

# LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

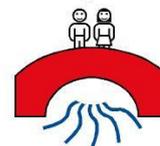
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## NEWSLETTER NO 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school. Your children have made a very positive start to the new school year and we are all looking forward to working together to achieve further successes at Loddon Primary School during the coming year.

The summer break was especially busy with the installation of new ICT facilities for our Y1/2 pupils, repairs to the FSU grounds and playgrounds and of course the installation of our new Kitchen. The new Free School meal arrangements are now well established and it has been a pleasure to see piping hot meals being served straight from our onsite kitchen. Please do let us know of any feedback regarding the new meal arrangements and remember to register if your child is in FS2/Y1/Y2 and wishing to take a free meal.



### Sensory Garden

Also during the summer we had a team of 16 year old volunteers on site who gave up much of their holiday time to build us a sensory garden. The garden is now complete next to the wildlife area at the bottom of the school field; please feel free to go and have a look as it really is a beautiful space! Our congratulations go to the team of volunteers involved in this project not only for their achievements at Loddon but as winners of the local National Citizen Service competition for social action projects. They will next showcase their garden project at an event at Wellington College in December. It is lovely to see young people giving time and commitment to their local community in this way.

### Summer Holiday Home Learning Challenges

Well done to all our pupils who completed the summer holiday home learning challenges and thank you to all parents/carers who supported with this.

### Road safety during drop off and pick up

As we start a new year please remember to take a look around the school site and find a safe place for your child(ren) to get out of the car. Please do not drop your children off by the gate which causes congestion and therefore significantly increases the risk of someone getting hurt.

Parking is extremely limited onsite and therefore restricted to staff or those with a disability badge only. Please do not attempt to access the site car parks before, throughout or at the end of the school day for pupil drop off or collection.

### School Uniform Reminder

A quick reminder that skirts and trousers should be in **grey** (not black) this is in line with our published school uniform policy.

Shorts for PE should be plain black and worn with the appropriate house T-Shirt. If you are not sure which house your child is in please ask their class teacher.



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### Questions or concerns

We hope that the new school year will be a positive one for all our children and families however, there may be an occasion when you have a question or a concern and if this is the case we are here to help. Please do come and speak to us. There are lots of ways in which we can be contacted.

1. In the first instance the best person to approach is your child's class teacher this can be done either in person, via e-mail or the school office.
2. Having seen your class teacher if you are still concerned then you may wish to speak to a senior leader: Miss Hawkins (FSU), Miss Meskill (FSU/KS1) or Miss Andrews (KS2).
3. If concerns are unresolved by the above then please request an appointment with Mrs Phillips via the school office.
4. Whilst complaints are rare at Loddon the school's complaints policy is available for your reference on our school website this outlines all informal and formal routes available to parents in the event of a complaint.

Finally we take the safeguarding of children especially seriously and if you have a concern around an individual child then the designated teacher for Child Protection at our school is Mrs Sarah Phillips and in her absence Mrs Gemma Didcock or Miss Lucy Andrews. Please speak to them if you have a specific concern regarding a safety.

You can also contact Children's Services via 0118 908 8002 or email [randateam@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:randateam@wokingham.gov.uk). The emergency duty team if it is outside of office hours 01344 786 543

### Caterlink School lunch weekly menu

Caterlink will offer a choice of three meals during Monday-Thursday. Choices will consist of a main option, a vegetarian option or a jacket potato. However, on a Friday there will be two menu options, either a main option or a vegetarian option. A jacket potato will not be available.



### Loddon Primary School Library

Loddon Primary School Library contains over 8000 books and is staffed by a qualified Librarian. The aim of the library is to provide a welcoming environment that encourages and supports children by promoting the concept of reading for pleasure.

Pupils in Year 1 - Year 6 are able to access the library to borrow books both as part of organised class visits and independently during the lunchtime break.

Pupils in Year 1 - Year 4 can borrow one book at a time. Pupils in Year 5 and 6 can borrow 2 books at a time. Books are issued for 2 weeks. There are no fines on overdue books but pupils are encouraged to return their book on time. This means they can choose a new book for themselves to read and the book is then available for another pupil to use. If a book is lost or damaged we may ask for a contribution towards the cost of a replacement copy.

Children in Foundation Stage also visit the library and each reading area is stocked with books carefully selected to match children's interests and needs. There will be a box in the hall for children to choose a book to take home and share.



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## Second Hand Uniform

We continue to welcome donations of second hand uniform, especially logo items. Good quality items (washed, folded and in a bag) can be handed in at the school office. Thank you for the donations received so far this term. On Wednesday 1st October, second hand uniform will be available in the Parent Hut from 9-10am during parent coffee morning and thereafter on the first Wednesday of each month. Items range from 50p to £3 so bring your change! We will continue to offer second hand uniform sales every term after school and we will notify you of the next date soon.

