

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.

- Aakib R 5JO Fire Giving a teacher 'inner peace' through his helpfulness
- Adam T 4RD Water Being peaceful at book club
- Evie M 4RD Fire Being peaceful at book club
- Alex J 2CC Earth Peace, independence and perseverance in non-fiction writing
- Cole T 1LN Air Always sitting and working peacefully if asked to do so

Assessment without Levels - Parents Information Meeting Wednesday 3rd December 6pm

As you may be aware from stories in the media the way in which schools are required to assess their pupils has undergone substantial change this year following new policy and guidelines from the Department for Education. The previous 'level system' which was used to describe a child's progress and attainment in school will be replaced by new assessment arrangements in Y1, Y3, 4, 5 from this year and all year groups from 2015. For this year the previous level system will continue in Y2 and Y6.

As these changes are significant we would like to invite parents/carers to attend an information evening on Wednesday 3rd December at 6pm at which we will explain Loddon's response to these changes and the assessment systems that will be in place moving forward. We will also outline updates to our report cards.

Foundation Stage extends to accept funded 2 year olds

Following a successful Ofsted pre-registration visit this Monday afternoon Loddon Primary School has been recommended as a suitable provider for 2 year olds eligible for funded places. Initially we will be offering x12 morning spaces to families eligible for council funding only. If you are interested in applying for a place then please look on the Wokingham Borough Council information website for further details on whether you are eligible or contact the school office for more information.

We expect to be in receipt of our registration certificate in the next two weeks and will then be open for business!

Online dinner money payments

Thank you to everyone who replied to the parent survey about the possibility of introducing online payments for dinner money. There were a high number of replies with over 80% of people in favour.

We are now setting up the online payment system and expect to go live in January. The link to the online payment system will be on the school website. We will send out more information nearer the time explaining how to activate your account or if you are unable to access the online system, the arrangements for bringing cash into the office to be added to your child's account.





Parking around the school site

As you will be aware from previous letters from time to time we receive complaints of parents parking irresponsibly in Hillside and Silverdale Road. Staff members have witnessed first-hand families parking cars across residents' drive ways and the school entrance in recent weeks. Cars are also reported turning in the road outside school or in Roman Way, jeopardising children / families crossing the roads.

Please stop and think more carefully about our children's safety when on the local roads around school. Police are monitoring this situation and will contact any drivers reported to them by local residents or the school.

We would also like to remind you that parking on site is for staff only. If you are parking to drop your child off at a morning club by 8.30am please move off site as the spaces are needed by staff members; this request applies even if you are remaining for events such as coffee morning. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

Does your child enjoy, singing, dancing and acting?

On Sunday 29th March 2015, Loddon Primary School has been invited to take part in a concert, with a 400 strong cast, at the Hexagon. This concert has been occurring annually for at least 10 years and children from Key Stage 2 are able to participate in it. There are many songs to learn, with opportunities to audition for solos. We will have our own scene to act in and dances to choreograph and perform. The concert is known as WASMA.

Further information about rehearsals and the day of the concert will be sent out once we know who is interested in taking part. If your child is interested in taking part in this musical experience, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return it to Mrs Wright via the school office.

Thank you Mrs Wright

Children In Need

Well done and thank you to everyone who contributed to a wonderful total of **£453.67** raised for this year's BBC Children In Need charity event.

Second Hand Uniform - next sale

Second hand uniform will be available to buy in the Parent Hut between 9am and 10am on Wednesday 3rd December 2014. Prices range from 50p to £3. Please bring your small change!

We will also set a date for an after school uniform sale soon so watch this space.

Claire Allison (Parent Support), Maive Watts (Yr 6 Parent), Andrea Smith (FSU & Yr 3 Parent)

Parent Workshops

We hope that the Loddon parents who attended the recent evening workshop 'Building Positive Behaviour' at Hawkedon Primary found it useful. If you have any areas that you wish to follow up, please contact Claire Allison, Parent Support at claire.allison@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk or call / text 07530 057905.

In the New Year we will offer parent workshops at Loddon on 'Raising Self-Esteem' and 'Routines and Responsibilities'. These are the topics most requested by parent feedback and we will confirm dates soon.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. S. Phillips
Headteacher



Diary Events List: Autumn Term 2014

Date	Time	Event
29/11/14	14-16.00	PTA Christmas Fair
01/12/14	All week	Last week of extra-curricular clubs run by school staff
03/12/14	9-10.00	Parent Tea/Coffee and Second Hand Uniform Sale in The Hut
03/12/14	18-19.00	Information evening for Parents ref. assessment after levels - main school hall
04/12/14	9.45	FSU dress rehearsal in main school hall
08/12/14	14.00	FSU afternoon performance - parents welcome in main school hall
09/12/14	9.45	FSU morning performance - parents welcome in main school hall
09/12/14	13.30-15.00	Y6 REInspired session on Faith In Action at Brookside Church
10/12/14	9-10.00	Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
10/12/14	18.00-20.00	Full Governing Body meeting: attendance by invitation of Chair & Headteacher
11/12/14	10.15-11.15	F1 prospective parents monthly tour of FSU
11/12/14	End of day	FSU Learning Journeys / Y1-Y6 Report Cards go home
12/12/14	14.00	KS1 production dress rehearsal - main school hall
15/12/14	14.00	KS1 afternoon performance - main school hall
16/12/14	18.00	KS1 evening performance - main school hall
17/12/14	9-10.00	Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
17/12/14	All day	Y6 trip to Natural History museum in Oxford
17/12/14	During day	Perform Ice-Queen 'Frozen' workshop for children in years F2-Y2
18/12/14	Lunch time	Caterlink School Christmas lunch menu
19/12/14	9.30-11.30	Christmas service at St Nicolas Church
19/12/14	11.10	FSU morning children finish early at 11.10am
19/12/14	pm	Y1-Y6 Class Parties
19/12/14	2.50pm	FSU afternoon children finish early at 2.50pm
19/12/14	3pm	End of pupil Autumn term Y1-6 children finish early at 3pm
20/12/14		Christmas holiday

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To Mrs Wright:

_____ (name) _____ (class)

is interested in taking part in WASMA on 29th March 2015.



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