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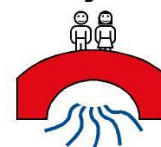
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20th September 2013

NEWSLETTER NO 2

Dear Parents/Carers,



Information Pack for Parents

Our information pack for parents/carers which outlines areas such as attendance, uniform requirements, times of the day and how to raise concerns with school has recently been updated. A copy can be viewed on our school website or a paper copy is available from the school office. We hope that the information will prove helpful and if you feel any further items should be included we invite your feedback.

Data Collection sheets

Data collection sheets detailing the contact information we hold for you, have been sent home today. Please take the time to check the form carefully and let us know if any information has changed. In particular, please ensure you have supplied an up to date email address where possible. As a school we are now using ParentMail to communicate with our parents and carers. All letters and forms are sent electronically where possible and payment for school trips etc. can be made online.

Values Education - Quality

This month we are working on the value 'Quality'. Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a 'Quality House Gem' this month.

- ✓ William H (Y6) A 'quality' start to Year 6
- ✓ Marquis F (Y2) Sharing quality answers with my friends

Phonics Workshop: Tuesday 24th September 2013

A Phonics workshop will be held next Tuesday (24th October) at 7pm in classroom 1PW. The workshop is open to all parents/carers although is particularly relevant to those with children in FS - Y2. Please note that the content of the session will be the same as last year, although you are still very welcome to attend if you would like a refresher now that your child has moved on a year.

Last Swimming Lessons this Season - Wednesday 25th September

Next week Y1-4 will have their final swimming lessons for the season with the last day of swimming being Wednesday 25th September. During this last lesson we will be carrying out a final assessment of the children's progress and swimming stage so please make sure your child has their swimming kit in school.

We recognise that the weather is changeable, however the weather is forecast to be much warmer this weekend and so we are hopeful this will continue into the start of the new week. Of course if the weather is especially wet or cold we will take the decision to cancel sessions at the time.

Harvest Festival Food donations - Friday 27th September 2013

We have our Harvest Festival celebrations at St. Nicolas Church on Friday 27th September. This is also a lovely opportunity to help local families in need by donating non-perishable items of food which the church will distribute to homeless people in the local area. If you would like to contribute, please give your child a suitable food item (non-perishable food items such as cans and packets but no jars or bottles) to bring into school on the morning of the Festival and children will be able to give their item to the church during the Harvest celebration. Please ensure the item is in date and seals are intact.

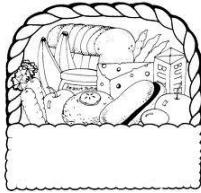


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We will be walking the children down to the church with their Harvest gifts as follows:

9.15am for a 9.30am start - FS, Years 1 and 2;

10.15am for a 10.30am start - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

For the 9.30 service we are looking for 3 parent volunteers per class to accompany the children in the walk to St. Nicholas' Church at 9.15. We are also looking for parents to walk with the older children for the 10.30 service, leaving at 10.15. **Please let your child's class teacher know if you can help by accompanying the class to the church.** Parents are most welcome to join us for either service, both of which are expected to last for about half an hour.

Staffing Update

Mrs Taylor (Y5 Teaching Assistant) has decided to leave Loddon in order to extend her hours at Waitrose. I would like to thank Mrs Taylor for her hard work during her time here most especially in her support of our eco and garden projects and also in overseeing cooking sessions. Mrs Taylor will be leaving us in mid-October and interviews for her replacement will be held next week.

We welcome Mrs Wendy Henderson to our FSU as a newly appointed key worker. Mrs Henderson was recruited from an especially strong field of applicants. She will be known to many parents through her previous work at Kilnsea Pre-School and will join us after half-term.

Lunchtime Controller vacancy

We are looking for a friendly and capable person to join our lunchtime team. The post involves a variety of tasks including setting up tables in the dining hall, supervising the children as they eat, supervising and supporting children outside during the lunch hour and providing first aid. Training can be provided.

Applicants should enjoy working with children aged 5 to 11 and be available to work every day during term time from 11.50am-1.20pm. If you are a positive team player who is willing to 'muck in' and support our children to have a happy play experience we would love to hear from you.

You will be on Grade 3 Fixed SCP 14 and earn equivalent to an enhanced hourly rate of £9.28. Applications will be considered on receipt.



Volunteering in school

If you would like to volunteer to help in school during the school week, evenings, weekends or holidays please complete the slip at the end of today's newsletter. Please indicate your particular interests or areas of expertise which may include subjects such as cooking, reading, gardening but equally can include more unusual topics that may benefit the children themselves or the school site. We will use the information to compile a log of volunteers who we will contact if a suitable voluntary opportunity arises.

