

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Primary School



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NEWSLETTER NO 13

Dear Parents/Carers,



Free School Meals for Infant FS/Y1 and Y2 (September 2014)

You may have heard on the national news headlines of the government's intention to offer a free school meal to all registered infant children as of September. As a result of this decision we are currently working with the local council and our contracted catering company to agree plans around any need to expand either our staffing or cooking facilities in order to offer this increased number of school lunches.

It would be helpful to this planning to have a clearer idea of the number of parents who would wish for their infant child to receive a free school meal. If you could take a minute to complete the attached form indicating whether or not you think your F2/Y1 or Y2 child (as of September) will wish to take up the offer of free school meals we would be very grateful.

We will write to you again with further information later this school year when the catering company and council have given more information on the nature of how our free school meals offer will proceed.



House Gems

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

- Emily H (Y1) Independent work and for being trustful.
- Carmi C (Y2) Being trusted to complete hard work of good quality
- Matthew D (Y2) Trustworthy when completing reading and writing in lessons.
- Ajay P (Y3) Being trustworthy and thoughtful during multi-skills group.
- Jasmyn P (Y6) Trusting in herself when faces with a challenge.

Walkers needed for Year 1 on 19th March

Year One are going to St. Nicolas Church on Wednesday afternoon for an RE Inspired activity and need additional volunteers to walk with them. We will be leaving school at 1.15 and returning at 2.45. Please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible if you are able to help.

Sharing Assembly for families of Year 2 children on 20th March

Year 2 are pleased to invite their families along to a sharing assembly next Thursday 20th March at 3pm in the main school hall.

WASMA tickets - deadline 18th March

Can we please remind parents of children taking part in WASMA that all ticket orders need to be in school by Tuesday 18th March.



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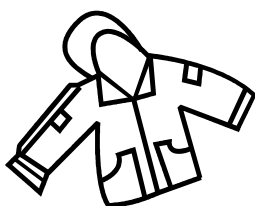


School Council visits with Radstock Primary School

On Wednesday the 5th of February we (the School Council) went to visit Radstock Primary School. We met their School Council representatives and talked about what we were planning to do in our schools. We shared some ideas with them and they shared some great ideas with us too. After that we split into groups and they gave us a tour of the school. Their school was set out very differently to ours!

When the extremely interesting tour was over we gathered back in their meeting room to ask questions about their school and had a little snack. Time went too quickly and sadly we had to get back to Loddon or go home. None of us could wait until Radstock School Council were coming to visit us!

On Wednesday the 5th of March Radstock School Council came to visit us. It was our turn to show them around our school and what our School Council do. We shared some of our ideas with them, split into groups and took them on a tour. They seemed impressed by our swimming pool and said our main hall was much bigger than theirs. We were treated to some snacks and they asked us questions about our school. It was a fun afternoon and when it was all over, we all agreed that it would be nice to meet up again sometime in the future. *Written by Pearl Y6*



Outdoor coats for FS children

FS children need to have their coat in school at all times even if it is just a light rain coat. Although it has been lovely lately, the weather can be unpredictable and children regularly take part in activities outdoors.

Jubilee Centre - An example of our Loddon values of kindness and thoughtfulness in action

Recently Rev. Lawrence Temfwe from the Jubilee charity in Zambia visited our school with Rev. Neil Warwick of St. Nicolas Church. They spoke to Year 6 about the charity (Jubilee Centre) he runs in Zambia and how it helps communities living in poverty work their way to a better life. The children were very interested and asked a number of thoughtful questions.

During lunch Neil and Lawrence then sat with our Year 6 children one of whom spontaneously donated 5p change from her dinner money to Lawrence's charity. Then other children began to do the same until it totalled £1.35 - enough to buy 'three loaves Lawrence' told them.

Rev. Warwick then spoke of the generosity of our Loddon pupils at St Nicolas and his congregation followed the example of our pupils until a collection of £600 followed!

