

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

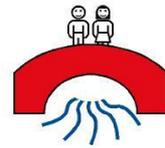
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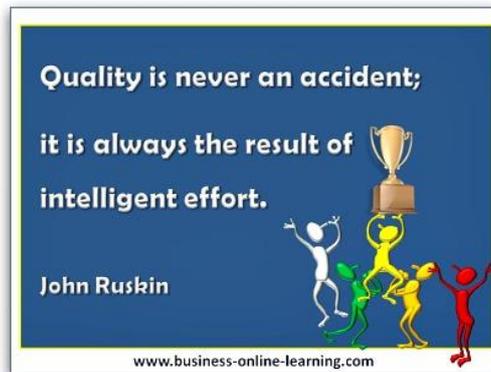
Dear Parents/Carers



House Gems

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

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| Dev T | Greylings | Earth | Quality writing |
| Ryan L | Octopuses | Water | Quality Maths |
| Ahmad I | Octopuses | Air | Quality Maths |
| Alex C | Kestrels | Air | Thoughtfulness and caring |



Value of the Month - Quality

At Loddon we are aiming for excellence and therefore we start our school year with the value of 'Quality'. We will be challenging the children to do their very best in all their learning this year and to make every effort to excel. Please help your child to achieve 'Quality' by making sure that they arrive at school on time daily, avoiding booking family holidays during school time and supporting their learning interests, such as phonics, reading and times tables, at home. We are very grateful to all our families for your support and look forward to working together 'Realise the Potential in Everyone'.

Values Ambassadors

This year will be introducing a new role at Loddon; Values Ambassadors. This role will be one in which individual children are invited to take part by the Headteacher and the criteria for invitation will be linked to those who are awarded a values gem during the preceding school term. As a one off to get the system started the first set of invited ambassadors are any Year 6 children who received a gem last academic year. In future the ambassadors will change termly and be Y5/6 children who received a gem the term before.

What is a Loddon Values Ambassador?

A Loddon Values Ambassador is an individual who can help develop, promote and celebrate the Loddon Values.

They will be expected to be:

- Welcoming, friendly and proud that Loddon is a Values School



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- Excellent role models for the Loddon Values
- Keen to help others achieve their full potential
- Motivated to share their knowledge and experiences

We will work on a number of projects together throughout the year which will be intended to strengthen our Values at Loddon and our links with the local community of Earley. The first project will be linked to 'Quality' behaviour and 'Kindness' on the school playground.

Breakfast Club Parking

Parents are reminded that there is no parking available in Hillside car park after 8.15am. This is to allow staff to arrive and park for work on time.



Cycling on site

To ensure the safety of all site users, cycling on site is not allowed for either adults or children.

Building update

Unfortunately there has been a delay to our building project due to further assessments of the site being required by Thames Water. Once we have a confirmed start date for the next stage of works, the building of the Multi Use Games Area, we will let you know. In the meantime you will notice that the fencing around the field has come down on one side to allow access to the school field for our PE lessons and sporting clubs.

Parent/carer volunteers

Mrs Shaw will be offering two training sessions for parents/carers who would like to volunteer to help in school; both on Monday 25th September. A typical opportunity would be listening to children read although there may also be other activities particularly with our younger pupils in FSU and Y1. These training sessions will be a general introduction to volunteering with a further training session being offered for those volunteers who will help with reading. The training sessions on 25th September will last around thirty minutes and take place in the Parent Hut at 9.15am after drop off or 2.30pm before pick up. If you would like to attend one of these sessions please email the school office on secretary@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk to confirm your attendance. We will respond to confirm your space.

Pupil Premium Funding

If you are on a low income and receive one of the benefits listed below the school may be able to apply for additional funding to help to support your child's educational achievement and enrichment activities. If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium funding, they will also be able to continue receiving free school meals (beyond Year 2).

Your child might be able to get free school meals / Pupil Premium Grant if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If you think your child may qualify for Pupil Premium funding, please contact the school office who will be happy to assist. For any pupils that received Early Years Pupil Premium funding in Nursery, parents / carers need to reapply



once their child starts in Reception. If your child is currently in receipt of Pupil Premium funding and you have any concerns / questions, please contact me via the school office or at inclusion@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk
Many thanks: *Mrs. Gemma Didcock - Inclusion Leader*

English Course: 'Free' English classes at Loddon Primary School

Bracknell and Wokingham College have provided us with an opportunity to run 'free' English classes at Loddon Primary School. The programme is 30 hours long (typically meeting once per week over 15 weeks for 2 hours) this will be held in the Parent Hut. This course is a certified course and leads to a recognised City & Guilds qualification. We would need full commitment from parents/guardians that they could attend for the duration of the course and complete the final assessment. Please let me know if are interested to register, before Wednesday 4th October as assessments will be due to take place on Thursday 5th October. If you would like further details please contact Kam Bhogal (PSA). psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk

