

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

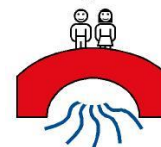
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Loddon
Primary School



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NEWSLETTER NO 6

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.

Elliott M	Kestrels	Water	Persevering to improve the quality of his work and attention.
Rhys G	Kestrels	Water	For quality work on World Aids day.
Aaron M	Eagles	Fire	Showing the quality of friendship.
Nathan G	Phoenix	Water	Thoughtfulness in giving his pocket money to a homeless person.

Loddon Primary Top 1000

The 2015 league tables for Primary Schools were published this week and following another set of strong results we are this year included in the Telegraph list of Top 1000 Primary Schools.

Well done everyone! <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/leaguetales/12041096/Primary-league-tables-2015-Top-1000-primary-schools.html>



Value of the month – Appreciation

This month's value is Appreciation. Sometimes it can be easy to forget to appreciate what others do for us be this at home or at school and this month we will be supporting the children to reflect on how we can show appreciation. "Thank you" isn't difficult to say but it means so much to whoever hears it. The children will be reminded that a word of appreciation every now and then never goes amiss!

So as Headteacher and an adult role model I would like to say 'Thank You' to ...

- The children of Loddon who never fail to make us laugh and smile as well as to challenge our thinking every day! They are a credit to the school and I thank them for their ongoing enthusiasm and joyfulness.
- Thank you to the staff of Loddon Primary School who work so very hard to offer the best education to our children. Thank you also for all the extra time you give to our school in the evenings and at weekends to offer extra activities.
- Thank you to all our Governors, PTA and volunteers; we know without your time and energy we would not be able to offer all that we do for our children.

We really do have much to be appreciative of at Loddon Primary School and we hope this month everyone will remember to show their appreciation and to say those simple but important words of thanks.



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National Young Mathematician of the Year Award

Recently, four highly talented Year 6 Mathematicians were selected to participate in the first round of the National Young Mathematician of the Year Award. This took place at The Emmbrook School and there were representatives from all over Wokingham. The children worked really well as a team and showed excellent problem solving ability.

Christmas Lunch menu Thursday 17th December

Please note that Caterlink will be serving a Christmas lunch menu **only** on Thursday 17th December. There will not be an alternative menu available and it will not be possible to order lunch on that day. If you have not ordered and paid for a Christmas lunch for your child then please ensure you provide your child with a packed lunch for that day. Children will be able to eat their packed lunch with the children having a Christmas lunch.



Information for Parents/Carers on safer use of computers – some links you may find helpful

Staying Safe on Minecraft: <http://parentinfo.org/article/staying-safe-on-minecraft>

Vodafone Digital Parenting magazine <http://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk/>

CEOP have launched a new website for parents and carers which is a useful source of information with tips and advice (some content is intended for adult carers only) <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Use parental controls and age ratings to limit of the types of game that your family play and how long they play for <http://www.askaboutgames.com/parental-controls/>

Information for Parents of children with additional needs

The link for the CAN Newsletter for December is below—please contact Mrs Gemma Didcock, our Inclusion Leader, if you have any questions. <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/children-and-families/children-with-additional-needs/newsletters/> Please be aware that information provided by the CAN Network is not necessarily given as a recommendation of suitability or quality of service. The CAN Network recommends that you contact individual service providers and organisations for detailed information.

Sporting fixtures update

Loddon children have recently taken part in a number of sporting events with children from other local schools. The children participated in Reading FC football camp at the Reading FC training dome and although the team didn't get through to the later stages of the event they all had a great experience. Our Y5/6 children played Aldryngton Primary where Loddon won both their matches and both our teams played very well. Y5/6 children also took part in a tag rugby tournament at Winnersh Primary where we lost to the eventual winners but bounced back to beat Radstock Primary in the next game. Finally the Y5/6 children took part in a football match against Southlake which we came back to win. Well done to all the boys and girls who took part in the events over the last 2 weeks. More sporting events are planned for the Spring term - details to follow.

Winter Reading Challenge for Young People

It's fun, it's FREE, it's at your local Wokingham Borough Library this winter. Open to all library members aged 4 to 16 years old. Sign up in the library and get a free collector's card - borrow and read three books and you will receive a certificate on completion.

We would encourage you to write a book review to add to the Winter Reading Challenge wall too.