*Claire Allison (Parent Support), Maive Watts (Yr 6 Parent), Andrea Smith (FSU and Yr 3 Parent)*

## Local courses for adults

Several free or low cost courses start in September and October at the Earley Crescent Resource Centre, Warbler Drive, Lower Earley RG6 4HB. Courses include: Fun Family Cookery Workshops, How to Create an Effective CV & Application Form, Emergency First Aid, An Introduction to Photoshop Touch using a Tablet. For more details see the posters in the Parent Hut or contact Crescent Centre on 0118 921 0555 [www.earleycrescent.org](http://www.earleycrescent.org)

## Invitation to all new Parents: Wednesday 17th September 2014 in the Parent Hut

All parents new to Loddon are invited to a coffee morning or afternoon offered by Claire Allison, Parent Support Advisor. Morning: 9-10 am Afternoon: 12.20 - 13.20pm. Come along to meet other parents and ask any questions you may have. Babies and pre-school children are welcome; toys available. During term-time a regular parent coffee morning runs every Wednesday 9-10am.

## International Parents' and Toddler Group

This weekly group meets each Friday 09:30 - 11:30am in Loddon's Parent Hut. All parents, carers and pre-school children are welcome. No need to book, just drop in. The group is run by Red Kite's Children's Centre. More information is available on a noticeboard in the Parent Hut or call 0118 908 8181.

## 2014 Big Draw - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September between 10-1600

The 2014 Big Draw is taking place as part of the Reading Guild of Artists' September show. Children and adults are encouraged to drop in and have a go at drawing something. The event takes place in the Art Building LO4, The Institute of Education, London Road Campus, Reading University.

## Draft Options Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan - Message from Wokingham Borough Council

The Government requires councils to meet the accommodation needs of the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show people and the Council has chosen to do this through the creation of a Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan (GTLP). Options have been set out in the GTLP Draft Options Paper. We want your views on the various issues in the Paper, including the potential size and location of new Gypsy and Traveller sites. We are also conducting a 'Call for Sites' to allow people to suggest sites in the Borough that may be suitable for Gypsy and Traveller or Travelling Show people development.

To view all the documents and fill out the online comments form, please visit our website at: <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/planning/policy/ldf/gypsy-and-traveller-local-plan/> (Hard copies of the comments and 'Call for Sites' forms can also be provided on request.) Or you can respond by email to [policyandplans@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:policyandplans@wokingham.gov.uk) Or by post to Land Use and Transport Team, Wokingham Borough Council, PO Box 157, Shute End, Wokingham, RG40 1WR. You can also view the GTLP Draft Options Paper in any of the Borough's libraries, Crowthorne Library and at the Civic Offices at Shute End, Wokingham. The consultation period runs from Thursday 7th August to 4pm on Thursday 2nd October.

Yours sincerely



Mrs. S. Phillips  
Headteacher



## Diary Events List: Autumn Term 2014

Date	Time	Event
16/09/14	13.30-15.00	Y5 REInspired Rules & Codes session at St Nicolas Church
17/09/14	9-10.00	Parent/Tea Coffee morning in The Hut
22/09/14	All week	First week of Clubs run by school staff
22/09/14	19-20.00	Y5 PGL residential trip Parent meeting - Parents of children in Y5 attending trip
22/09/14	19-20.00	Phonics meeting in FSU Hall - Parents of children in FSU & Y1 but all welcome
22/09/14	20.00-22.00	PTA AGM in The Hut
24/09/14	9-10.00	Parent/Tea Coffee morning in The Hut
24/09/14	All day	FS & KS1 drama workshops
26/09/14	9.30-11.30	Harvest Festival Services at St Nicolas Church
30/09/14	8.30-9.30	Governor Personnel & Finance: attendance by invitation of Chair & Headteacher
01/10/14	9-10.00	Parent/Tea Coffee morning in The Hut
01/10/14	18.00-19.30	Governor Curriculum Committee: attendance by invitation of Chair & Headteacher
07/10/14	13.30-15.00	Y1 REInspired Baptism & Belonging session at St Nicolas Church
07/10/14	16-19.00	FS, Y1-Y6 Parents evening
08-14/10/14	TBC	Travelling Book Faire
08/10/14	9-10.00	Parent/Tea Coffee morning in The Hut
08/10/14	16-19.00	Y1-Y6 Parents evening
09/10/14	10.15-11.15	F1 prospective parents tour of FSU
09/10/14	15.00	Y6 Sharing Assembly - Parents/Carers welcome
10/10/14	15.00-17.00	EID Diwali Celebration
15/10/14	9-10.00	Parent/Tea Coffee morning in The Hut
15/10/14	18.00-19.30	Governor Environment Committee: attendance by invitation of Chair & Headteacher
17/10/14	17.00-18.15	Y1-3 PTA Autumn disco
17/10/14	19.00-20.30	Y4-6 PTA Autumn disco
21/10/14	18.00-20.00	Full Governing Body meeting: attendance by invitation of Chair & Headteacher
22/10/14	3 days	Y5 trip to PGL
22/10/14	9-10.00	Parent/Tea Coffee morning in The Hut
27-31/10/14	One week	Half term