

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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.

Adam M	Eagles	Fire	Independence in assembly
Henry W	Eagles	Air	Independence in assembly
Ella H	Kestrels	Fire	Independence in assembly
Maria D	Hawks	Water	Role model for all the Values
Ahmad I	Octopuses	Air	Quality Maths
Inaiya K	Octopuses	Water	Quality Maths and presentation
Elliott M	Turtles	Air	Independence and quality in home learning
Emma R	Seahorses	Water	Quality home learning
Athena H	Seahorses	Earth	Quality writing
Evelyn C	Octopuses	Air	Quality home learning
Harvey T	Kestrels	Water	Quality story writing
Timothy C	Kestrels	Fire	Quality story writing
Verity R	Starfish	Water	Independent writing
Mahiyah M	Turtles	Air	Quality independent writing
Rishi V	Bennu	Fire	Responsibility and caring
Tyler B	Hawks	Fire	Independence in his learning
Joe C	Hawks	Earth	Independence in his learning
Mitsuki M	Octopuses	Air	Quality writing

Value of the month - Trust



Our value in March is Trust which is a key value to support all positive relationships. If we do not trust someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them. We will discuss with the children the importance of earning trust whilst also thinking about situations when trust might be lost. We would welcome your support in talking to your children about:

- People who you know that are trustworthy.
- Practical ways that we can show others that we are trustworthy.
- Why it is important to be able to trust others when working together as a team.
- How you might rebuild trust if it has been broken?

Dangerous driving and parking by school entrances



I regret that I am having to include comment on the irresponsible behaviour of some drivers at the entrances to school to all parents/carers however, as I have not been able to track down all of the specific offenders and in the interests of our children's safety I feel I must comment. The **KEEP CLEAR** markings across the school drive are there in the interests of your children's safety. On Monday a serious accident was narrowly avoided as drivers used the front drive to school for U Turns, reversing manoeuvres and in one case to actually mount the pavement in front of school in order to get away more quickly. To drive at the front of a busy school in this way is obviously dangerous and I am asking all parents to consider this before a serious accident happens.

This week, I have also received complaints from residents in Hillside Road and a photograph of a lady who, at the end of the school day, has parked her car fully across the pavement at the bottom of the school drive! I understand the photographs have also been forwarded to the police and traffic enforcement who may well take an interest.

Reporting your child's absence

If your child is unable to attend school please ensure you let the school office know by using one of the following methods:

- Using the parentmail app; go to report absence
- Calling the school number and selecting option 1 to leave a message on the answerphone
- Emailing the school office using absence@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk

When reporting your child absent please ensure you leave your child's first and last name, their class name and reason for absence. Please be specific with the reason for example 'my child has an ear infection'. Absences should be reported by 9am. If your child is just going to be absent for a few hours and they would like a hot dinner please state that they require a hot dinner as the school kitchen must know how many hot dinners they have to cook by 9.30am.

If you do not report your child's absence you will be contacted by the school office first by telephone and then by parentmail if we do not receive a response to our telephone call. *Jenny Sumner, School Business Manager*

Parent Forum Early Years - Monday 12th March - cancelled

On this occasion forum has been cancelled and instead an information evening, for all Nursery parents, will be organised later in the summer term.

Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the Parent Hut

Come and join our coffee morning sessions every Wednesdays from 9 till 10am. We always enjoy seeing as many parents and carers attend our coffee mornings as possible, children are most welcome too and there are plenty of toys for them to play with. It's a great time to meet and greet new parents, unwind and enjoy sharing any ideas, give suggestions, join in discussions. We also provide up to date information regarding any events happening in school on workshops and courses.

What have Parents said about coffee mornings?

'Great to share similar experiences and to prepare my child's journey through school'

'Informative and a time to reflect, also it promotes social activity being able to interact with other parents. It's a nice place to come to.'

'I have adjusted my own routine so I can attend coffee mornings because it's a great way to start the day!'

Looking forward to seeing you at our next coffee morning. Refreshments are provided! *Kam Bhogal, PSA*

SENDIASS stands for 'Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Advice and Support Service'

Sendiass will be offering monthly drop in sessions for parents at Wokingham Youth Centre, 35 Reading Road, Wokingham RG41 1EG from 10am to 12 noon on the following dates:

15 March

19 April

17 May

14 June

12 July

They have recently produced a new leaflet for parents of children who are transferring from primary to secondary school. It will be particularly useful for parents in years 5 & 6. You can find the leaflet on the local offer: https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/wokingham/info/files/transfer_to_secondary_school_leaflet_-_sendiass.pdf

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

Diary Events List: Spring-Summer term 2018

Date	Time	Event
12/3/18	20.00-21.00	Parent Forum - Cancelled
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
14/3/18	18.00-19.00	Y2 SATS information evening for parents in Stingrays classroom
20/3/18	During day	Vision testing for children in their Reception year
21/3/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in the Hut
21/3/18	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting - attendance by invitation of Chair or Headteacher
22/3/18	15.00-15.20	Y2 sharing assembly for parents/carers in the Main Hall
23/3/18	As shown	PTA Disco Y1-2: 17-18.15. Y3-6: 18.45-20.00
26/3/18	11.00-11.30	Y3-4 dress rehearsal to the pupils (some classes)
27/3/18	13.30-15.30	Y4 REInspired session at St Nicolas Church: Easter
27/3/18	18.00-19.00	Y3-4 performance for parents/carers in the Main Hall
28/3/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in the Hut
28/3/18	14.30-15.00	Y3-4 dress rehearsal to the pupils (remaining classes)
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 children finish 30 minutes earlier than their usual time
29/3-13/4/18	All week	Easter Holiday
16/4/18	All day	First day of Pupil Summer term
18/4/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in the Hut
19/4/18	10.30	F1 tour of the Foundation Unit for prospective parents
25/4/18	9.00-11.00	Managing Anxiety Course in the Parent Hut
1/5/18	13.30-15.00	Y2 REInspired session at Brookside Church: Taking Care of the World
2/5/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in the Hut



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3/5/18	10.30	F1 tour of the Foundation Unit for prospective parents
7/5/18	All day	May Bank Holiday - School closed
9/5/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in the Hut
14/5/18	During week	Y6 SATS week
15/5/18	13.30-15.00	Y3 REInspired session at Brookside Church: Prayer
16/5/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in the Hut
18/5/18	TBC	PTA Royal Wedding Street Party and Second Hand uniform sale
21-25/5/18	All week	Y6 residential trip to Culmington Manor
23/5/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea/Coffee morning in the Hut
23/5/18	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting - attendance by invitation of Chair or Headteacher
24/5/18	15.00-15.20	Y1 sharing assembly for parents/carers in the Hillside Hall
25/5/18	All day	INSET: school closed to children for staff training
28/5-1/6/18	All week	Summer Half term holiday - School closed
4/6/18	All day	School resumes for pupil Summer term