Rev Warwick told us that Lawrence did a press interview as a result of his visit to Loddon and he said that the 5p story was the highlight of his visit to the UK.

Supporting reading with your Year 1 child

To support parents and carers in reading with their children, Year One would like to invite you to a regular 'Read with your Child Session' starting on Friday 21st March and then happening weekly each Friday. Classrooms will be open from 8.30 in the morning for parents and carers to share books with their children. We would love to see you there!



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How to Protect Your Child When Working Online - reminder


We will be hosting an e-safety parent information evening on Tuesday March 18th from 19:00 - 20:00. The presentation will highlight the potential dangers for your child when working online and more importantly how you can protect them. You can sign up to attend the evening when you book your Parent Consultation or by emailing tracey.elliott@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk. We also offer a wide variety of e-safety advice on our school website, under the Parents link. However, the evening will give you the opportunity to access the latest information and get answers to questions you may have from an experienced Microsoft representative.

Parent and community information

On occasions, we get sent information to promote events and courses for parents who have children with additional needs. We usually display the posters on the parent notice board, however if you have a child with additional needs and you would like to receive the emails directly, please email secretary@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk where your contact details will be put on our mailing list.

Many thanks, Mrs Gemma Didcock.

Yours sincerely



Mrs. S. Phillips
Headteacher

Diary Events List: Spring Term 2014

Date	Time	Event
17/03/14	All week	Science and Technology Week
18/03/14	8.30-9.30	Governors Personnel and Finance committee: attendance by invitation from Chair & HT
18/03/14	10-11.30	Y4 RE Inspired Easter/Spring Festivals session
18/03/14	15.30-18.30	F2 Parents evening
18/03/14	16-19.00	Y1-Y6 Parents evening
18/03/14	19:00-20:00	e-safety Parent information evening in classroom 2TE
19/03/14	9.00-10.00	Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
19/03/14	13.30-15.00	Y1 RE Inspired session - Learning from Stories at St. Nicolas Church
19/03/14	16-19.00	Y1-Y6 Parents evening
20/03/14	15.00	Y2 Sharing assembly to Parents/Carers
21/03/14	9-9.20	EAL drop in for parents
24/03/14	All week	Last week of Clubs run by School staff
25/03/14	13.30-15.00	Y5 RE Inspired session Inspirational Christian Writers at Brookside Church
26/03/14	9.00-10.00	Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
26/03/14	18.00-20.00	Full Governing Body meeting: attendance by invitation from Chair & HT
27/03/14	All day	Y5 trip to Didcot Railway
28/03/14	9-9.20	EAL drop in for parents
31/03/14	14-15 TBC	Y3 and Y4 performance for parents
01/04/14	13.15-15.00	Y2 RE Inspired session Easter, Seasons and Change
01/04/14	18-19 TBC	Y3 and Y4 performance for parents



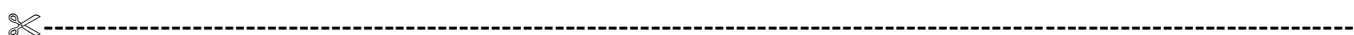
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Date	Time	Event
02/04/14	9.00-10.00	Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
03/04/14	10.15-11.15	FSU tour for parents of potential F1 children
03/04/14	End of day	Pupil report cards go home today
03/04/14	20.00-21.30	'Parents Supporting Parents' coffee evening in the Hut
04/04/14	9-9.20	EAL drop in for parents
04/04/14	9.30-11.30	Easter services at St. Nicolas Church
04/04/14	11.10 or 14.50	End of Pupil Spring term - FSU morning children finish at 11.10am and afternoon children finish early at 2.50pm.
04/04/14	15.00	End of pupil Spring term Y1-6 children finish early at 3pm.
7-21/04/14		Easter Holiday
22/04/14		First day of Pupil Summer term



To: School Office team

Free school meals for infants from September 2014

- I expect to register my child for free school meals for infants as of September.
- I do not expect to register my child for free school meals for infants.



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