

# LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER NO 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year.



### Value of the month Quality

We launch our new school year with the value Quality.

1. 'The standard of something as measured against other things of a similar kind; the degree of excellence of something.'
2. 'A distinctive attribute or characteristic possessed by someone or something.'

At the start of a new academic year as teachers and parents/carers we are concerned with supporting our children to have the best chance to excel in the coming months. Ensuring children have the correct uniform, equipment, understand school routines and attend school every day will all support children to do their very best. We are setting our expectations for the year and expecting quality in all our studies and a positive attitude to school.

If you are unsure of any of the routines or expectations at Loddon please do ask staff or refer to the information on our website. As stated in our school motto we are 'working together to realise the potential in everyone...' We see the pursuit of Quality as a partnership between school and home and look forward to working together to achieve this.

### Staff Updates

During the summer holidays Mrs Jo Campbell took the decision to leave Loddon following a number of years working in the office and most recently as our School Business Manager. We wish her well for the future. The process of advertising for a new School Business Manager to join our school community has now begun.

Also during the summer holidays Atifa Raj, our newly appointed PSA, unexpectedly relocated to Northern England so has left Loddon. We will be re-advertising the post of PSA in due course. In the meantime Mrs Kam Bhogal (LSA) has been kind enough to offer to cover some of the PSA duties so that Wednesday coffee mornings and sign-posting of services for families can continue without interruption. Mrs Bhogal will be available to support parents on a Wednesday 8.30-4pm and a Thursday 8.30-12pm. Please either look out for her in the parent hut or contact her via the school office.

### 11+ exams and school attendance

Whilst we will support requests for authorised absence to attend 11+ exams we **do not authorise** absence for revision sessions, private centre mock tests or other related activities.

Please also note that we do not encourage families to attend multiple days of testing and may ask for proof of test dates where more than 2 days absence is requested for the purposes of 11+ exams.



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### **Free 6 month subscription to Music Lessons**

Those of you who are Telegraph readers may have noticed that they are offering a free six-month subscription to Gigajam Online Music School to learn guitar, bass, keyboard and drums. Any budding musicians can find out more at [www.gigajamonline.com/tgms15](http://www.gigajamonline.com/tgms15)

### **Children onsite before school**

We would like to remind you that school staff are unable to supervise children before 8.45am and if children need to be dropped off before this time then a Breakfast club is available on site. We would appreciate your support to ensure that children remain safe on the school site at all times.

### **Pirate Pete Photo Competition**

The swimming pool committee are launching a photo competition in aid of the swimming pool fund. We would like to see all the fun you have swimming.

There are 5 different categories: 'Fun in the Sun', 'Most unusual place to swim,' 'Underwater adventures,' 'Dress to impress' 'Animal aquatic antics'.

The competition will be open for entries between Monday 14th September and Friday 2nd October.

Please submit your photos to [swimmingpoolenquiries@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:swimmingpoolenquiries@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk), including your name, class and category and take the entry fee of 50p per photo to reception in an envelope with your name and class on.

Photos may be displayed on the School and Swimming Pool websites. Please ensure you have completed and returned the relevant photographic consent form to the school office to ensure everyone in the photo has consent.

The winners will receive prizes such as Underwater Lego sets and a Grand winner will be voted for and win Coral Reef tickets. You can enter as many times as you want and we look forward to seeing all your exciting photos!



### **PSA Tea/Coffee morning every Wednesday 9-10am**

Come along to the Hut on a Wednesday morning at 9am to join Kam Bhogal for the PSA Tea/Coffee mornings. Offering friendly, informal, confidential support and advice to parents, carers and families where it is an opportunity to meet and chat to other parents as well as gain reassurance of any concerns you may have.

*Mrs Kam Bhogal, Parent Support Advisor*

### **City and Guilds awards in English or Mathematics - Adult courses**

Parents and adult family members are invited to an information morning about some new courses on Maths, English for native speakers and English for non-native speakers. The information morning will take place on Monday 21st September 9.30-12.00 at Hawkedon Primary School Family Centre. Facilitators from Bracknell and Wokingham College. This leads to a city and guilds qualification and the target audience is anyone without a GCSE Grade C or equivalent. All abilities welcome. There will be a short informal assessment. If you are interested please email Mandy Cannar before Thursday 17th September 2015 on [mcannar@hawkedon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:mcannar@hawkedon.wokingham.sch.uk).