Positive Parenting: Wed 18th Oct in the Hut

Managing Challenging Behaviour: Wed 1st Nov 9am-11am in the Hut

We know that being a parent can be both rewarding and challenging. Our workshops are here to support you and to help you build a strong and secure relationship with your child. The workshops will include group discussions and practical tasks to help you build on your strengths and give you time and space to think about any changes you want to make. A helpful, easy to read handout is included with the workshops. The 2 free workshops run for 90 minutes each led by two trained and experienced facilitators from Wokingham Borough Council. They are aimed at parents with children in primary school as long as they have at least one child under 5 in the family. Find out more or to book a place please contact Kam (PSA) or email with your query. psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk

Parent Forum:

Parent Forum minutes on 'Sharing information around children's progress' are now on the school website for you to view under subheading of 'Parents'.

Next meeting: Monday 16th October at 8pm in the Parent hut. Topic to be advised at a later date.



Toys in the Parent Hut

It is fantastic that so many of you use the Parent Hut and that your children play with the toys and read the books. Please continue to enjoy this space. However, particularly after school, toys are being left out and not put back. This very quickly makes the Hut untidy, unwelcoming and a dangerous obstacle course for the next person/child! To keep the Hut pleasant for everyone to use, please keep encouraging your children to tidy up after themselves, even if others are still playing when you leave. There are also three waste bins available for your use. Children who do use the hut facility and tidy up after themselves are recognised and rewarded a small sticker as encouragement by Kam. We appreciate for your help with this. *Kam Bhogal, PSA*

Donations of Games

We would be pleased to receive donations of children's games for rainy days when children are unable to access the playground. If you have any games that are no longer used at home that you would be happy to donate to the school, we would be pleased to receive them.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S Phillips
Headteacher



Diary Events List: Autumn term 2017

| Date | Time | Event |
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| 20/9/17 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut |
| 22/9/17 | Morning | Road Safety Show for children in FS-Y2 |
| 25/9/17 | 9.15-9.45 | Volunteer training for Parents/Carers in the Hut |
| 25/9/17 | 14.30-15.00 | Volunteer training for Parents/Carers in the Hut |
| 27/9/17 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut |
| 27/9/17 | 20.00-21.30 | PTA AGM in the Hut |
| 29/9/17 | 9.30-11.30 | Harvest Festival at St Nicolas Church: Reception-KS1 9.30-10.30, KS2 10.30-11.30 |
| 3-10/10/17 | After school | Travelling Book Fair in the FSU Hall |
| 3/10/17 | 13.30-15.30 | Y1 REInspired session: Baptism and Belonging. At Brookside Church |
| 4-6/10/17 | Residential | Y5 trip to PGL |
| 4/10/17 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut |
| 5/10/17 | 10.15 | F1 Prospective Parents Monthly Tour |
| 11/10/17 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut |
| 11/10/17 | 18.00-19.30 | Full Governor Body meeting: Attendance by invitation of Chair or Headteacher only |
| 18/10/17 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut |
| 18/10/17 | 9.00-11.00 | Positive Parenting Course in The Hut |
| 23-27/10/17 | All week | Half Term |
| 30/10/17 | All day | INSET days School closed for staff training |
| 31/10/17 | 13.30-15.30 | Y3 RE Inspired session at Brookside Church |
| 01/11/17 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut |
| 01/11/17 | 9.00-11.00 | Managing Challenging Behaviour Course in The Hut |
| 02/11/17 | 10.15 | F1 Prospective Parents Monthly Tour |
| 08/11/17 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut |
| 08/11/17 | 16.00-19.00 | Parents evening FSU-Y6 |
| 09/11/17 | 9.30-10.30 | Whole School Open morning |
| 09/11/17 | 16.00-19.00 | Parents evening FSU-Y6 |
| 15/11/17 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut |
| 16/11/17 | 15.00-15.20 | Y5 Class sharing assembly - Parents/Carers welcome |
| 22/11/17 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut |
| 23/11/17 | 9.15-10.15 | Y6 RE Inspired session |
| 24/11/17 | Morning | Flu immunisation for children in F2-Y4 |
| 29/11/17 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut |
| 30/11/17 | 10.00-12.15 | Y6 RE Inspired session at St Nicolas Church |
| 05/12/17 | 13.30-15.30 | Y6 RE Inspired session at Brookside Church |
| 06/12/17 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut |

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| 07/12/17 | 10.15 | F1 Prospective Parents Monthly Tour |
| 07/12/17 | 15.00-15.20 | Y6 Class sharing assembly - Parents/Carers welcome |
| 13/12/17 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut |
| 19/12/17 | As shown | Christmas Celebration at St Nicolas Church: Children in F2-KS1 9.30am Children in KS2 10.30am |
| 19/12/17 | End of day | Final day of Autumn term - Children finish 30 minutes earlier than their usual time. |
| 19/12/17-02/01/18 | All week | Christmas holiday |
| 03/01/18 | All day | Start of Pupil Spring term |