

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

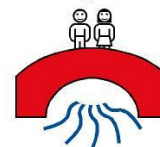
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Loddon
Primary School



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NEWSLETTER NO 11

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.

- Luke T Y1 Water Being honest and telling the truth.
- Timothy C Y3 Fire Demonstrating great understanding in his assembly responses.
- Fatimah K Y4 Fire Showing the values of quality and determination in her day to day work.
- Jamie W Y6 Earth Mature and understanding responses in assembly.



Recent Inspections of Loddon Primary School

Last half term was an especially busy time for us all at Loddon as Wokingham Children's Services carried out a full review of the school and we were also visited by Ofsted HMI on February 12th 2015. We were pleased that in both cases the school was judged as being securely Good and that both Ofsted and Wokingham agreed significant progress has been made since our last inspection in 2012.

The Ofsted visit particularly focussed on Maths whilst Wokingham viewed all areas of the school including Behaviour and Safety. A letter from the HMI, detailing his visit, will be published on the Ofsted website in the next few days at <http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/> and will also be available on our school website.

Staff Changes 5KT

Following a decision to relocate to London Miss Thilthorpe will be leaving us at the end of this school term. We wish her well and thank her for her commitment to Loddon during her time with us. We have begun the process of recruiting a class teacher to 5KT for the summer term and will write to parent/carers as soon as further information is available.



Red Nose day - Friday 13th March

Children are invited to wear MUFTI and an item of red nose merchandise next Friday (13th March) in exchange for a minimum donation of £1.00. Merchandise is available online or at Sainsbury stores. All proceeds will go to support the charity Comic Relief.

Election of new Chair of Governors - Message from Rob Henderson

I am delighted to have been elected as Chair of Governors by the Governing body. I have been a Governor at Loddon for the last 4 years. I am very much looking forward to continuing to work with the team at Loddon and the Governing Body to further improve our school.



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Sale of second hand books

Thank you to everyone who contributed books or attended our second hand book sale on Tuesday 3rd March. We received enough donations to run a sale at lunchtime and again after school. Children enjoyed choosing new books to read and recommending favourite books to one another. Proceeds from both sales raised an impressive £83.41 towards our school swimming pool.

Parents evening 16th and 17th March 2015

For children in Y1-6 parents evening is on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March from 16.00 until 19.00. For children in Foundation Stage (other than two year olds), parents evening is on Tuesday 17th March from 15.40 until 18.30.

To arrange an appointment if you have children in Y1-6, please add your name and your child's name to the preferred time slot on the sign-up sheets in the playground outside the school office. The sheets will be displayed from Wednesday 11th March before and after school until the morning of Monday 16th March. For children in the Foundation Unit, the sign-up sheets will be displayed in the Foundation Stage hall during the same period. If you cannot sign up in person please telephone the school office who will be happy to book a slot for you.



Story Telling and Book Club News

Thank you to all the children who have attended story telling club or book club this year and helped to vote for the Red House Children's book award. Along with Miss Routh, four children from school attended the award ceremony in London and got to hear several well-known authors talk about their books and watch some of the illustrators draw their most loved drawings live on stage - we even got to see Tony Ross!

We were pleased to find out that the book that won over all was the one chosen by our book clubs in school. As a thank you for the award the author (Drew Daywalt) has sent the picture shown above. Both clubs are now in the process of voting for the 2016 awards and new members are always welcome.



Calling all budding authors! - Writing competitions

The Wicked Young Writers award is now open for entries. This exciting award is open to children and young adults aged 5-25 and is split into 5 age categories. The award ceremony takes place in London in partnership with the musical Wicked and the National Literacy Trust. The winner will receive a certificate signed by popular author Michael Morpurgo and HRH the Duchess of Cornwall, along with book vouchers for both the winner and the winner's school. For further information visit: www.wickedyoungwriters.com (closing date 17th April 2015)

For our older writers there's also an opportunity to enter the Henrietta Branford writing competition. This competition requires children to complete a story that has been started by last year's winner. This can be found at the following website along with further entry details:

http://www.branfordboaseaward.org.uk/HBWC/HBWC_current/henriettabranfo1.html

Winners of the competition will be invited to receive their prizes at a celebration party in London where they will have the chance to meet Dame Jaqueline Wilson. (Closing date 25th April 2015)

Parent and Carer Workshop: Routines and Responsibilities

Wednesday 25th March 2015, 9:15-11:15am Loddon Parent Hut

Mad mornings? Trying teatimes? Boisterous bedtimes?