Please be aware that anyone who volunteers regularly in school will need to complete an enhanced DBS check (formerly CRB) which we will support you to do. Please also note we will be holding sessions for our volunteers prior to them starting to explain our school policies and train all volunteers on our expectations/requirements when working with us including safeguarding and confidentiality.



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Welly Exchange

This is a free, self-service scheme for parents at Loddon Primary School.

Have your children outgrown their wellington boots? You are invited to donate them to Welly Exchange and look for a bigger pair.

There are currently more than 20 pairs in stock, ranging from toddler size 3 to child/adult size 3.

The Welly Exchange shelf unit is in the Parent Hut. Please note your donations and exchanges on the sheet in the Welly Exchange Unit. The Parent Hut is situated between the main school playground and Foundation Stage building. It is open before, during and after every school day. *Claire Allison (Parent Support)*

New Parents and Carers: Coffee Morning & Afternoon

A big welcome to all our new parents and carers.

Please join me in the Parent Hut on Wednesday October 2nd 9:00-10:00 or 12:30 - 13:30.

Tea / coffee and cake will be available plus a chance to meet other parents and staff.

Younger children welcome. Toys available. *Claire Allison (Parent Support)*



Weekly Coffee Morning for all Parents and Carers

A reminder that tea & coffee is available every Wednesday 9-10am during term time in the Parent Hut. All welcome, including younger children. Toys available. Just drop in! *Claire Allison (Parent Support)*

New in October - PSP Coffee Morning Comes to Evenings

Starting on Thursday 10th October, join us for the first evening meeting of the Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) group. The meeting will take place in the Parent Hut. Future evening monthly meetings will take place on the 1st Thursday of the month between 8pm-9.30pm.

Name labels - supporting the PTA

If you are thinking about ordering new name labels then please order through Stikins and use our school id 23251, the PTA will then get 25% commission - <http://www.name-labels.com/?PARTNER=23251>.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. S. Phillips
Headteacher

Diary Events List - Autumn Term 2013

Date	Time	Event
23/09/13		First week of School run clubs
24/09/13	19.00-20.00	Phonics Workshop
25/09/13	9.00-10.00	Weekly Parent tea/coffee in the Hut
25/09/13	18-20.00	Governors Curriculum Committee meeting: attendance by invitation from Chair & HT
27/09/13	9.30-11.30	Harvest Festival at St. Nicolas Church
30/09/13	20.00	PTA AGM in The Hut
01/10/13	8.30-9.00	Governors Personnel Committee meeting: attendance by invitation from Chair & HT
01/10/13	9.00-9.30	Governors Finance Committee meeting: attendance by invitation from Chair & HT
02/10/13	9.00-10.00	Weekly Parent tea/coffee in the Hut
02/10/13	17.30-19.00	Governors School Environment Committee meeting: attendance by invitation from Chair & HT



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Date	Time	Event
08/10/13	16.00-19.00	F2 , Y1-Y6 Parent Consultation Appointments
8-14/10/13	15.20-16.00	Travelling Book Fair in The Library
09/10/13	9.00-10.00	Weekly Parent tea/coffee in the Hut
09/10/13	16.00-19.00	F2 , Y1-Y6 Parent Consultation Appointments
10/10/13	20.00-21.30	PSP Coffee evening in the Hut
14/10/13	All week	Sense of Place week
16/10/13	9.00-10.00	Weekly Parent tea/coffee in the Hut
18/10/13	TBC	School Discos
22/10/13	13.30	Y1 REInspired Baptism and Belonging at St. Nicolas Church
22/10/13	18-20.00	Full Governors Committee meeting: attendance by invitation from Chair & HT
23/10/13	3 days	Y5 residential trip to PGL
23/10/13	9.00-10.00	Weekly Parent tea/coffee in the Hut
28/10/13	All week	Half term holiday

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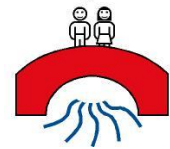
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Name: _____ Date: _____

I would like to volunteer to help in School. I am available to come in at the following times (please tick as many as apply):

Mornings Afternoons Evenings Weekends Holidays

I can offer _____ hours per day/week (please circle as appropriate).

My areas of interest/expertise are: (This may include subjects such as cooking, reading, gardening but equally can include more unusual topics that may benefit the children themselves or the school site)

I understand that if I volunteer regularly in school I will need to complete an enhanced DBS check (formerly CRB) which the school will support me with. I understand I will be expected to attend sessions for volunteers where I will be trained on school policies and the school's expectations/requirements.

Signed _____ Name (PRINT) _____

If you have children at Loddon Primary, please add their names here:

Thank you for completing this form and volunteering your time.
We will add your information to our log of volunteers and will contact if a suitable voluntary opportunity arises.

