

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

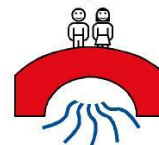
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NEWSLETTER NO 17

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.

Srisesha B	Foxes	Water	Quality story mapping and time telling
Emma C	Phoenix	Air	Thoughtfulness when carrying out charity work
India C	FSU	Fire	Positivity towards school life even when on crutches
Nolan C	Stingrays	Earth	Science video produced towards his hope of being a Scientist
Jessie D	Kestrels	Fire	Showing great courage during activities in France
Aisla G	FSU	Fire	Having a positive attitude generally
Kai K	FSU	Air	Having a positive attitude towards handwriting
Krish K	Turtles	Fire	Thoughtfulness when carrying out charity work
Theo M	Kites	Air	Hope homework
Toby M	Longwings	Earth	Determination in his learning
Tyler M	Greylings	Water	Respect and Cooperation
Antonia P	Stingrays	Air	Quality pattern work in Maths
Jack W	Kites	Earth	Hope homework



School Communication - Letters and Parentmail as of September 2016

School has taken the decision, in conversation with the Parent Forum, to stop routinely sending home paper copies of letters as of September 2016. Letters will instead be shared with parents via Parentmail and the school website. As of September unless a specific request is made to the school office to send a paper copy of letters hard copies will no longer be available.

We encourage all parent/carers to register with Parentmail as soon as possible to ensure that they are able to receive communications from school in a timely manner. If you are currently not registered please speak to the school office to request a registration letter.

Class Swap Morning will take place on the 13th July for pupils in FS2-Y5

Please ensure that your child is at school on this date so that they can meet their new teacher and take part in transition activities.

Class Mixes for 2016-2017

Now that we are in the planning phase for next year we are considering the balance of classes. We do not remix all class groupings as a standard school policy, however, it is the case that sometimes, due to children leaving and joining or factors such as changing friendships, the class balance that worked perfectly when the children were younger no longer works as well.



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Class teachers have indicated to me **Year 2 moving to Year 3** would benefit from some re-mixing. We also will be re-mixing the **Foundation Stage 2 to Year 1** classes to take into account the new pupils joining us as part of our expansion. If as parents you have any questions or feedback you wish to be considered as part of this re-mixing please share this with your child's current class teacher as soon as possible and no later than the 1st July.

All children in Year 2 will be invited to state a preference as to which friends they would like to be placed with in their new class and we guarantee that they will have at least one of these. We will write to Year 2 and FS2 families again during July to confirm class groupings. Please note that whilst both pupil and parent views are genuinely invited and considered as part of the process it is not always possible in a year group of 60/90 to accommodate all such requests. Therefore, the final decision regarding which children will be in each class will be taken by teaching staff that are in the best position to plan class groups based on the educational needs of all children.

Microsoft "Turning it off is not the answer" workshop

Microsoft staff will be delivering a workshop on staying safe online. The workshop is aimed at parents/carers and will take place in the main hall on Thursday 30th June at 6pm. Please see the letter sent to all families and return the reply slip if you would like to book a space(s).



School reading books for Year 2 children

Please check at home and in book bags for coloured home reader books which have been taken home but are now finished with as some of our colours are running quite low at the moment. This does not apply to books that children are currently still enjoying reading at home which you are welcome to continue to read! However, please return any completed reading books to the class. Thank you. *Mrs Clapperton, Year 2 class teacher*

Bikeability training for children in year 5 or 6

Wokingham Borough Council cycle training staff will be running some Bikeability courses in the summer holidays. This year, we are offering Bikeability Combined Level 1 & 2 courses (for any pupils in Year 5, Year 6 or above who missed out on Level 2 at school) AND we are running Level 3 (advanced) courses for the more confident cyclists in Year 6 or above who are likely to be cycling to secondary school in September. Course details are now on our website at: <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/road-safety/cycle-training/> (then click on **Bikeability Children's cycle training**).

Maestros Come and Have a Go evening

This is a free evening on Tuesday 12th July between 6pm and 8pm for children and families to visit our Music Centre (based in the grounds of Prospect School in Tilehurst) and have a go at our huge range of instruments. Our expert teachers will be on hand to give help and advice and there will be refreshments. Everyone is welcome and there will be plenty of free parking just outside the Music Centre. **"Teaching Music Changing Lives"** is at the heart of what we do here at Maestros. Inspiring and motivating young people from 0 - 21 years old to enjoy making music with guidance and support from an exceptional team of teachers. Our team of 160 teachers cover the whole of Berkshire delivering music education to more than 14,000 children, as well as providing performance opportunities within bands, orchestras and smaller music groups to hundreds more.



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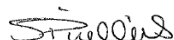


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And finally please make sure you check the date list below for up to date information on events coming across the Primary School for the remainder of this term. Further information will be issued to parent/carers in additional communication sent home by teachers from school however; the list below is designed to ensure you have key dates in advance.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips
Headteacher

Diary Events List: Summer term 2016

Date	Time	Event
28/06/16	9.30-10.15	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
29/09/16	19.30-21.30	PTA meeting in the Hut
30/06/16	18.00	Microsoft "Turning it off is not the answer" workshop for parents/carers in the main hall
01/07/16	All day	Reserve Sports Day for Y1-6
04/07/16	All day	Y3 trip to Dinton Pastures
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
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	9.15-9.35	Y4 brass performance for Parents
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	18.00-19.00	Meeting for Y5 parents about potential France residential trip in Summer 2017
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

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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