

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs S Phillips, MA ED (Open)

Silverdale Road, Earley, Reading, Berkshire, RG6 7LR

Tel: (0118) 9261449 Fax: (0118) 9266351

Email: secretary@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk

Loddon
Primary School



10th June 2016

NEWSLETTER NO 16

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.

Nila D	Turtles	Earth	Positivity during the recent farm visit.
Safah R	Starfish	Water	Quality work and perseverance in phonics.
Rhea J	Hawks	Water	Quality work on positivity.
Esha J	Stingrays	Water	Quality work on positivity.
Sabijah M	Kites	Air	Quality homework on positivity.
Shyla G	Kites	Air	Quality homework on positivity.
Annaleze G	Phoenix	Fire	Quality teamwork.
Samad A	Phoenix	Fire	Positive and quality individual work to create a poster of values.
Shreya T	Phoenix	Water	Independence in her learning whilst researching Science.
Tayshaun C	Kites	Water	Quality handwriting.
Abigail C	Longwings	Air	Quality homework.
Lucy W	Longwings	Earth	Quality reading.
Jarod R	Hawks	Air	Positivity during discussion.

Value of the Month - Hope



This month, our Value is Hope. Children will be thinking about what it means to hope for something and the steps that can be taken to achieve short-term goals. They will also be thinking about longer-term ambitions and their wishes for the future. We will discuss how this Hope can help us overcome everyday problems and difficulties that we may face. The children will also be reminded that Hope should be accompanied by effort, it's not just a case of relying on luck to get the life you hope for!



Thank you to Loddon Pupils for Fundraising over the half term break

During half term a number of our pupils have given up their time to sell cakes and refreshments in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. Amie, Emma and Annaleze from Year 4 raised £28 running a cake sale at home and Krish in Turtles and his older sister organised an event at the local COOP selling homemade cupcakes to local customers which raised an impressive £60.11. A big well done to all involved and our thanks for raising funds on behalf of the School Council's nominated charity.



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL



In partnership with the
Institute of Education
University of
Reading



Office hours and queries

We thought it would be helpful to remind parents/carers of the opening hours of the school office and ways to get in touch with us. The office is open daily between 8am - 4pm, outside these hours there are still staff on site but there may not be a member of staff available in the school office to deal directly with queries. As a team we aim to deal with your queries as quickly and efficiently as possible however, between 8.30-9.00am and 3.15-3.45pm we are especially busy and we ask that if your query is non-urgent you contact us outside of these times. We can be reached via the main school phone number and the e-mail office@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk.

We aim to deal with all queries immediately but some questions require the attention of other staff or can take a little longer and in these instances we appreciate your understanding as we work to respond to you. Finally, we ask that all communication with the office is calm and polite and that this is especially the case when you visit in person as children are present on site - thank you. *Jenny Sumner, School Business Manager*

Request for absence in term time

This week the Department for Education have contacted me, as Headteacher, with the following direction that I feel is useful to share with parents, to explain the context I am required to work within.

"I am writing to set out the Government's position on unauthorised school absence and next steps following the judgment by the High Court on Friday 13 May regarding the case of the *Isle of Wight Council v Jon Platt*. I am disappointed with the High Court ruling. I am clear that no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances it remains the case - as set out in the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 amended in 2013 - that Headteachers continue to have the power to authorise leave of absence, but only in exceptional circumstances. While family holidays are enriching experiences, the school year is designed to give families the opportunity for these breaks without having to disrupt their children's education. I am clear that we need to continue reducing absence, building on the success schools and local authorities have already achieved, to support attainment and ensure all pupils fulfil their potential."

This is the written instruction I have received from Nick Gibb, the Member of Parliament for Education and as such I will be expected to continue to follow this instruction.

School Uniform and Lost Property

Hello, my name is ...

Please can all parents/carers ensure that they name all items of school uniform and packed lunch boxes. This will help us to make sure that uniform is returned if lost and that the right child receives the right lunch! Your help is appreciated.

PTA Parent Survey

Any parents wishing to fill in the recent PTA survey please do this as soon as possible either on paper or through the school website. Your PTA would really welcome your feedback so please take the time to do this if you can. *PTA Committee*

Parent Forum

We have a vacancy for a representative for FS2 if you are interested in being considered please let us know. *Kam Bhogal* PSA@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk

Change of menu for British Day on Wednesday 15th June

Caterlink will be offering a revised menu for next Wednesday, the options will be: Chicken Supreme Elizabeth Quiche***Royal Vegetable quiche***Potatoes in their Robes***Jewels in the crown (sweetcorn), Savoy Cabbage*** Victoria Jam Sponge.

Queen's 90th birthday memento

Our sincere thanks go to both Brookside Church and St Nicolas Church who have funded a commemorative book for each of the children at Loddon in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday. The books will be handed to the children to bring home next week so please look out for your child's copy.



