

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

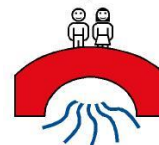
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NEWSLETTER NO 18

Dear Parents/Carers,

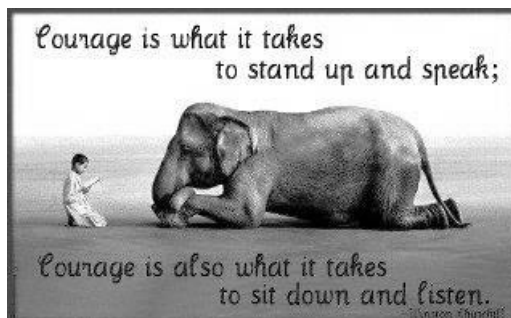


House Gems

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

Srivesha B	Foxes	Water	Quality story mapping and time telling
Demitri C	Stingrays	Fire	Co-operation during music
Gabby C	Seahorses	Air	Perseverance in your writing
Annaleze G	Phoenix	Fire	Thoughtfulness when carrying out Charity work
Fatima K	Kites	Fire	Hope homework
Issy M	Seahorses	Water	Courage when story telling
Hadyn P	Stingrays	Water	Co-operation during music
Isabel S	Bennu	Water	Caring and responsibility in looking after the fish and classroom.
Catilin W	Bennu	Water	Caring and responsibility in looking after the fish and classroom.

Value of the Month Courage



During July we will be teaching the children that courage is the strength to stand up to difficulties, fears or hardships. We will discuss times when as adults or children we have needed to be brave and how we managed to overcome our fears. We will find out about role models in history who have shown bravery in times of adversity. We will share strategies for developing our own bravery in order to face change, new situations or experiences which challenge us.

New class groups

Confirmation of class groups and teachers for 2016-17 will be sent home on **Monday 11th July** please look out for this. Also a reminder that class visits will then be taking place on the morning of July 13th when all children will spend time with their new class teacher; please ensure your child is in school on the 13th.

Year 6 National Test Data 2016

Results for our Year 6 group were returned to school this week and are currently being validated and checked internally by school prior to publication. We will share them with families as quickly as we can having completed all our required checks.



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In relation to this set of Year 6 results we wish to highlight to parents that nationally there has been a significant drop in the numbers of pupils achieving the expected standard against the new curriculum. The national average has fallen massively to 53% this year which is quite frankly unknown territory for us all. At Loddon, whilst our results remain above the national average in 2016 we have also seen numbers achieving the new expected standard drop. Whilst this is disappointing the reality is that the new curriculum and testing against it bears no resemblance to the previous systems and therefore, as the Department for Education has stated, comparisons cannot be made to previous years.

Most importantly at this stage I wish to send a clear message to all of our hardworking Year 6 pupils that whatever your test results under this more ambitious regime we know you have worked so very hard. We know from our work with you every day, across the full range of curriculum subjects that you have done at least as well as the Year 6 groups that came before you and we congratulate each and every one of you for this.



Helping my child with learning at home

As well as following the suggestions contained in your child's report and accessing activities on our learning platform in our view the most crucial help you can give your child for learning at home is support for daily reading. This year we have noticed fewer children reading regularly to a parent/carer at home and we know that when children read regularly out of school they make better progress in reading and other areas of learning at school.

Please continue to make time to hear your child read often this summer; including older or more able readers who still need the opportunity to discuss what they read. When they read please discuss the text with them asking questions such as:

Where and when did the story take place?

Where in the book would you find...?

What evidence can you use to support your view?

What would happen if...?

Do you agree with the actions of the main character?

Regular reading practice really supports children to success at school. If your own language is other than English then reading with your child in their home language is also valuable and helps to develop their approach to understanding books so please feel able to support your child through books in your own language as well.

Silverdale Road - Neighbour complaints

This week I have received a complaint from a neighbour regarding abusive behaviour towards them from one of our parents. Please can I once again ask that people are considerate of others when driving/parking around the school. We do not wish to cause upset to any of our neighbours; neither is this how we wish our values-based school to be known in the community. Please be considerate in your use of the local roads - thank you.

Sports Update

A selection of year 5/6 children took part in the Wokingham Kwik Cricket festival on Tuesday 28th June at Woodford Park. The team played very well, topping their group and winning their semi-final. In the final we played Southlake and lost by just 6 runs. Overall we finished 2nd which was a great achievement.



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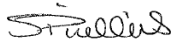


Loddon Holiday Club

21st July - 19th August & 5th-6th September 2016

Loddon Out of School Club will be running during part of the School Summer holiday. Full day: 8.30-5.45 @ £18 per session. Half day: 8.30-1.00 or 1.00-5.45 @ £10 per session. Activities include swimming, pool table, home corner area, arts and crafts, outdoor play, Bouncy Castle, Go Karts & Scooters, Xbox, Ipad, wii, Kindle, PlayStation, sports and team games. Phone Dawn for details 07968278584.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips
Headteacher

Diary Events List: Summer term 2016

Date	Time	Event
11/07/16	13.45	Upper team production: Peter Pan dress rehearsal
11/07/16	18-20.00	Full Governing Body meeting - attendance by invitation from the Chair or Headteacher only
12/07/16	13.45	Upper team production: Peter Pan dress rehearsal
12/07/16	19.00	Upper team production: Peter Pan
13/07/16	9.00-12.00	Class swap morning
13/07/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
13/07/16	19.00	Upper team production: Peter Pan
14/07/16	9.30-11.30	Y4-6 Sports Day
14/07/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) CAN Support Group
18/07/16	All day	Y6 Leavers Trip
19/07/16	19.00-19.30	Y6 Leavers Celebration
20/07/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
21/07/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) CAN Support Group
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
07/09/16	8.55 Y1-6 8.40 FSU	First day of Pupil Autumn term
07/09/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
08/09/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) CAN Support Group