

# LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

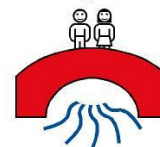
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## NEWSLETTER NO 17

Dear Parents/Carers,



### Staffing news

Congratulations to Miss Rachel Meskill who following an interview earlier this week has been appointed to the post of Assistant Headteacher at Loddon Primary. Miss Meskill will continue as middle team leader and Y4 class teacher until the summer after which she will take up her new post with leadership responsibilities in Key Stage One and Foundation Stage.

We also wish to congratulate Miss Karen Feather who has also been offered the post of Assistant Headteacher at Katesgrove Primary School, Reading as of September. Following 13 years at Loddon although Miss Feather will be greatly missed we understand she is really looking forward to new opportunities and I am sure you will agree this is a greatly deserved promotion.

### Attendance Policy - Holiday/Travel request

As the summer approaches we have experienced an increase in the number of requests for absence due to travel or holidays. Please can I politely remind all parents to refer to the school attendance policy before sending in a request. The Department for Education has made it clear that Headteacher's are only to authorise absence in *exceptional circumstances* and that there is no right to absence during term time.

As Headteacher I am required to keep to this policy and the local authority and Ofsted monitor our school's attendance data regularly to ensure we do so. Therefore, however persuasive your reasons for taking a holiday, unless you are able to demonstrate exceptional circumstances your holiday will be unauthorised. Please also remember that our school policies also apply to our non-statutory aged Foundation children and that in accepting a place at our school you are also expected to follow our policies.



### House Gems

Nathan L - (FS2) Being thoughtful and positive when supporting his friends.



### New Parents' Coffee morning and afternoon

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 08:45 - 10:00 and 12:20 - 13:30

As part of our welcome to families whose children have recently started at Loddon, all new parents will receive an invitation via their children's book bag to come to a tea and coffee morning or afternoon. This is an opportunity to meet other parents and also our Parent Support Advisor, Claire Allison. Miss Hawkins from Foundation Stage will also be present to help answer any questions.



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### International Parents' and Toddler Group

This group WILL meet this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 09:30 - 11:30am in Loddon's Parent Hut even though it is a school INSET day. The group WILL NOT meet during half-term. All parents, carers and children are welcome to attend. No need to book, just drop in. The group is run by Children's Centre staff. More information is available on the noticeboard in the Parent Hut or call 0118 908 8181.



### Second Hand Uniform

**Hangers:** Thank you for all the hanger donations. We now have plenty so we do not require any more. We will ask again in the future if needed.

**Next Sale: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014 15:15 - 15:45** most likely in the main school playground, weather permitting!

Please continue to donate uniform items that your children no longer need via the school office. We really appreciate good quality donations that are in bags, washed, folded and ready to sell!

*Claire Allison (Parent Support), Maive Watts (Yr 5 Parent), Andrea Smith (FSU & Yr 2 Parent)*

### School policy regarding trading cards

I am aware that some children enjoy playing with trading cards and would like to bring them into school. We would ask for your support if you allow them to do so. Please ensure that no more than 12 cards are brought into school at any one time. Please also discuss with your child that their cards are their own responsibility and they may only trade them with your permission. Also once traded they cannot then demand the cards back!

Yours sincerely

Mrs. S. Phillips  
Headteacher

### Diary Events List: Summer Term 2014

Date	Time	Event
23/05/14	All day	INSET day - School closed
26/05/14	All week	Half term
02/06/14		Pupils return for Summer term 2
04/06/14	8.45-10.00	New Parents Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
04/06/14	12.20-13.20	New Parents Tea/Coffee lunchtime in The Hut
05/06/14	8.45-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents Coffee morning
05/06/14	10.15-11.15	F1 prospective parents FSU tour
05/06/14	20.00-21.30	Parents Supporting Parents Coffee evening
06/06/14	All day	PTA Mufti day (items for PTA Summer fayre)
06/06/14	9.00-9.20	International Parent drop in with Mrs Sangha in the Hut



