

# LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

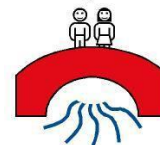
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## NEWSLETTER NO 9

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.

Jarod R	Eagles	Air	Cooperation and friendship in PE.
Nidha D	Kestrels	Earth	Showing the Loddon values through story telling.
Tisha Y	Hawks	Water	Showing the Loddon Values through story telling.
Jack C	Eagles	Earth	Understanding, kindness and patience working with a peer.
Amirah A	Stingrays	Water	Determination in Maths.
Gracie J	Kites	Air	Showing kindness, determination and caring to a friend.
Hope C	Kites	Fire	Showing kindness, determination and caring to a friend.
Sophie H	Kites	Air	Showing kindness, determination and caring to a friend.
Caleb R	Phoenix	Air	Determination and resilience in DT.
Amarian N	Hares/Bats	Fire	Determination in handwriting.
Ben Smith	Turtles	Fire	Determination in PE.

### Special Assembly for Dawn Scott Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 5pm

The Out of School club committee and Loddon Primary School will be hosting a memorial event for Dawn Scott on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February in the main school hall. This will be an opportunity to share our memories of Dawn and celebrate her contribution to our school community.

A collection will be taken at the event to raise funds for a memorial seat to be placed in the school grounds. Dawn's family are also taking donations for the charity 'Dingley's Promise' whose work was close to Dawn's heart; if you wish to find out more or make a donation the link is [http://www.abwalker.co.uk/fund-page/?fp\\_id=22015](http://www.abwalker.co.uk/fund-page/?fp_id=22015)



### Learning Platform launches

Thank you to all the parents who attended one of the two learning platform launches recently. The presentation is now available to view on the learning platform should you wish to find out more about it. For year group or pupil log in details please contact your class teacher or Miss Routh ([amy.routh@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:amy.routh@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk)) who will be able to give you the relevant details. We look forward to hearing how the children are using the learning platform to develop their learning at home. *Miss Routh, ICT Subject Leader*



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### **Reporting pupil absence through Parentmail**

If you need to report your child absent from school, this can be done quickly and easily through the Parentmail app. We would encourage you to use this method in the first instance. It is a straight forward process however if you require any additional support, the School Office Team would be happy to help. Please be aware that you may later be asked to provide written evidence of the reason for your child's absence especially where this is for more than a couple of days.

### **Routine appointments in school time**

We would expect all routine appointments (doctor, dentist, optician etc.) to take place outside the school day. Where this is absolutely impossible, please inform the school office in advance (at least a day before) so that arrangements can be made to collect your child whilst minimising any impact to the remaining children. On occasion it may be necessary to ask for written evidence of these appointments. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Y6 Tests information evening for Parents of children in Y6**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February there will be an information evening for parents regarding the 2017 Y6 tests. The evening will be held 6pm in the main hall.

### **Mobile phones in school**

Children should only need to bring a mobile phone into school if they walk home unattended and you need to keep in contact with them. Typically we would expect these to be children in Years 5 or 6 only. Any phone brought into school must be handed into the school office on arrival and collected again at the end of the day. Children must ensure their phone is switched off when it is handed in.



### **Parents/Carers helping us to ensure safety on site**

A few safety reminders:

If you are dropping young children off at school please keep them close to you so we know they are being appropriately supervised.

Please clear the site promptly at the start of the day and end of the day so that playground areas are available for teaching of PE and after school clubs.

Can we also ask that you do not stand in groups at the school gates chatting as this can prevent the gates from closing when they should. Thank you.

### **Sports update**

After winning the Wokingham FA cup in September 2016 the Loddon Year 5/6 football team took part in the Berkshire Schools under 11 finals on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January. The team competed against the Newbury, Reading and Slough winners of their competitions. At the end of the tournament we finished second - an excellent achievement.

A selection of Year 3-6 children took part in a "New Age Curling" competition at Bulmershe Leisure Centre on 23 January 2017. The children competed against local schools and had a wonderful experience.

*Mr Holloway, Sports Subject Leader*

### **Travelling Book Fair**

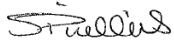
A big thank you to everyone who came to visit the Travelling Book Fair on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016. We raised a fantastic £920.86 in commission and have bought some lovely new books for the School Library. *Mrs Screene, Librarian*



## Y5 trip to Reading Museum

Please remember to return your child's trip letter and EV2 if you have not already done so for this trip for Y5 children on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Thank you *Mr Boitsidis and Mr Holloway*

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips  
Headteacher

### Diary Events List: Spring term 2017

Date	Time	Event
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	All day	Y5 trip to Reading Museum
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)
6/2/17	All week	Y5 Bikeability training
7/2/17	All day	Year 1 'Go wild at your school day' from Woolly Firs
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	15.30-17.30	Whole School Art Gallery - details to follow
8/2/17	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting: attendance by Chair or HT invitation
9/2/17	17.00	Special Assembly for Dawn Scott in the Main Hall
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
22- 23/2/17	Two days	Y4 residential trip to Ufton Court
22/2/17	9-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
22/2/17	18.00-19.00	KS1 SATs Parents Information Evening in Stingrays classroom (for Y2 parents)
23/2/17	18.00-19.00	Y6 SATs meeting in the Main Hall
28/2/17	13.30-15.00	Y5 RE Inspired visit to Brookside Church: Inspirational Christian Writers
1/3/17	8.30-9.30	Personnel and Finance Committee meeting: attendance by Chair or HT invitation
1/3/17	9-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
1/3/17	16-19.00*	FS-Y6 Parents evening *FS timing TBC
2/3/17	All day	World Book Day
2/3/17	10.15	F1 prospective parents monthly tour of Foundation
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Date	Time	Event
8/3/17	9-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
10/3/17	All day	Y3 trip to Chiltern Air Museum
14/3/17	13.30-14.30	Y1 RE Inspired visit to Brookside Church: The Stories Jesus Told
15/3/17	8.30-9.30	Environment Committee meeting: attendance by Chair or HT invitation
15/3/17	9-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
20/3/17	All week	Last week of Clubs run by School Staff
22/3/17	9-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
22/3/17	18-19.30	Full Governing Body Committee meeting: attendance by Chair or HT invitation
28/3/17	11-12.00	Y3-4 performance - dress rehearsal to the school
28/3/17	13.30-15.00	Y4 RE Inspired visit to St Nicolas Church: Easter
29/3/17	9-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut
29/3/17	14.00-15.00	Y3-4 performance to families
30/3/17	18.00-19.00	Y3-4 performance to families
31/03/17	9.30-11.30	Easter service at St Nicolas Church: F2-Y2 at 9.30am. Y3-6 at 10.30am
31/03/17	All day	Last day of Pupil Spring term - all session finish 30 minutes earlier than usual
1-17/4/17		Easter Holiday
18/4/17	All day	First day of Pupil Summer term