

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

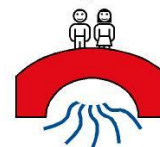
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Loddon
Primary School



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NEWSLETTER NO 7

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.

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| Harry S | Bennu | Air | Responsibility/thoughtfulness when tidying the stage without being asked. |
| Marques J-F | Phoenix | Earth | Responsibility/thoughtfulness when tidying the stage without being asked. |
| Joey E | Kestrels | Earth | Positivity when completing learning activities. |
| Kai M | Kestrels | Water | In appreciation of his caring and thoughtful behaviour. |
| Zakary B | Bats and Squirrels | | Perseverance and responsibility shown in his learning. |

Value of the Month - Thoughtfulness

This month we are going to be thinking about what it means to be 'Thoughtful', how we can be thoughtful to others and how to notice when people are being thoughtful to us.

So what does it mean to be thoughtful?

We will teach the children and remember as adults that a thoughtful person is someone who thinks of other people before themselves. They think about the little things that might make life better, happier or easier for others and they act on these thoughts.



Thoughtful people smile and say hello, they remember to show appreciation, they ask how other people are doing and are kind to others. They consider how their behaviour or remarks will affect other people and think before they act.

As part of this value we may also consider themes such as charity work, philosophy for children and managing our emotions.

Parent/Carer Volunteers

Looking to set a New Year's resolution? Why not volunteer in school?

If you have an interest in Sport, Music, Art, gardening or any other area that would benefit our children please come and speak to us about how you might offer occasional or regular voluntary help. We would love to increase the amount of voluntary help available to us so that we are able to offer more opportunities to our children.

The first step will be to fill out a volunteer's application form and you may also be asked to complete a DBS check if you are wishing to volunteer on a regular basis, but this is something the school will support you to do. As a volunteer you will be able to make a first-hand contribution to the success and improvement of our school as well as to better understand the day to day running of our school. Volunteering is also viewed favourably by employers so the experience could also support future employment opportunities. A copy of our volunteer policy is available to view on the school website.



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Parent Information Booklet

In December I wrote explaining that we are in the process of producing an updated Parent Information booklet and inviting feedback on the topics you feel it would be useful to include. To date we have received only one response. If you wish to offer feedback we would welcome your views as the booklet is much more likely to be successful if we have heard the views of its intended audience - thank you.



KS1 and KS2 Reading Workshops

At Loddon we really value reading as an important part of every child's education. In order to strengthen partnerships between school and home in supporting our children to become even better readers, Mrs Simpson will be holding reading workshops to inform parents about how they can best support their children with reading. In these sessions we will look at key questioning, the importance of developing a love of reading, how guided reading is taught and what you can do as parents to help your children's reading progress.

Please see the dates for these sessions at the end of the newsletter which include a number of options for you to attend. *Also note that you need only attend one session as the dates are repeats of the same content.*



Winter weather precautions

So far this year precautions for wet weather have been needed more than for extreme cold however, with the potential for colder weather arriving in the coming weeks 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.

In the unlikely event that the school is closed our website (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. Extra reading and practice of times tables/phonics are also useful ways for your child to spend time if you aren't able to access the learning platform from home. Of course we all hope none of these arrangements will be needed!

Change of Menu for Thursday 21st January and Friday 22nd January

There will be a change to the published Caterlink menu for Census day on Thursday 21st January. The options will be: Fish Fingers served with Chips and Tomato Sauce or Vegetable Enchiladas served with Chips & Tomato Sauce***Baked Beans & Peas***Fruit Flapjack, Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Platter. The menu for Friday 22nd January will be Beef & Vegetable Hotpot or Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel with Half Jacket Potato***Mexican Corn & Fresh Broccoli***Fruit Jelly, Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Platter.

Appeal for spare school trousers

We would be pleased to receive donations of school trousers for KS1 children. In particular size in ages: 5-6, 6-7 and 7-8 years. If you have any you have finished with that are still in reasonable condition please bring them into the school office. Thank you.



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School term dates and INSET days 2016-17

Please find attached to this letter the school term dates and INSET days for next academic year. INSET days are a compulsory part of the school year allowing for staff training and other school organisation to take place which otherwise would severely disrupt the children's learning during term time.

The INSET days for next year are all planned next to school holidays such as the 5th/6th September in the hope that this will support with any need for extended leave or travel and thus remove the need to request such absence in term time.

Yours sincerely



Mrs. S. Phillips
Headteacher

Diary Events List: January & February 2016

| Date | Time | Event |
|-------------|-------------|---|
| 12/01/16 | 08.30-09.30 | Governor Personnel & 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 |
| 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 | 18.00-18.45 | KS2 Reading Workshop for Parents/Carers |
| 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 |
| 08/02/16 | 16.00-16.45 | KS2 Reading Workshop for Parents/Carers |
| 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 |
| 22-23/02/16 | All day | Y4 residential trip to Ufton Court |
| 24/02/16 | 09.00-10.00 | PSA Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut |



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| Date | Time | Event |
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| 25/02/16 | 09.00-11.00 | PSP Can Support Group run by parents in the Parent Hut |
| 29/02/16 | All week | Y5 Bikeability training |
| 29/02/16 | 16.00-16.45 | KS1 Reading Workshop for Parents/Carers in Main Hall |
| 29/02/16 | 18.00-18.45 | KS1 Reading Workshop for Parents/Carers in Kestrels Class |

Loddon Primary School Term and Holidays

SPRING TERM 2016:

Staff Training - school closed Monday 4th January 2016
 Start of Pupil Term Tuesday 5th January 2016
 Half Term Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2016
 End of Pupil Term Thursday 24th March 2016

SUMMER TERM 2016:

Start of Pupil Term Monday 11th April 2016
 May Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2016
 Staff Training - school closed Friday 27th May 2016
 Half Term Monday 30th May 2016- Friday 3rd June 2016
 End of Pupil Term Wednesday 20th July 2016

AUTUMN TERM 2016:

Staff Training - school closed Monday 5th September 2016
 Staff Training - school closed Tuesday 6th September 2016
 Start of Pupil Term Wednesday 7th September 2016
 Staff Training - school closed Friday 21st October 2016
 Half Term Monday 24th October 2016 - Friday 28th October 2016
 End of Pupil Term Wednesday 21st December 2016

SPRING TERM 2017:

Staff Training - school closed Wednesday 4th January 2017
 Start of Pupil Term Thursday 5th January 2017
 Half Term Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2017
 End of Pupil Term Friday 31st March 2017

SUMMER TERM 2017:

Start of Pupil Term Tuesday 18th April 2017
 May Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2017
 Staff Training - school closed Friday 26th May 2017
 Half Term Monday 29th May 2017 - Friday 2nd June 2017
 End of Pupil Term Tuesday 25th July 2017

N.B. SOME FOUNDATION STAGE CHILDREN MAY HAVE DIFFERENT START DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM DUE TO INDUCTION ARRANGEMENTS. FURTHER DETAILS WILL FOLLOW AT A LATER POINT.



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