

# LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

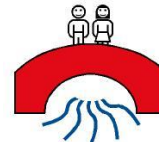
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## NEWSLETTER NO 8

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.

Aaron S

Turtles

Air

Determination in Music lessons



### Value of the Month - Determination

Determination means 'not giving up when things get difficult.' This is a key value for our children if they are to be successful in their personal and professional lives. We all meet challenges in life and the ability to keep going is vital to happiness and success; we want our children to keep trying and not be put off by a challenge or a 'bump in the road.'

In our PSHE Jigsaw lessons we will be thinking about dreams and goals, for the older children this will include thinking about careers they may wish to have in the future. Family members of Y5-6 children might like to discuss with your child the jobs you do, the journey you have taken within your job and any challenges you have needed to overcome along the way. Does your child have any idea what they might like to do in the future and what they might need to do now to make this happen?

For younger children you could discuss how they are finding their lessons at school currently. Which lessons are easiest and which do they have to try harder in? Did you manage to overcome difficulties at school and would sharing your story help your child to be more determined to overcome learning challenges themselves? You might like to share some ideas together on how to keep going when learning is difficult.



### New reading books

At the start of term we received a large order of new reading books for children in Y1-Y6. These books have been distributed to classrooms and you should see them coming home with your child regularly so that they can read daily at home. Please can you make sure you take care of this new stock and support your child to return books to school in the good condition that they were received ready for another child to read after them? Thank you.

### Sports update

After a successful run in last term's local Wokingham FA league, we have qualified for League 1 out of 5. This is a great achievement! This term we will now have the opportunity to play teams from across Wokingham.

*Mr Holloway, Sports Subject Leader*

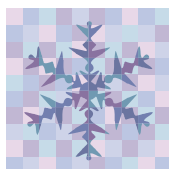


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### Winter weather precautions

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 will be needed!

### SEND Update 4 - Dyscalculia

Dyscalculia is one of a group of specific learning difficulties. It is a specific learning disability in Mathematics. Difficulties may include:

- Difficulty reading and / or writing numbers
- Poor mental maths
- An inability to grasp and remember mathematical concepts and rules
- Difficulties with time and time management
- Problems with sequencing e.g. in maths, team games, dance sequences
- Poor sense of direction
- Confusion with left and right

The following strategies would help a pupil with dyscalculia but equally they may benefit all pupils:

- Ask the child to find out how they came to an answer
- Always explain a new concept step-by-step
- Encourage the child to explain the method / strategies back to check they have understood
- Use visual and concrete materials to develop an understanding of Maths concepts (for as long as necessary)
- Incorporate practical activities
- Allow the opportunity for extra practice
- Carefully explain the language of Maths
- Ensure Maths workings are clearly set out and uncluttered
- Make use of technology to aid learning and encourage children to make use of a calculator when necessary
- Allow extra time to complete a task
- Encourage the use of scrap paper to work out calculations
- Display the four symbols and all the words that mean that sign

Useful Websites [www.dyscalculia.co.uk](http://www.dyscalculia.co.uk). Information taken from 'A-Z of SEN for every teacher'  
*Previous updates in newsletters have included Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ADHD and Dyslexia*  
Mrs Gemma Didcock



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## Poppy Appeal donations

The Royal British Legion has confirmed we raised £616.13 as a school, towards a district total of £28,000. Well done and thank you to everyone who donated to the 2016 Royal British Legion Poppy appeal by purchasing a Poppy or related item.

### CATERLINK LIMITED - RECRUITMENT EVENT

Are you looking for work during school hours: term time only?

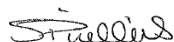
If so please come along to the council offices in Wokingham on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017 between 12-2.30 to find out about the vacancies we have & fill in an application form.

Please bring a CV if you have one & a valid passport or birth certificate and utility bill. These are required for proof to work in the U.K. purposes.

We are a school catering company with vacancies in central Wokingham, Crowthorne & Finchampstead.

If you have any queries prior to the event please contact Katy Sandon on 07717 278 036

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips  
Headteacher

### Diary Events List: Spring term 2017

Date	Time	Event
18/1/17	8.30-9.30	Personnel & Finance Governor meeting: attendance by Chair or HT invitation
18/1/17	9.00-10.00	PSA - <i>Healthy Eating</i> - Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
20/1/17	13.30-15.30	Berkshire Y5/6 Football Final at Thatcham
23/1/17	15.30-17.00	Y1/6 New Age Curling at Bulmershe Leisure Centre (selected children)
25/1/17	9.00-10.00	PSA - <i>Parenting Resolutions</i> - Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
26/1/17	18.00-19.30	Curriculum committee Governor meeting: attendance by Chair or HT invitation
30/1/17	20.00-21.30	PTA committee meeting in the Parent Hut
31/1/17	During day	Millers Ark Farm visit to Foundation and Year 2 children
31/1/17	13.30-14.30	Y4 RE Inspired session: Sacred Texts/Story telling at St Nicolas Church
1/2/17	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
1/2/17	18.00-19.30	Environment Committee Governor meeting: attendance by Chair or HT invitation
2/2/17	10.15	F1 prospective parents monthly tour
3/2/17	15:45-17:30	Y3/4 Bisi Badminton at Bulmershe Leisure Centre (selected children)
5/2/17	All week	Y5 Bikeability training
7/2/17	Morning	F2 RE Inspired session: Noah at Foundation Stage Hall
8/2/17	9-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
8/2/17	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting: attendance by Chair or HT invitation
9/2/17	During day	Y1-6 Art exhibition - details to follow
10/2/17	13.30-15.30	Y5/6 football match v Hawthorns (away)
13/2/17	All week	Spring Half term holiday
20/2/17	All day	1 <sup>st</sup> day of Spring 2 half term