

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER NO 8

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.

Maddison S	Turtles	Fire	Appreciating her friends' needs
Antonia P	Bennu	Air	Quality home learning
Amira P	Bennu	Water	Quality home learning
Carmi C	Eagles	Air	Thoughtfulness when making a 'Thank You' card
Shreya T	Eagles	Water	Thoughtfulness when making a 'Thank You' card
Saloni B	Eagles	Water	Thoughtfulness when making a 'Thank You' card



Thoughtfulness

During the month of January we will be looking at the value of 'Thoughtfulness'. We will be asking the children to think carefully about what 'Thoughtful' means and how they might be able to show 'Thoughtfulness' through their learning and friendships. We will also be encouraging the children to take time to really consider their individual qualities and those of others. Thoughtful people don't wait to be asked, they "create" opportunities to make life brighter and more enjoyable for those around them.

Perhaps to help your child better understand the value of 'Thoughtfulness', you could support them to write a quick diary entry each day for one week in which they list the ways they have shown thoughtfulness to others and thoughtful things that others have done for them. We would love to see any completed diaries in school.

Staffing update

I wrote to you in November to introduce Mr Nick Armitage who was to join us to provide leadership support during Mrs Alavoine-Andrews maternity leave. However, at the end of December Mr Armitage informed me that he has subsequently been offered a Headship elsewhere and will now not be joining us as previously agreed.

Lock-down Procedure

Following recent training from Wokingham Borough Council we have reviewed our emergency lock-down procedure. The lock-down procedure may be used when there is a serious threat external to the school or in the local vicinity such as a chemical or gas leak in the local area or if there is an immediate physical threat on site but outside of the school buildings. During a lock-down everyone will be required to stay indoors for an agreed period of time.



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In the event of an actual lock-down parents and carers will be informed through parentmail and the school website. A further communication would then be released to parents and carers to confirm when the lock-down has ended; to ensure everyone's safety no parents or carers would be allowed to access the school site during an actual lock-down, even if this lock-down continues out of usual school hours.

As we do with our regular fire drills we will be having a practice of our lock-down procedure, in the near future, so that we can make sure the children understand what they would need to do if we ever needed to put the school into lock-down. Lock-down practices will then continue to be carried out regularly from this point on.

Lateness and a plea that children arrive on time for their lessons

We are putting out a plea, especially in relation to our younger children, that you get them to school on time. Every occasion that a staff member has to leave their class to let a parent in late and every occasion that a child comes in to class late it disrupts teaching for all children. For FSU children school begins at 8.40am and for Y1-6 8.55am please ensure your child is on time. The best class for punctuality currently is Greylings with 9 late marks this school year and the worst is Squirrels and Foxes with 65!



Parent Information evenings for Mathematics

We have two parent information evenings for Mathematics this month. The FSU and KS1 session will take place on Tuesday 16th January and the KS2 session on Tuesday 23rd January. Both sessions will start at 6.30pm and finish by 7.30pm. They will take place in the Hillside building main school hall. *Miss Christina Calvert, Maths Subject Leader*

Earrings and hair accessories in school

We would like to remind parents and carers of child(ren) with pierced ears, that children should only wear small studs and not hoops or fashion earrings in school. In addition, earrings should not be worn during sports lessons. If your child cannot remove their earrings then please ensure you provide suitable tape for your child to wear over them to prevent accidents to your child and to others. Please also ensure that hair accessories are small, plain and preferably in school uniform colours.

Request for shoes and shoe boxes

Reception children would be pleased to receive any donations of unwanted shoes and shoes boxes (any size) for shoe shop role play. We will leave a box in the Reception lobby for donations. Thank you!

Lunchtime Controller vacancy

We are looking for a friendly and capable person to join our lunchtime team on a permanent contract to start as soon as possible. Applicants should enjoy working with children and be available to work every day during term time. Hours are 11.50-13.00 Monday to Friday which equates to 5 hours 50 minutes per week. Hours will be paid at Grade 3 SCP 14 which is £2,914 per year (equivalent to £8.69 per hour worked). Full training will be given. Applications will be considered on receipt. Please complete the application form on our website or ask at the school office.

The school is committed to safer recruitment practice and pre-employment checks will be undertaken before any appointment is confirmed. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Barring Service check.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher



Diary Events List: Spring term 2018

Date	Time	Event
16/1/18	18.30-19.30	Parent Information session on Mathematics for FSU and KS1 children
18/1/18	13.00-14.30	Fire service visit to FSU children
23/1/18	All day	Y2 visit to Ufton Court Farm
23/1/18	18.30-19.30	Parent Information session on Mathematics for KS2 children
24/1/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in the Hut
25/1/18	All day	Y1 visit to Milestones for children in Starfish and Jellyfish
25/1/18	19.00-21.30	Loddon Primary PTA Paint Night event in the Hillside Main Hall
26/1/18	All day	Y1 visit to Milestones for children in Seahorses
30/1/18	13.30-15.30	Y4 REInspired session at St Nicolas Church: Sacred Texts/Story telling
31/1/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in the Hut
1/2/18	10.30 prompt	FSU tour with Mrs Hampton for parents of prospective F1 children
5/2/18	20.00-21.00	Parent Forum meeting in the Hut
6/2/18	Morning	Y2 REInspired session in the Foundation Stage Hall: Noah
7/2/18	All day	Y5 trip to Reading Museum
7/2/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in the Hut
7/2/18	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting: invitation by Chair or HT only
8/2/18	All day	Y4 trip to Ufton Court
8/2/18	15.00-15.20	Y3 sharing assembly for parents/carers in the Main Hall
12-16/2/18	All week	Half term
19/2/18	All day	INSET day - school closed to pupils for staff training
20/2/18	All day	Pupil Spring term resumes
21/2/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in the Hut
27/2/18	13.30-15.30	Y5 REInspired session at Brookside Church: Inspirational Christian Writers
28/2/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in the Hut
1/3/18	During day	World Book day including author visit for children in years FS-Y3
1/3/18	10.30-11.30	FSU tour for potential FS1 parents
5-8/3/18	In week	Y5 Bikeability training
7/3/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in the Hut
7/3/18	16.00-19.00	FS-Y6 Parents evening
8/3/18	16.00-19.00	FS-Y6 Parents evening
13/3/18	13.30-15.30	Y1 REInspired session at Brookside Church: Stories Jesus told/Parables
14/3/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in the Hut
21/3/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in the Hut
22/3/18	15.00-15.20	Y2 sharing assembly for parents/carers in the Main Hall
27/3/18	13.30-15.30	R4 REInspired session at St Nicolas Church: Easter
28/3/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in the Hut

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29/3/18	9.30-11.30	Easter service at St Nicolas Church: F2-Y2 at 9.30am. Y3-6 at 10.30am
29/3/18	All day	Last day of Pupil Spring term - all sessions finish 30 minutes earlier than usual
29/3-13/4/18	All week	Easter Holiday
16/4/18	All day	First day of Pupil Summer term