Once complete you can enter the book themed prize draw too.

Join the challenge from Friday December 11 in any Wokingham Borough Library. The Challenge will run until January 8 2016.



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Wokingham Borough Council admission arrangements for 2017-2018

Wokingham Borough Council is consulting on admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for the 2017/2018 academic year. The consultation covers proposed changes to admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools including a proposed change to the designated area of Nine Mile Ride Primary School. Full details of the consultation and changes proposed are available at: www.wokingham.gov.uk/admissionconsultation. The consultation will run from Monday 7 December 2015 to Wednesday 20 January 2016. If you would like to take part please complete the response form and forward to admissions.review@wokingham.gov.uk. Please note that only response forms which are fully completed with the respondent's name and address will be accepted. Further details also appear on our School website under Letters to Parents/Whole school.

Parent Information Booklet

We are in the process of producing an updated Parent Information booklet. We would welcome any feedback on topics you feel it would be useful to include. Please use the slip below to let us know what you would like included.

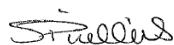
Royal British Legion 2015 Poppy Appeal Collection Results

We have received a letter of thanks from the RBL Poppy Appeal organisers confirming that as a school we raised £107.29 towards their 2015 total of £35,247.91. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Reminder for Second hand uniform sale

The next second hand uniform sale will take place on Tuesday 12th January 2016 after school in the outdoor classroom.

Yours sincerely



Mrs. S. Phillips
Headteacher

Diary Events List: Autumn Term 2015-Spring Term 2016

Date	Time	Event
13/12/15	17.00	Wokingham Schools carol concert at LVLC
14/12/15	14.00	KS1 production performance for parents & carers in the main hall
15/12/15	18.00	KS1 production performance for parents & carers in the main hall
16/12/15	09.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
17/12/15	09.00-11.00	PSP Can Support Group run by parents in the Parent Hut
17/12/15	lunchtime	Christmas lunch menu served
18/12/15	9.30-11.30	Christmas service at St Nicolas Church
18/12/15	End of day	Final day of Autumn term - Children finish 30 minutes earlier than their usual time.
19/12/15-03/01/16	All day	Christmas holiday
04/01/16	All day	INSET day - School closed for staff training
05/01/16		Start of Pupil Spring term 2016
05/01/16	All day	Drama4all visit to year 1&2
06/01/16	09.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
07/01/16	09.00-11.00	PSP Can Support Group run by parents in the Parent Hut



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07/01/16	10.15	F1 tour for prospective parents
12/01/16	8.30-9.30	Governors Pay & Finance committee - attendance by invitation from Chair or HT
12/01/16	13.30-15.00	Y2 REInspired session at St Nicolas Church on Signs and Symbols
12/01/16	15.15-15.45	PTA Second hand uniform sale in the outdoor classroom
13/01/16	09.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
14/01/16	09.00-11.00	PSP Can Support Group run by parents in the Parent Hut
20/01/16	09.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
20/01/16	18.00-19.30	Governor Curriculum committee - attendance by invitation from Chair or HT
21/01/16	09.00-11.00	PSP Can Support Group run by parents in the Parent Hut
27/01/16	09.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut including second hand uniform sale
27/01/16	18.00-19.00	Governor Environment committee - attendance by invitation from Chair or HT
28/01/16	09.00-11.00	PSP Can Support Group run by parents in the Parent Hut
02/02/16	13.30-15.00	Y4 REInspired session at Brookside Church on Sacred Texts
03/02/16	09.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
03/02/16	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting - attendance by invitation from Chair or HT
04/02/16	09.00-11.00	PSP Can Support Group run by parents in the Parent Hut
04/02/16	10.15	F1 tour for prospective parents
04/02/16	TBC	Y6 Harry Potter Book night event
09/02/16	9.30-11.00	F2 REInspired session in the FSU Hall on Noah
10/02/16	09.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
11/02/16	09.00-11.00	PSP Can Support Group run by parents in the Parent Hut
11/02/16	15.00-15.20	Y3 class sharing assembly - parents and carers welcome
15/02/16	All week	Half term holiday

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To: Loddon Primary School office team

Parent Information Booklet

I would like to suggest the following topics for inclusion in the updated Parent Information booklet:

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

SIGNED _____ (Parent/Guardian)



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