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL



In partnership with the
Institute of Education
University of
Reading





A suggestion box is available for parents/carers in the Parent Hut. If you have any suggestions or ideas please let us know via this box. We would appreciate you including your name on your suggestions so that we can work with you to make your suggestion a reality! The suggestion box will be looked at on a weekly basis and we will endeavour to respond to any queries as soon as possible via your email or through discussion at our weekly coffee mornings. We hope you find this facility helpful! *Kam PSA*

Dyslexia

Dyslexia is a specific learning difficulty that affects the ability to read and spell. About 60% of children with dyslexia also have trouble with the sounds that make up words.

Dyslexia can also cause difficulties with basic maths (especially the order of numbers and multiplication tables), general literacy skills, word interpretation and perception, organisation skills, short-term memory, sequencing and processing information. Children with dyslexia, however are often very creative and able in certain areas of the curriculum, such as art, design, technology, computing, drama and lateral thinking.

Dyslexia is a complex neurological disorder and affects about 10% of the population, across all levels of intellectual ability. It tends to affect boys more than girls and often runs in families. It is believed to have genetic cause.

A dyslexic child may:

- Use bizarre spellings and have poor phonological awareness
- Frequently lose their place when reading and see blurred or distorted word shapes
- Confuse some high frequency words e.g. saw/was
- Reverse letters and number digits beyond the age where this is normal
- Write words with the correct letters but in the wrong order
- Write sequences of letters and numbers in reverse
- Have difficulty remembering a word and substitute other words instead
- Has great difficulty organising themselves and their belongings
- Be unable to remember simple sequences such as days of the week
- Experience problems following oral instructions
- Have a poor sense of time and direction
- Make frequent errors when copying, especially from the board
- Have some coordination difficulties
- Have low levels of motivation and self-esteem

Possible strategies

- Teach syllable count to help the child hear how many syllables are in a word
- Teach how to blend syllables
- Teach onset and rime to help the child to discriminate between words aurally
- Teach phoneme discrimination to help the child identify phonemes in words
- Use multisensory methods to support the child's learning
- Ensure repetition of learning, using word and language games for enjoyment
- Use coloured overlays and reading rulers where necessary
- Create a positive reading environment with opportunities to listen to stories
- Teach keyboard skills and encourage the use of spell-checkers
- Encourage alternative recording e.g. writing frames diagrams, labelled drawing, flow charts, mind maps, comic strip stories
- Allow the use of a scribe where appropriate
- Make use of audio-visual aids
- Keep oral instructions brief and clear
- Revise and review previously taught skills at frequent intervals
- Raise self-esteem and confidence with lots of praise and encouragement
- Use checklists to help organisation skills



Useful websites

British Dyslexia Association <http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/> Dyslexia Action:
<http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/what-is-dyslexia> Information: 'A-Z of Special Needs for every teacher'

Active Kids vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has brought Active Kids vouchers into school this year. If you have any Active Kids vouchers for 2016 that haven't been handed in please bring them into the school office as soon as possible and by Friday 8th July.

Berkshire Maestros Brass Music Lessons

We are currently looking for children to learn a **brass instrument** at your school in small group or individual lessons. This could be following last year 4's whole class brass tuition or for children who want to begin learning. Brass instruments include, trumpet, cornet, trombone, euphonium and tuba amongst others. Not sure which brass instrument is best suited for your child? **We would like to invite your child to try a brass instrument for free** before signing up to lessons. Please contact Mr Lowe using marklowe@berkshiremaestros.org.uk to register your interest and for more details.



Summer Libraries Reading Challenge

The Big Friendly Read is the summer reading challenge theme for 2016 at Wokingham Borough Libraries. Pop into your local Wokingham Borough Library to join the challenge.

1. Read six library books and collect a collector's wallet and collector's cards as you go.
2. Get a medal and a certificate when you complete the challenge.
3. Enjoy The Big Friendly Read events at libraries this summer.

The challenge runs from Saturday 16 July 2016 to Sunday 11 September 2016. It is open to all primary school aged Library members.



School run traffic - no U-turns please!

Please can we politely ask any parents/carers who drive to school not to do a U-Turn in Silverdale Road as this adds to the congestion and dangers on an already busy road at school drop off times.

Cycle events around Wokingham

Cycle training instructors/ride leaders will be running supervised Family Bike rides this Summer. Details of the next 3 rides, which vary in length to suit different abilities are below. The rides are FREE but please book places by emailing: myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk. Rides are aimed at the inexperienced cyclist and will be led by experienced ride leaders, at a gentle pace, so that no one gets left behind.

There will be a choice of routes, ranging from short easy rides (5 miles) to longer routes (10 - 12 miles.) All rides will stop or finish at a café for refreshments. Children should be aged 8 years or over (younger children can attend if they can cycle at least 5 miles competently.) Young people under 6 must be accompanied by an adult and must wear a cycle helmet. Bikes will be checked by ride leaders who reserve the right to refuse to let someone participate if their bike is considered unsafe.

