

# LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

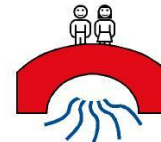
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## NEWSLETTER NO 3

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.

Jack W	Kestrels	Earth	Showing caring and cooperation during lunchtime football
Lucas S	Eagles	Water	Showing caring and cooperation during lunchtime football
Sam F	Stingrays	Earth	Showing care for the school
Jack T	Stingrays	Air	Showing care for the school
Nidha D	Kestrels	Earth	Caring for our school visitor at lunchtime
Reece S	Kestrels	Air	Caring for our school visitor at lunchtime
Florence W-B	Phoenix	Fire	Caring for the school environment
Ikemba U	Kites	Air	Caring for another member of Year 5

### Value of the Month - Caring



This month we are thinking about caring and using this value to guide our actions and behaviour. We will be thinking of caring for ourselves, our belongings and other living things such as our pets. We will also be thinking about how we can care for the environment starting with our school and moving on to more global issues. If you would like to hear our caring song it has been added to the Values page on our learning platform for you to enjoy. There are also additional resources for learning about the Values on this page which you may find of interest.

Starting this month of care with so many generous donations for Harvest Festival made us very proud and we wish to say thank you to everyone who contributed. Harvest gifts will be given to the food bank in Reading to care for the homeless.

### Clowns Craze

You may have seen in the media and on the national news reference to the craze 'killer clowns'. This is causing some anxiety to our children in school, we believe either they have been heard about this from older siblings or have seen it on the news and are then discussing it in school. We are reassuring children as the need arises at school and discouraging conversation on this topic, but would greatly appreciate your support with this at home as well by supervising your children's access to social media/news reports and reassuring your child that they are safe in our care - thank you.



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### **Get Involved in a National Research Study!**

Our school is taking part in a national research study about child anxiety funded by the National Institute for Health Research. We are hoping as many families as possible with children in Years 3-6 will get involved. The research team from the University of Reading are really keen for a broad range of families to take part, including those with children who are confident, those who are anxious and those in between. We are sending home information about the research study, together with some short questionnaires. You can also find out more about the research, agree to take part and complete the short questionnaires here: [https://reading.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/n-cat\\_parent\\_questionnaires](https://reading.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/n-cat_parent_questionnaires)

As a way of saying thank you, the University of Reading we will provide our school with £1 for each complete set of returned questionnaires (parent, child and teacher) - so it'd be great to get as many families involved as possible! Please return completed questionnaire by Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October to the School Office. *Mrs Didcock, Inclusion Leader*

### **Sports Update**

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September we took a team of footballers from Year 5 and 6 to Reading FC to take part in the Wokingham Primary School FA competition. Out of 28 teams competing, we won the competition! Congratulations to Jack C, Mark, Lucas, Freya, Dennis, Thady, Jack W and Zain. *Mr Holloway, Sports Subject Leader*

A team of our Year 5 and 6 girls played in the Wokingham School Games Girls' Football Competition on 6<sup>th</sup> October. This is the first time the competition has been run. Ugomma, Izzi P, Beth, Freya, Shreya, Gracie, Ella H, Amie and Emma did Loddon School proud and won the competition, after beating Hawkedon School in the final. They now go on to represent Wokingham Schools in a tournament at Bisham Abbey next year. A huge well done to all the girls. *Mrs O'Halloran, Sports Assistant*



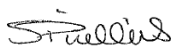
### **Gardening Club**

Following our success from last year of 3<sup>rd</sup> place, the Gardening Club has entered the Newbury Scarecrow competition again this year and have created 'Herby', he is made out of Lavender, Rosemary, Mint and Chives and smells lovely. He will be setting off to the competition on Thursday morning and we wish him Good Luck!! *Miss Benson and Gardening Club*

### **Request for donations for Foundation Unit**

The Foundation team would be pleased to receive any unwanted clothes suitable for children in Nursery/Reception (aged 2-6). In particular, underwear, tops, socks, trousers etc. Items should be clean and in reasonable condition. Thank you. *Mrs Shaw, Foundation Stage Leader*

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips  
Headteacher

### Diary Events List: Autumn term 2016

Date	Time	Event
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	All day	Y6 trip to Kew Gardens
3/11/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) CAN Support Group in the Hut
3/11/16	As shown	PTA Autumn Disco: Children in Y1-Y3: 17-18.15, Children in Y4-6 = 19.00-20.15
4/11/16	All day	INSET: School closed for staff training
7/11/16	20.00-21.00	Parent Forum in the Hut
09/11/16	8.30-9.00	Personnel & Finance Governor meeting: Attendance by invitation of the Chair or HT
09/11/16	9.00-10.00	Anxiety workshop for Parents in the Hut
10/11/16	9.00-10.30	School Open morning for prospective parents (FS-Y6)
10/11/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) CAN Support Group in the Hut
11/11/16	15.30-16.30	Eid and Diwali celebration in the Hillside Hall
14/11/16	During day	Individual and Sibling School photographs
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16/11/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
16/11/16	9.00-9.30	Second hand uniform sale in the Hut
17/11/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) CAN Support Group in the Hut
17/11/16	15.30-16.00	Second hand uniform sale in the Outdoor Classroom
21/11/16	18.00-19.30	Curriculum Governor meeting: Attendance by invitation of the Chair or HT
23/11/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
23/11/16	18.00-19.30	Environment Governor meeting: Attendance by invitation of the Chair or HT
24/11/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) CAN Support Group in the Hut
26/11/16	14.00-16.00	PTA Christmas Fair
30/11/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
30/11/16	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting: Attendance by invitation of the Chair or HT
1/12/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) CAN Support Group in the Hut
1/12/16	10.00-11.30	Y6 REInspired World Aids day session at St Nicolas Church
1/12/16	10.15	F1 Prospective parents monthly tour of the Foundation Stage Unit
6/12/16	13.30-15.00	Y6 REInspired Faith In Action session at Brookside Church
7/12/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut

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8/12/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) CAN Support Group in the Hut
11/12/16	17.00	PTA event - Snow White Pantomime at the Hexagon
14/12/16	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee in the Hut
15/12/16	9.00-11.00	Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) CAN Support Group in the Hut
20/12/16	As shown	Christmas Celebration at St Nicolas Church: Children in F2-KS1 9.30am Children in KS2 10.30am
20/12/16	End of day	Final day of Autumn term - Children finish 30 minutes earlier than their usual time.
21/12/16- 3/1/17		Christmas holiday
4/1/17	All day	INSET day - School closed for staff training
5/1/17	All day	Start of Pupil Spring term 2017