This workshop will help you set effective routines with your children and also give them age appropriate responsibilities around the house. Places are available for parents to book now. A flyer with full details has been sent out. You can also view posters on school noticeboards and on the school website under Parents / Parent Support. Please book your place with Jo Fiddaman (Cluster Co-ordinator). Email jfiddaman@hawkedon.wokingham.sch.uk or text/call 07810 832087 or contact Claire Allison, Parent Support at Loddon on 07530 057905 or claire.allison@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk



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Second Hand Uniform Sale: Latest donation to PTA

Last week's uniform sale raised £30. Thank you to all who supported it. Together with ad-hoc uniform sales last term we made a donation of £88 to the PTA this week. Since sales began we have now raised £678 for the PTA, which benefits all children at Loddon. With special thanks to parents Maive, Andrea and Becky for their much appreciated help. *Claire Allison (Parent Support)*

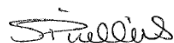
Second Hand Uniform: Items and new helpers needed!

We continue to welcome donations of second hand uniform. We especially need blue logo fleeces, sweatshirts and cardigans, also any gripping hangers for hanging skirts and trousers. We have plenty of normal hangers. Good quality items (washed, folded and in a bag) can be handed in at the school office. Thank you for the donations received so far this term.

Next term we need one or two more parent helpers to take over from some of our current team. **Can you help?** The job is simple and quick. We meet occasionally to sort through donations and then run sales every term. If you would like to start helping with second hand uniform after Easter, please contact Claire Allison by email at claire.allison@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk

Claire Allison (Parent Support), Maive Watts (Yr 6 Parent), Andrea Smith (FSU & Yr 3 Parent)

Yours sincerely



Mrs. S. Phillips
Headteacher

Diary Events List: Spring Term 2015

Date	Time	Event
09/03/15	During week	Y5 Bikeability training
09/03/15	18.00-19.00	Swimming Pool Committee meeting - please let the school office or Chair know if you plan to attend
10/03/15	8.30-9.30	Governors Finance and Personnel Committee invitation by Chair or Headteacher
11/03/15	9-10.00	Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut - All parents/carers welcome
11/03/15	14.00-15.00	Meeting for Parents new to F1
11/03/15	18.00-18.30	Y4 parent meeting re. residential trip to Ufton Court in classroom 4SW
11/03/15	18.00-20.00	Curriculum Committee invitation by Chair or Headteacher
12/03/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut
16/03/15	16.00-19.00	Y1-Y6 Parents evening
16/03/15	16.00-17.45	WASMA choir rehearsals at Addington School
17/03/15	13.30-14.45	Y1 REInspired session on Stories and Parables at St Nicolas Church
17/03/15	16.00-19.00	FS-Y6 Parents evening
18/03/15	9-10.00	Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut - All parents/carers welcome
18/03/15	13.15-15.15	Y5 First Aid Training
19/03/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut
19/03/15	15.00-15.20	Y2 Sharing Assembly - Parents/Carers and family welcome
24/03/15	10.00-11.30	Y4 REInspired session on Easter at Brookside Church
24/03/15	During day	Fire safety visit to KS1 children
25/03/15	9.15-11.15	Parent Workshop: Routines and Responsibilities in The Hut

Date	Time	Event
25/03/15	18-19.30	Environment Committee invitation by Chair or Headteacher
26/03/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut. Mrs Didcock attending.
26/03/15	10.15	F1 Prospective Parent tour of FSU (Instead of 2 nd April)
26/03/15	End of day	FSU Learning Journeys go home
27/03/15	14.00	Y3/4 production - dress rehearsal for the school
29/03/15	12.30-16.00	WASMA choir rehearsals at the Hexagon
29/03/15	18.30-20.30	WASMA concert at the Hexagon
30/03/15	14.00	Y3/4 production performance for parents/carers
31/03/15	18.00	Y3/4 production performance for parents/carers
01/04/15	9-10.00	Parent Tea/Coffee morning in The Hut & Second Hand Uniform Sale - All welcome
01/04/15	End of day	Report cards go out
01/04/15	18.00-20.00	Full Governing Body meeting invitation by Chair or Headteacher
02/04/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut
02/04/15	9.30-11.30	Easter Church Services at St Nicolas Church. F2, KS1 & KS2 timings TBC.
02/04/15	13.15	Road safety visit to 2LM. (2CC will have their visit during the Summer term).
02/04/15	11.10 / 14.50	End of Pupil Spring term - FSU morning children finish at 11.10am and afternoon children at 2.50pm.
02/04/15	15.00	End of pupil Spring term Y1-6 children finish early at 3pm.
3-19/04/15		Easter Holiday
20/04/15		Start of Pupil Summer term



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