The Wokingham Bikeathon will be taking place on Sunday 26th June, with a choice of two routes (15 miles or 35 miles.) For details please look at their website: www.wokinghambikeathon.co.uk. 2 female ride leaders are doing the 15 mile route as a led "Breeze ride" with a group of ladies (and another 2 leading the 35 mile route.) We don't race, we go at the speed of the slowest rider and we help and encourage each other along the way. See www.Breezebikerides.com or contact Jill Bissell, Cycle Training Co-ordinator, Wokingham Borough Council Direct dial tel. no: 0118 908 8208 Jill.Bissell@wokingham.gov.uk for further details - you will be most welcome to join us.



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL



In partnership with the
Institute of Education
 **University of
Reading**



Sunday 12th June 2016 10.00 - 12.00

Starting/finishing at: Finchampstead Baptist Centre, Gorse Ride North, RG40 4ES

Approx. length of ride: 5 miles (to California Country Park)

Sunday 3rd July 2016 10.00 -12.30

Starting/finishing at: Woodford Park Leisure Centre, Haddon Drive, Woodley, RG5 4LY *Approx. length of ride:* 11 miles (to Caversham)

Sunday 24th July 10.00 - 12.30

Starting/finishing at: Hatch Ride Primary School, Crowthorne, RG45 6LP (Use side entrance to playground in Oaklands Lane)

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips
Headteacher

Diary Events List: Summer term 2016

Date	Time	Event
13/06/16	19.30-21.00	Parent forum meeting in the Hut
14/06/16	8.30-9.30	Personnel & Finance governor meetings: attendance by invitation of chair or HT only
14/06/15	15.15-15.45	Second hand uniform sale in the outdoor classroom
15/06/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
15/06/16	19.30-20.30	Parents meeting re. Expansion plans. Venue: FSU Hall
16/06/16	During day	Y5/6 Sponsored Triathlon
16/06/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSPcan) meeting in the Hut
16/06/16	15.00-15.20	Y6 class sharing assembly - Parents and carers welcome
18/06/16	14.00-16.00	PTA Summer fun day
20/06/16	Morning	Y1 Scooter training
20/06/16	14-14.30	New to FS2 Parent meeting. Venue: FSU Hall (first opportunity)
20/06/16	18-18.30	New to FS2 Parent meeting. Venue: FSU Hall (second opportunity)
21/06/16	Morning	Y1 Scooter training
21/06/16	13.30-15.00	Y6 REInspired session at Brookside Church
22/06/16	All day	Y6 transition day for children going to Maiden Erlegh School.
22/06/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
22/06/16	18.00-19.00	Curriculum governor meeting: attendance by invitation of chair or HT only
23/06/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSPcan) meeting in the Hut
24/06/16	TBC	Y1-6 Sports Day
28/06/16	9.30-11.00	FSU Sports Day
29/06/16	All day	Y6 transition day for children going to Bulmershe and Forest Schools.
29/06/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
01/07/16	All day	Reserve Sports Day for Y1-6
04/07/16	10-12.00	Y6 transition event at Loddon Valley Leisure Centre
04/07/16	18-19.00	LPSPC meeting: attendance by invitation of chair or HT only



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL



In partnership with the
Institute of Education
 **University of
Reading**



Date	Time	Event
05/07/16	All day	Y5 trip to Winchester Science Centre
05/07/16	9.30-10.30	FS2 Parent and Child visits
06/07/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
06/07/16	9.00-9.30	Y4 Trumpet extravaganza for Parents
06/07/16	TBC	International day event - postponed to Spring 2017
06/07/16	18.00-19.00	Environment governor meeting: attendance by invitation of chair or HT only
07/07/16	All day	Y6 induction transition day for children going to Maiden Erlegh School in Reading
07/07/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSPcan) meeting in the Hut
07/07/16	9.30-10.30	FS2 Parent and Child visits
07/07/16	13.30-14.30	FS2 Parent and Child visits
07/07/16	14.45-15.05	FSU class sharing assembly - Parents and carers welcome
07/07/16	19.30-21.30	Parents Supporting Parents (PSPcan) meeting in the Hut
08/07/16	TBC	PTA Summer disco (Years F2-2 in lower, years 3-6 in upper)
11/07/16	14.00-15.00	Upper team production dress rehearsal
11/07/16	18.00-20.00	Full Governing Body meeting: attendance by invitation of chair or HT only
12/07/16	14.00-15.00	Upper team production dress rehearsal
12/07/16	19.00-20.00	Upper team production performance
13/07/16	Morning	Class Swap morning (children with their new class teacher for September)
13/07/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
13/07/16	15.30-17.30	FSU Parents meeting
13/07/16	19.00-20.00	Upper team production performance
14/07/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSPcan) meeting in the Hut
19/07/16	19.00-19.30	Y6 Leavers Celebration
20/07/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
20/07/16	11.10 / 14.50	End of Pupil Summer term - FSU morning children finish at 11.10am and afternoon children at 2.50pm.
20/07/16	15.00	End of Pupil Summer term - Y1-6 morning children finish at 3pm
21/7-4/9/16	All day	Summer holiday
5-6/9/16	All day	INSET days School closed for staff training