course gratifying to receive recognition of our efforts as we do so. The full survey results can be viewed via the school website in the Parents section or a paper copy can be requested from the school office.

This term has also seen the formation of our Parent Forum and a number of well attended parent workshops. It is pleasing to observe the partnership between school and parents developing further through these events. I am sure we would all agree that our children will only do their very best at school when we work together and we hope you are also finding the extra planned events useful. Further opportunities will be planned in for parent/carers over the summer term so please look out for dates via this school newsletter and let Kam our Parent Support Advisor know of any future topics you would like covered.



### House Gems

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

Ranjeev S	Phoenix	Water	Quality story work written independently
Tommy P	Bats	Water	Tommy's friends trusted him to help them
Sebastian M	Kites	Earth	Resilience during the school football tournament
Harrison H	Kites	Water	Caring and thoughtfulness at the football tournament
Lucas S	Hawks	Water	Friendship and appreciation when discussing gold certificate
Harvey C	Eagles	Air	Fantastic quality Mathematics work

### Parent Forum Meeting

Our next Parent Forum meeting will be on Monday 18th April 2016 at 7pm in the Parent Hut. The main topic of the meeting will be the school expansion, followed by information regarding the Sex, Education and Relationship policy review and if time allows discussion on how classes are mixed as pupils go through the school. If you would like to raise any questions for discussion please submit them prior to the meeting to your class parent representative or email the parent forum directly via [parents.forum@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:parents.forum@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk). If you wish to come along in person and are not already a class rep' please inform Kam Bhogal of your attendance before Wednesday 13th April using [psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk).

### It's Learning

Excitingly It's Learning, our school learning platform, is now available to download for free as an app on both apple and android devices. Most features that are available on the full site are accessible on the app and so it is a great learning resource to have on the go. Children will still be required to log in as normal, but they will also need to select Loddon when prompted for a site name. *Miss Routh ICT Subject Leader*



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## Autumn INSET - Change of date - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Due to the availability of the trainer for our Earley cluster INSET day we have needed to move the date from the 21st October 2016 to Friday 4th November 2016. All other INSET days for the new academic year are as previously advertised.

### Teacher recruitment/retention

Due to the reported fact that nearly 50% of teachers plan to leave the profession within the next 5 years we like other schools locally and nationally are facing unprecedented challenges in recruiting teachers. In Wokingham the situation is even more complex due to the high house prices locally which new teachers are unable to afford. Within this demanding context we ask that if you know of family or friends who may be interested in a teaching post at Loddon from September 2016, you direct them to our school website on which we have posts advertised, including a number currently for our new classes.



### Journey to School

Our school travel plan has been updated and is now available within the policies section of the school website. There are number of actions we will be working on over the coming months alongside other agencies including Wokingham Borough Council. As always we also ask that parents who drive to school are considerate in their behaviour on the roads. We expect all our pupils, including those in Y5/6 who walk or cycle to school without an adult, to remember the Loddon Behaviour Code and to behave in a considerate and respectful manner throughout their journey to school and on their arrival on the playground before school begins. Any reports or complaints received regarding pupils not doing so will be followed up and their parents informed so you may remind your children of the need to keep to these behaviour expectations.

### Disability Questionnaire

Please return any response to our disability questionnaire to Mrs Didcock via the School Office as soon as possible. *Thank you Mrs Didcock., Inclusion Leader*

### Sporting update

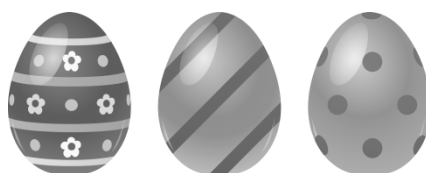
Well done to the Loddon School Years 5/6 football team on their recent football fixtures within the FA Wokingham league. The results were as follows: Loddon v Emmbrook (2-5), Loddon v Colleton (3-4) and Hawthorns v Loddon (1-7).

*House football tournament* for children in years 1-6: Well done to all children who took part and to Mr Tuson for helping refereeing as well as to Fire House for winning the competition.

*Reading FC Girls tournament* at Goals Centre: Both Loddon teams played well with our A team achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and our B team coming 8<sup>th</sup> overall with 23 teams competing. Congratulations to everyone who took part. *Mr Holloway, PE Subject Leader*

### Sports Relief Cake Sale

Well done to Nimrah and Zahra in Eagles class and Alfie in Hawks who raised just over £65 for Sports Relief by holding a cake sale for upper team children during golden time. All the cakes and sweet treats they baked were delicious.



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I wish you and your families a happy Easter and hope that you enjoy a pleasant and restful school holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips  
Headteacher

### Diary Events List: Summer term 2016

Date	Time	Event
25/03-10/04/16		Easter Holiday
11/04/16	All day	First day of Pupil Summer term
11/04/16	18.00	Meeting of Loddon Primary Swimming Pool Committee (LPSPC)
11/04/16	20-21.30	PTA meeting in The Hut
12/04/16	13.30-15.00	Y4 RE Inspired session at Brookside Church: Easter - Forgiveness
12/04/16	8.30-9.30	Governor Personnel and Finance committee - Attendance by invitation from Chair or HT only
13/04/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
14/04/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSPcan) meeting in The Hut
14/04/16	19.30-21.30	Parents Supporting Parents (PSPcan) meeting in The Hut
14-15/4/16	All day	Y5 Bikeability training
18/04/16	19-20.30	Parent Forum in The Hut
19/04/16	15.15-15.45	PTA Second hand uniform sale (outdoor classroom)
20/04/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
20/04/16	18-19.30	Governor Curriculum committee - Attendance by invitation from Chair or HT only
21/04/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSPcan) meeting in The Hut
25/04/16	All day	Class group photographs
27/04/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut including Second hand uniform sale
28/04/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSPcan) meeting in The Hut
29/04/16	TBC	PTA May Day Picnic
02/05/16	All day	Bank Holiday - school closed
03/05/16	13.30-15.00	Y2 RE Inspired session at Brookside Church: Taking care of the world
04/05/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
05/05/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSPcan) meeting in The Hut
05/05/16	10.15	F1 Prospective parents monthly tour
05/05/16	15-15.20	Y1 class sharing assembly - Parents & carers welcome
09/05/16	During week	Y6 SATS week
11/05/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
11/05/16	18-19.00	Governor Environment committee - Attendance by invitation from Chair or HT only
12/05/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSPcan) meeting in The Hut



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12/05/16	19.30-21.30	Parents Supporting Parents (PSPcan) meeting in The Hut
16/05/16	All week	Walk to School Week
17/05/16	13.30-15.00	Y3 RE Inspired session at Brookside Church: Prayer
18/05/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
18/05/16	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting - Attendance by invitation from Chair or HT only
19/05/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSPcan) meeting in The Hut
25/05/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
26/05/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSPcan) meeting in The Hut
27/05/16	All day	In service training day - School closed to pupils
30/05-3/6/16	All week	Half term holiday