

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

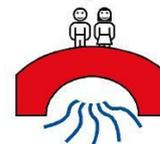
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NEWSLETTER NO 1

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.

Callum F	Eagles	Fire	Kindness and thoughtfulness
Jack C	Eagles	Earth	Kindness and thoughtfulness
Prithvi P	Kestrels	Earth	Cooperation during a group writing activity
Tayshaun C	Kestrels	Water	Cooperation during a group writing activity

Value of the Month - Co-operation



As we begin the new school year we will be focussing on the value of co-operation and how to work together to achieve individual and whole school success. Our school motto is 'Working together to realise the potential in everyone' and this value reminds us of the role we should play in our school community to become a positive contributor. We will offer the children opportunities to work in groups and to learn the skills needed to work together. We will use 'Talk Partners' in classrooms to support our children to work with a wide range of other children thus developing their cooperative and team work skills.

Expansion and New Spaces in School

This summer holiday period was exceptionally busy for Loddon as we oversaw the completion of building work to offer an additional Year 1 and FS2 class. We are very pleased with our three new Year 1 classrooms, new library space and redecorated and updated reception classes. The new spaces look superb and our children are really enjoying accessing them for learning. I hope that those of you who have viewed them first hand either at 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week or during the first day's drop off will agree.

As we grow as a community welcoming additional families to Loddon we thank you for your patience and the help you have offered to others who perhaps are less clear of routines than you are. We also have a couple of suggestions which we feel would help us all at school drop off and pick up times.

- Please do your utmost to arrive promptly for Foundation Stage pick up time. The teachers are also working hard to ensure we always get your children out to you on time!
- Please could any parents/carers who only have children in Key Stage 2 (Y3-6) consider accessing the school site from either the entrance further along Silverdale Road (entering site next to the bike sheds) or from Hillside as this will ease congestion at the front of the school.



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- If you want to stop and chat please be aware of whether you are blocking a pathway or gate and if so move to a more spacious area of the school site where people can pass you more easily.
- Please can Year 1 parents wait at the bottom of the ramp outside Seahorses and Jellyfish when collecting/dropping off so that the children can easily access their classrooms.

Thank you all for your co-operation!



Gardening Club

We are delighted to announce that Loddon Primary School has been awarded joint 2nd place out of 300 schools across the UK in the Stewart Garden Schools Programme 2016. We have won £100 to spend at our local garden centre. The competition was to get creative with Stewart Garden products - a Propagator, premium seed tray, plastic plant pots and 5 litre watering cans. The gardening club grew flowers and vegetables and held a plant sale, sending half of the proceeds to Zambia and keeping the rest to buy seeds and equipment for the coming year. Congratulations and well done to everyone who took part. *Miss Benson, Gardening Club Leader*

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. If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium funding, they will also be able to continue receiving free school meals (Year 3-6).

To qualify for free school meals / Pupil Premium funding for your child you must receive one of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based job seeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Child Tax Credit - provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190
- The guarantee element of the State Pension Credit

If you think your child may qualify for Pupil Premium funding, please contact the school office who will be happy to assist.

Does your child have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)?

From 1st September 2014 the Children and Families Act introduced changes to the support for children and young people who have special educational needs and disability. One of the key changes introduced as part of these reforms was the publishing of a Local Offer which enables parents and young people to see what services and facilities are available in their area and how they can be accessed.

The Wokingham Borough's Local Offer can be viewed on the Wokingham Borough Council website: www.wokingham.gov.uk/lo

If you do not have access to the internet the CAN Network can support you to find the information you require by telephoning: 0118 974 6818

The Local Offer also provides the opportunity for parents, carers and young people to provide feedback on provision available in the borough and comment on the online Local Offer.

The council is keen to hear your views to help us with the continual development of the Local Offer and the provision available. This can be done through our online survey or by contacting the Family Information Service: Survey: www.wokingham.gov.uk/lo-survey Email: info.families@wokingham.gov.uk Tel: 0118 9088466.

The online Local Offer also provides information on other changes brought in as part of the SEND reforms, including Education, Health and Care Plans which are replacing statements of SEN.



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Scooter Shelters

Thanks to the hard work and skilled efforts of our Site Controller Mr Mendoza a new scooter shelter has been provided behind the Headteacher's office near the playtime shed. Another scooter shelter is located by the Year One entrance. If your child rides their scooter to and from school, please use one of these shelters to store the scooter during the day rather than the bike shelters. Leaving scooters on the floor by the bike shelter can cause a trip hazard. As with all personal items brought into school, please ensure the scooter is clearly named and ideally locked for security.