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Date	Time	Event
09/06/14	All week	Y6 residential trip to France
09/06/14	All week	Waste Week
10/06/14	8.30-9.30	Governor Finance & Personnel committee: attendance by invitation of Chair and HT
11/06/14	9-10.00	Parent/Tea Coffee morning in The Hut
11/06/14	All day	Y3 trip to Dinton Pastures
12/06/14	8.45-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents Coffee morning
12/06/14	13.00-14.30	Road safety event for Year 2
12/06/14	15.15-15.45	Second hand uniform sale
13/06/14	9.00-9.20	International Parent drop in with Mrs Sangha in the Hut
18/06/14	9-10.00	Parent/Tea Coffee morning in The Hut
18/06/14	10.00-11.00	New to FS2 Parent meeting in FSU Hall
18/06/14	17.15-18.15	New to FS2 Parent meeting in FSU Hall
18/06/14	18-20.00	Governor Curriculum committee: attendance by invitation of Chair and Headteacher
19/06/14	8.45-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents Coffee morning
19/06/14	14.30-16.00	Year 2 Tennis Festival at Maiden Erlegh
20/06/14	9.00-9.20	International Parent drop in with Mrs Sangha in the Hut
20/06/14	TBC	Y1-Y6 Sports Day
21/06/14	TBC	PTA Summer Family Fun day
23/06/14	All week	Health and Wellbeing week
24/06/14	9.00-12.30	FSU Sports morning
24/06/14	10.00-11.30	Y6 REInspired session at St Nicolas Church - Death and Funerals
25/06/14	All day	Y2 trip to the Natural History Museum
25/06/14	All day	Y6 transition day to Bulmersh, Emmbrook and Forest Secondary Schools
25/06/14	9-10.00	Parent/Tea Coffee morning in The Hut
26/06/14	8.45-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents Coffee morning
27/06/14	9.00-9.20	International Parent drop in with Mrs Sangha in the Hut
27/06/14	TBC	Y1-Y6 Sports Day (Reserve date)
01/07/14	9.00-12.30	FSU Sports morning (Reserve date)
02/07/14	9-10.00	Parent/Tea Coffee morning in The Hut
02/07/14	9.30-10.30	New to FS1 Parent meeting - FSU Hall
02/07/14	17.30-19.30	Governor Environment committee: attendance by invitation of Chair and HT
03/07/14	8.45-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents Coffee morning
03/07/14	10.15-11.15	F1 prospective parents FSU tour
03/07/14	20.00-21.30	Parents Supporting Parents Coffee evening
04/07/14	9.00-9.20	International Parent drop in with Mrs Sangha in the Hut
07/07/14	All week	Last week of school run clubs
07/07/14	TBC	Y6 REInspired transition event at Loddon Valley Leisure Centre



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Date	Time	Event
08-09/07/14	Two days	Y4 residential trip to Ufton Court
09/07/14	9-10.00	Parent/Tea Coffee morning in The Hut
09/07/14	18-20.00	Full Governing Body meeting: attendance by invitation of Chair and Headteacher
10/07/14	8.45-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents Coffee morning
10/07/14	am	Proposed date for class swap morning
11/07/14	9.00-9.20	International Parent drop in with Mrs Sangha in the Hut
11/07/14		School reports go home today
11/07/14	TBC	PTA School discos
14/07/14	All week	Arts week
15/07/14	15.30-17.00	FSU Parents evening
15/07/14	19-20.00	Upper team performance
16/07/14	9-10.00	Parent/Tea Coffee morning in The Hut
16/07/14	15.30-17.00	FSU Parents evening
16/07/14	19-20.00	Upper team performance
17/07/14	8.45-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents Coffee morning
17/07/14	15-15.20	Y4 Sharing assembly for parents
18/07/14	9.00-9.20	International Parent drop in with Mrs Sangha in the Hut
21/07/14	TBC	Whole School Swimming Gala
23/07/14	9-10.00	Parent/Tea Coffee morning in The Hut
23/07/14	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
23/07/14	15.00	End of pupil Spring term Y1-6 children finish early at 3pm
24/07-02/09/14		Summer Holiday
03/09/14	TBC	Start of Pupil Summer term - TBC



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