### **Poetry and short story competition**

Write a poem or short story in less than 500 words on the theme of Record Breakers.

Fill out the entry form, which can be picked up from your nearest library, and hand them both into your local library, with book themed prizes. Closing date Saturday September 19th.

Further details can be found at: <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries/clubs/challenge/>

### **Harry Dunn - Author visits**



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Local author Harry Dunn will be visiting Wokingham Library on Thursday September 24th, 6.45pm to 8pm to talk about his new novel, *Forever Evil*, the second in the Jack Barclay crime series.

Take this great opportunity to meet Harry and hear about his writing career and enjoy a glass of wine! Book signing and refreshments available.

Harry will also be at Woodley Library on Saturday October 3 between 11am and 12noon to sign copies of the book. Just drop-in

### The Lend and Play Toy Library

The toy library at the Ambleside Centre in Woodley is urgently seeking more committee members and volunteers this month to enable this local charity to keep going. If you can spare a couple of hours to help or are interested in visiting the library please contact [lendandplay@gmail.com](mailto:lendandplay@gmail.com) or 0118 377 6429.

### Early Years Practitioner required from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Grade 3 SCP 14-17 £15882- to £16998 Pro rata £6232-£6670

17.5 hours per week: Temporary contract to cover maternity leave

Term time only (no inset days) 8.30am-12.00pm

We are looking to appoint a suitably qualified practitioner, with excellent levels of communication and team-working skills to work within our expanding Early Years team acting as key worker for a group of 2 years olds.

You will have experience of working with children aged 2 - 5 either in an educational or child care setting, leading small groups, assessing levels of development, keeping learning records and liaising with parents and carers.

Are you caring, hardworking, reliable, and positive? Do you want to be part of an early years provision as it establishes education provision and child care for 2 year olds locally?

If so we can offer you the opportunity to work as part of our new provision with training opportunities and the support of a large friendly Early Years team.

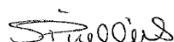
Closing date: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015

Interview date: 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015

If you could fill this role, we warmly invite you to contact Zahra Colwill for a job description and application form at Loddon Primary School, Silverdale Rd, Earley, Reading RG6 7LR. Tel: 0118 9261449 Email: [secretary@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk)

*The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Successful applicants will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS disclosure.*

Yours sincerely



Mrs. S. Phillips  
Headteacher

### Diary Events List: Autumn Term 2015

Date	Time	Event
14/09/15	18.00-19.00	LPSPC committee meeting. Attendance by invitation of Chair and Headteacher
15/09/15	13.30-15.00	Y5 REInspired session at St. Nicolas Church: Rules and Codes Christians Live By
16/09/15	09.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
21/09/15	18.30-19.30	Phonics Meeting for Parents (F1 - Y2) in the Foundation Stage Hall
21/09/15	20.00-22.00	PTA AGM in the Hut - All welcome



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22/09/15	08.30-09.30	Personnel and Finance committee meeting. Attendance by invitation of Chair and Headteacher
23/09/15	09.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
23/09/15	18.00-18.30	PGL meeting for parents of Y5 children in the School Hall
29/09/15	18.00-19.00	KS1 Maths workshop for parents. Venue TBC
30/09/15	09.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
30/09/15	18.00-19.00	France meeting for parents of Y6 children in the Main Hall
01/10/15	10.15	FSU tour for F1 prospective parents
01/10/15	18-19.00	Curriculum committee meeting. Attendance by invitation of Chair and Headteacher
06/10/15	13.30-15.00	Y1 REInspired session at St Nicolas Church: Baptism and Belonging
07/10/15	09.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
07/10/15	18.00-19.00	Environment committee meeting. Attendance by invitation of Chair and Headteacher
12/10/15	18.00-19.00	KS2 Maths workshop for parents. Venue TBC
14/10/15	09.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
14/10/15	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body committee meeting. Attendance by invitation of Chair and Headteacher
16/10/15	15.00-17.00	Eid and Diwali celebration - The Main Hall
21-23/10/15	All day	Y5 residential trip to PGL
21/10/15	09.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
26-30/10/15	All week	Half Term holiday
02/11/15	All day	INSET day - school closed for staff training