Car park and vehicle entrance - Silverdale Road

I was rather shocked by the inconsiderate behaviour I witnessed by some drivers on Silverdale Road this morning. The **staff car park is for staff only** and it is highly dangerous to sneak in behind staff cars to drop off your child whilst other families are arriving at school. It is also dangerous to pull into the school entrance and in so doing cause an obstruction to pedestrians and the emergency vehicle entrance to school.

Parents/carers are not to use the staff car park or block the entrance to school with their vehicles

Vacancy for a Play Worker at Loddon After School Club

Due to an increase in the number of children using the After School Club a vacancy for a Play Worker has arisen, working 4-5 days per week. The position is working term time only with some flexibility. Experience is preferred but training will be given for the right person. Please contact Dawn Scott on 07968278584 for further information or to apply.

Children with Additional Needs - Fun day

REACH Wokingham in Partnership with Wokingham Borough Council CAN Network are hosting the Children with Additional Needs Family Fun and Information Day on Saturday 1st October 2016, 11.00am to 4.00pm at St Crispin's Leisure Centre, London Road, Wokingham RG40 1SR.

There will be numerous information stalls where you can find out more about support, services and activities that are available locally to support families who have a child with SEND. During the day there will also be a number of guest speakers. Lots of activities for children are planned to keep them entertained, including a bouncy castle, circus skills, face painting, Lu's Owls, sports activities and a climbing wall.

This event is open to anyone living in the Wokingham Borough who has a child or young person with a special educational need or disability, and is free to attend. You do not have to be a member of the CAN Network or REACH. Everyone is welcome. Please book tickets to help us with numbers at Eventbrite or Email: reachwokingham@hotmail.co.uk or CAN.network@wokingham.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Phillips
Headteacher

Diary Events List: Autumn term 2016

Date	Time	Event
19/09/16	19.30-21.00	PTA AGM in the Hut



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21/09/16	8.30-9.30	Personnel & Finance Governor committee: attendance by invitation from Chair or HT
21/09/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
21/09/16	9.00-9.30	Second hand uniform sale
22/09/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) CAN Support Group
22/09/16	15.30-16.00	Second hand uniform sale - outdoor classroom
26/09/16	18.00-19.00	Y5 parents - PGL residential trip meeting - Main Hall
26/09/16	18.00-19.00	Swimming Pool Committee - End of season meeting: attendance by invitation
26/09/16	20.00-21.00	Parent Forum meeting in the Hut
28/09/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
28/09/16	9.00-10.00	Values workshop for parents in the Hut presented by Mrs Phillips
28/09/16	18.00-19.00	Y4 Parents - Ufton Court/PGL residential trip meeting - Main Hall
28/09/16	18.00-19.30	Governor Curriculum committee: attendance by invitation from Chair or HT
29/09/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) CAN Support Group
4-10/10/16	All week	Travelling Book fair in the Library
4/10/16	13.30-14.30	Y1 REInspired session on Baptism and Belonging - Brookside Church
5/10/16	8.30-9.30	Governor Environment committee: attendance by invitation from Chair or HT
5/10/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
5/10/16	16-19.00	F2-Y6 Parents evening
6/10/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) CAN Support Group
6/10/16	10.15	F1 prospective parents tour of Foundation Unit
6/10/16	16-19.00	F2-Y6 Parents evening
7/10/16	9.30-11.30	Harvest Festival at St Nicolas Church: F2 and KS1: 9.30-10.30 KS2: 10.30-11.30
12/10/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
12/10/16	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting: attendance by invitation from Chair or HT
13/10/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) CAN Support Group
19-21/10	All day	Y5 residential trip to PGL
19/10/16	9.00-10.00	E-Safety workshop for Parents in the Hut
19/10/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
20/10/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) CAN Support Group
20/10/16	15.30-16.00	Second hand uniform sale - outdoor classroom
24-28/10	All week	Half term holiday
1/11/16	13.30-14.30	Y3 REInspired session on Creation - Brookside Church
2/11/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
3/11/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) CAN Support Group
3/11/16	10.15	F1 prospective parents tour of Foundation Unit
4/11/16	All day	INSET: School closed for staff training