

# LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Working together to realise the potential in everyone.*

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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.

Hannah M	Greylings	Fire	Thoughtfulness and caring during Children in Need
Ben B	Stingrays	Earth	Responsibility and quality in Maths
Zahra R	Stingrays	Air	Responsibility and quality in Maths
Max L	Stingrays	Fire	Responsibility and quality in Maths
Ivan K	Stingrays	Fire	Responsibility and quality in Maths
Kiyannah Ch	Turtles	Water	Quality Science work
Arun P	Greylings	Air	Courage, Confidence and quality in PE
Elsa S	Octopus	Water	Responsibility when picking up litter
Evelyn C	Octopus	Air	Responsibility when picking up litter
India C	Octopus	Fire	Responsibility when picking up litter
Emily H	Hawks	Air	Showing responsibility and respect
Luke T	Bennu	Water	Showing responsibility in the local community
Finlay J	Bennu	Air	Showing caring and responsibility in his Charity Cake stall
Himmat G	Longwings	Fire	Responsibility in home learning

Also a big well done to our Year 6 Values Ambassadors who were invited to Hawkedon Primary School, this Monday, to present an assembly as well as to speak to the staff and children about how to better use 'Values' to improve relationships and learning at school. The Ambassadors did an excellent job at presenting their understanding of Values, inspiring others and answering the school's many questions. We were very proud of them all.



Our Value this month is **APPRECIATION**

At school we will be learning how to appreciate ourselves and the qualities we possess as well as how to show our appreciation for others. The children will be reminded that "Thank you" isn't difficult to say but it means a lot to whoever is receiving your appreciation. A word of appreciation every now and then never goes amiss!

We will stress that appreciation shouldn't just be shown when receiving material gifts but also for friendship, care and support given freely when needed. The importance of appreciating our environment, and showing that appreciation by looking after our surroundings, will also feature this month and allow us to build further on our understanding of the value of Responsibility from November.



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At home we would welcome your support in making sure that everyone says "Thank you" appropriately. You may wish to discuss as a family all the different ways that you can show your appreciation and put them into practice. As a school we are also focussing on opportunities for writing currently and you may like to encourage your children to write a thank you note/letter to someone who they appreciate. Please remind your child to practise their best joined handwriting and to use their value of 'Quality' whilst completing this written task.

### Building Update

You hopefully have read your copy of a recent update from Neil, of Francis Construction, as he highlighted a number of big changes which will begin on site from next week. Due to a delay on the delivery of signage, the additional fences around the area that will be our new school hall and new footpaths will now be put in position as of Monday after drop off rather than this afternoon. As of Monday the playground will therefore be split in two and the footpath that leads from the FSU up to the main playground will be closed. Please follow the signs to make your way around the new footpaths in order to use your child's usual entrance door. It is going to be a more busy period of building over the coming weeks with greater disruption on site so please bear with us as it will be worth it in the end!



### Winter weather precautions

With the potential for colder weather arriving this week we would like to remind you of the following points. Please take care when accessing the site on cold days as the pavements may be slippery, where possible keep to the main paths and avoid the playground areas if icy. Ensure that your child has appropriate clothes for the conditions including suitable footwear and of course a warm coat. As a general rule young children need one extra layer of clothing to adults in cold weather.

In the unlikely event that the school is closed due to extreme weather our website ([www.loddonprimary.co.uk](http://www.loddonprimary.co.uk)) will display up to date information on the home page and keep you informed of the latest situation. You will also receive email notification via ParentMail so please ensure your email address is registered and current. Announcements will be made as soon as possible on local radios and the council websites.

As long as our ICT systems are fully operational, in the event of a school closure, your child's class teacher will display recommended activities on the year group home page of our learning platform. These can be accessed via the Student link on the top menu. If your child has forgotten their log in please email Mrs Walker at [susan.walker@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:susan.walker@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk). Extra reading and practice of times tables/phonics are also useful ways for your child to spend their time if you aren't able to access the learning platform from home. Of course we all hope none of these arrangements for school closure will be needed!

### Requests for Absence in Term time

The form to Request Leave of Absence in term time has been updated to improve clarity for parents/carers regarding the exceptional circumstances required for absence in term time. We remind parents/carers that The Department for Education has advised schools to only authorise leave of absence in 'exceptional' circumstances, hence School will not approve any absence in term time, except in such circumstances. Please also note that there is no automatic right to take holidays in term time nor will your child/ren's overall attendance affect the Headteacher's decision.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Phillips  
Headteacher



### Diary Events List: Autumn term 2017

Date	Time	Event
05/12/17	13.30-15.30	Y6 RE Inspired session at Brookside Church
06/12/17	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
06/12/17	18.00-19.00	Assessment evening for parents/carers of children in yrs 1-6: Greylings classroom
07/12/17	10.30	F1 Prospective Parents Monthly Tour
07/12/17	15.00-15.20	Y6 Class sharing assembly - Parents/Carers welcome
12/12/17	14.30-15.00	Y1 Christmas concert in the Hillside Hall
13/12/17	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
13/12/17	9.30-10.00	Y1 Christmas concert in the Hillside Hall
13/12/17	14.30-15.15	Y2 Christmas production in the Hillside Hall
14/12/17	9.30-10.15	Reception Christmas production in the Hillside Hall
14/12/17	18.00-18.45	Y2 Christmas production in the Hillside Hall
15/12/17	During day	Charity Christmas Jumper day
15/12/17	Lunchtime	School Christmas lunch - Children must bring a packed lunch if not ordered
15/12/17	14.30-15.15	Reception Christmas production in the Hillside Hall
18/12/17	9.15-9.45	Nursery Christmas Sing-Song with refreshment after in the FSU Hall
18/12/17	14.30-15.00	Nursery Christmas Sing-Song with refreshment after in the FSU Hall
18/12/17	15:30-16.30	PTA Christmas Celebration event - Raffle at 16.00
19/12/17	As shown	Christmas Celebration at St Nicolas Church: Children in F2-KS1 9.30am Children in KS2 10.30am
19/12/17	End of day	Final day of Autumn term - Children finish 30 minutes earlier than their usual time.
19/12/17-02/01/18	All week	Christmas holiday
03/01/18	All day	Start of Pupil Spring term