

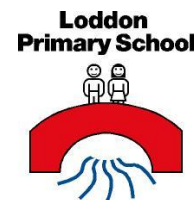
# LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER NO 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Staffing Updates

Mrs Woodcock (Foundation Stage) will be moving on from Loddon after Christmas in order to pursue other personal interests. Mrs Woodcock will be known to many of you having been a member of the Loddon community since 1995 firstly within the Nursery at the Infant School and more recently within Foundation Stage. Although she will be missed we wish her every happiness in her future ventures.

From January Mrs Emma Ewins will join Foundation Stage as an Early Years teacher.

Miss May Tew has also resigned her post as Year 3 teacher and Middle Team leader from Christmas. Miss Tew will be taking up a new post as Y3/4 teacher in a village school in West Berkshire. We wish her every success in this new role.

Recruitment to the vacancy in Year 3 is currently underway. Interviews will take place during the first week of December and I will write again as soon as the outcome of these interviews is known.

If you have any questions regarding arrangements for Foundation Stage or 3MT please feel free to contact me via the school office.



### House Gems

We have continued our work on the value of 'Friendship' and this week introduced our new value 'Responsibility'. Congratulations to the following children who have received a Values 'House Gem'.

Spencer E (Y6) Being a good friend and bravery  
Millie N (Y6) Polite table manners and friendship  
Theo M (Y3) Being a great friend at all times  
Giovanni C (Y6) Being friendly to a child in Y1

### Parent Workshop: Raising Children's Self-Esteem

With a good response so far, there are a couple of places left for parents still wishing to attend. The session is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in the Parent Hut, Loddon Primary School between 9:15-11:15. Facilitated by Claire Allison (Loddon Parent Support) and Becki Randall (Radstock Parent Support). To book your place please text Claire on 07530 057905 or email [claire.allison@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:claire.allison@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk).

There are plans to run the same workshop in an evening at Hawkedon Primary School. Parents from the Earley cluster of schools (which includes Loddon Primary) will be welcome to attend. Look out for details of the confirmed date soon!



### Parent Coffee Morning - Wednesday 13th November

In light of the above workshop, the usual coffee morning is cancelled for a week but will resume on Wednesday 20th November 9:00 -10:00 am.

Why not book your place at the parent workshop instead!

### Welly Exchange

If your child has outgrown their wellies you can use the Welly Exchange in the Parent Hut (it's the wooden bookcase in the corner that opens up to reveal shelves of wellington boots.) There are lots of different sizes available so pop in and take a look. There may be a pair that fit! Donations of outgrown wellies are always welcome too. The Parent Hut is open before, during and after school hours.



### Wearing Boots

A few parents have asked about children wearing boots into school in winter. Your child may wear smart, plain, black and flat boots to school during the winter. If you imagine the kind of shoes that are school uniform any boots should be of a similar type. Uggs, fashion boots or colours other than black are not uniform and if worn should be changed for school shoes on arrival at school.

Children wearing black boots will still need their usual change of footwear for PE lessons.

### Foundation Stage and Lower Team Christmas productions 2013

We will soon begin learning about how Christians celebrate the festival of Christmas and putting on a production that retells the story of The Nativity. If you need any further clarification or do not want your child to take part in this please speak to your child's key person or class teacher.

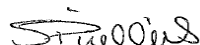
### Disco Ball/Lava Lamp

Do you have a working disco ball or lava lamp that Foundation Stage could make use of for developing children's sensory awareness? If so and you are happy for it to be used in this way, then please bring it into the Foundation unit or hand it into the School Office.

### Spare paper

We are still looking for donated paper please. Please "think creatively" about wastage at work or unused letterheads in a dusty office cupboard...all donations to Foundation Stage welcome!

Yours sincerely



Mrs. S. Phillips  
Headteacher

### Diary Events List - Autumn Term 2013

Date	Time	Event
11/11/13	pm	Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service Fire Safety visit to Y5 children
11/11/13	All day	Individual school photographs
13/11/13	9.00-11.15	Raising Self Esteem - Parent workshop in the Hut
14/11/13	All day	Y4 trip to Henley River and Rowing Museum
18/11/13	All week	Maths and Problem Solving Week
19/11/13	8.30-9.30	Finance and Personnel Committee: attendance by invitation from Chair & HT



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Date	Time	Event
19/11/13	15.30-18.30	Foundation Parent evening
20/11/13	9.00-10.00	Weekly Parent tea/coffee in the Hut
20/11/13	17.30-19.00	School Environment Committee: attendance by invitation from Chair & HT
22/11/13	9.30 & 13.30	The Countback Kid performance to KS1 and KS2 children
26/11/13	18.00-20.00	Curriculum Committee: attendance by invitation from Chair & HT
27/11/13	9.00-10.00	Weekly Parent tea/coffee in the Hut
28/11/13	10.00-11.30	Y6 REInspired "WAD" at St. Nicolas Church
29/11/13	All day	PTA Mufti day in aid of Christmas fayre
02/12/13	All week	Last week of School-run clubs
04/12/13	9.00-10.00	Weekly Parent tea/coffee in the Hut
05/12/13	10am	FSU Nativity 'Shine Star Shine!' - Dress rehearsal performance for School
05/12/13	20-21.30	Parents Supporting Parents group in the Hut - All welcome
06/12/13	10.15-11.15	F1 Tour of Foundation Stage Unit for prospective families
07/12/13	14.00-16.00	PTA Christmas fayre
09/12/13	13.30-15.00	FSU Nativity 'Shine Star Shine!' - Performance for families
10/12/13	9.30-11.00	FSU Nativity 'Shine Star Shine!' - Performance for families
10/12/13	10.00-11.30	Y6 REInspired "Faith in Action" at St. Nicolas Church
11/12/13	All day	Governor Day in School
11/12/13	9.00-10.00	Weekly Parent tea/coffee in the Hut
13/12/13	13.30-14.30	Lower Team Production 'A Midwife Crisis' - Dress rehearsal performance for School
16/12/13	14.00-15.00	Lower Team Production 'A Midwife Crisis' - Performance for families
13/12/13	18.00-19.00	Lower Team Production 'A Midwife Crisis' - Performance for families
18/12/13	9.00-10.00	Weekly Parent tea/coffee in the Hut
18/12/13	11.00-14.00	FSU Christmas Party (all part time children attend during this time only)
19/12/13	12.00-13.30	School Christmas lunch menu only - No alternative meal served
20/12/13	9.30-11.30	Christmas service at St. Nicolas Church
20/12/13	11.10am	FSU morning children finish early at 11.10am.
20/12/13	pm	Y1-Y6 Class Parties
20/12/13	2.50pm	FSU afternoon children finish early at 2.50pm.
20/12/13	3pm	End of pupil Autumn term Y1-6 children finish early at 3pm.
21/12/13		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
22/12/13	17.00	PTA family pantomime trip to Jack and the Beanstalk at the Hexagon.
06/01/14		Staff Training Day SCHOOL CLOSED
07/01/14		Start of Pupil Spring term.