

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

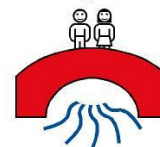
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Primary School



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NEWSLETTER NO 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we finish for Christmas I wish to congratulate the children on their recent performances as well as their hard work throughout this term. We felt especially proud of our children during their recent productions and would also like to thank you for your many words of appreciation.



Lower team production - thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped to raise £120.36 at the retiring collection following the lower team production of 'A Midwife Crisis.' The funds raised will be donated to the Special Care Baby Unit at Royal Berkshire Hospital.

Y6 fundraising for CLIC Sargent

Congratulations to our Year 6 children for raising £260 for CLIC Sargent through selling the Christmas decorations and gifts they made from recycled items at the Christmas fair.

Latest Staffing News

Following Mrs Patterson's recent promotion Miss Wakeham has kindly agreed to work fulltime in 1PW during the summer term allowing continuity of teaching for 1PW. Therefore 1PW will be taught as currently by Miss Wakeham and Mrs Patterson until April then Miss Wakeham will teach them fulltime until the end of the school year.

Reminder of other staff changes in January

Mr Marcus Holloway joins us teaching 3MT for the remainder of this year.

Mrs Emma Ewins joins our Foundation Stage team sharing Moles with Miss Alexander.

Miss Helen Pettengell will be joining the Year 2 team sharing 2CK with Mrs Clapperton.

And of course we also send all our best wishes to Mrs Woodcock, Miss Tew and Mrs Kite as they leave us for new opportunities and maternity leave.

Report Card Levels - 'W' and 'P'

We apologise for any confusion around the use of 'W' or 'P' levels on some report cards, these levels simply indicate where a child is working towards Level 1 of the National Curriculum.

If you would like further clarification specifically relating to your own child's report card, please speak to your child's class teacher. *Mrs Patterson*



House Gems

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Values 'House Gem' celebrating their actions in promoting the value of "Appreciation".

Arooj I (Y2) Doing quality work which was appreciated by school staff.

Alanha M (Y1) Because she always remembers to say 'thank you'.

Katie W (Y1) Appreciation - of learning over the last 3 weeks delivering high quality work.

Safa A (Y6) Demonstrating the qualities - Honesty, respect, friendship and appreciation.



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Winter weather precautions

With the potential for colder weather we would like to remind you of the following points for extreme winter weather. 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.

In the unlikely event that the school is closed our learning platform (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.

Your child's class teacher will display recommended activities on the year group home page of our learning platform as well as further opportunities for your child to continue their learning at home in the event of closure. These can be accessed via the Student link on the top menu. If your child has forgotten their log in or has not been allocated one please email Mrs. Elliott at tracey.elliott@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk. Of course we all hope none of these arrangements will be needed!



Loddon Orchestra - can you help?

Do you have a love of music? Did you play an instrument as a child?

From next term we are planning to set up a school orchestra to support our beginner musicians in playing together and to further develop our children's music skills. We would love to hear from any parents/grandparents/other family members who feel that they could spare time after school on a Thursday 3.30-4.15pm to help with this.

If you would be willing to dust off your musical instruments and play alongside the children or to support in the development of our school orchestra please contact Mrs Phillips via the school office.

Consultations on changes to admission policies for local secondary schools for September 2015

We have been contacted by Maiden Erlegh, The Forest School and The Holt School who are all undertaking consultations on proposed changes to their admissions policies for children starting with these schools from September 2015 onwards. For information please access the individual school websites or the links:

Maiden Erlegh: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AdmissionsConsultation2015-16>.

The Forest School: <http://theforestschool.fluencycms.co.uk/Forest-Consultation>.

The Holt School: <http://www.holtschool.co.uk/the-school/consultation-on-admissions-arrangements-20152016>.

Lunchtime Controller vacancy

We are looking for a friendly and capable person to join our lunchtime team. The post involves a variety of tasks including setting up tables in the dining hall, supervising the children as they eat, supervising and facilitating play for children outside during the lunch hour and providing first aid. Training can be provided.

Applicants should enjoy working with children aged 3 to 11 and be available to work every day during term time from 11.50am-1.20pm. If you are a positive team player who is willing to 'muck in' and support our children to have a happy play experience we would love to hear from you. You will be on Grade 3 Fixed SCP 14 and earn equivalent to an enhanced hourly rate of £9.28.

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 15th January 2014 with interviews taking place during week commencing Monday 20th January 2014.



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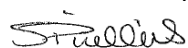


Free swimming for children during the school holidays - Bulmershe, Carnival Pool and Loddon Valley

- Free swimming for ages 18 and under. Saturday 21 December 2013 to Sunday 5 January 2014 inclusive.
- Available during all public swim sessions relevant to this age group. Check with the centres for opening hours over Christmas.
- You must live in Wokingham borough and show your own valid Wokingham borough library card each time you wish to swim for free.
- For further information, visit www.wokingham.gov.uk/freeswimming or call 0118 9746000.

And finally our best wishes for a Happy Christmas with friends and family. We look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Yours sincerely



Mrs. S. Phillips
Headteacher

Loddon Out of School Club - Christmas Holiday Club: Monday 6th January 2014

Please contact Dawn on 07968 278584 for information.

Diary Events List: Autumn Term 2013 - Spring Term 2014

Date	Time	Event
21/12/13		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
22/12/13	17.00	PTA family pantomime trip to Jack and the Beanstalk at the Hexagon.
06/01/14		Staff Training Day SCHOOL CLOSED
07/01/14		Start of Pupil Spring term 1
10/01/14		Y4 Living Ancient Egypt workshop
10/01/14	10.15-11.15	FSU tour for parents of potential F1 children
10/01/14	13.20-14.20	Final FSU and school tour for parents of potential F2 children
13/01/14	All week	First week of School-run clubs
13/01/14	Two weeks	'Switch It Off' fortnight in school
14/01/14	pm	Y2 REInspired Signs and Symbols at St Nicolas Church
21/01/14	8.30-9.30	Personnel & Finance Committees: attendance by invitation from Chair & HT
29/01/14	18.00-20.00	Governor Curriculum Committee: attendance by invitation from Chair & HT
05/02/14	17.30-19.30	Governor Environment Committee: attendance by invitation from Chair & HT
06/02/14	20.00-21.00	'Parents Supporting Parents' coffee evening in the Hut
07/02/14	10.15-11.15	FSU tour for parents of potential F1 children
11/02/14	18.00-20.00	Full Governing Body meeting: attendance by invitation from Chair & HT
13/02/14	15.00-15.30	Y3 Assembly to Parents/Carers
17/02/14	All week	Spring Half term holiday
24/02/14	All day	Staff Training Day SCHOOL CLOSED
25/02/14		Start of Pupil Spring term 2
28/02/14	TBC	PTA School disco