

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

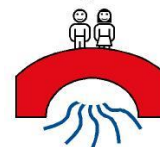
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Primary School



20th March 2015

NEWSLETTER NO 12

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.

- William H Y6 Water Respect for school property.
- Chiara P Y3 Fire Quality written work.
- Reece S Y4 Air Caring for his friend.

Caterlink change to menu for Thursday 2nd April

There is a change to the published menu for the final day of the spring term. The menu will be Battered fish with chips and tomato sauce or Vegetable pasty with chips and tomato sauce. Pudding will be Carrot & Sultana cake or Yoghurt/Fresh fruit salad.



Reduced Pupil Progress due to absence from School

This month we have been completing pupil progress meetings in which senior staff and teachers review the individual progress of each of our pupils. It has been particularly noticeable that those pupils who are taking time out of school for unauthorised extended holidays or to travel abroad for extended periods have made less progress than their peers. This of course is common sense; if your child is not in school their progress will be reduced. It is also the case that the longer your child's absence the greater the reduction in their progress and the greater time it will take them to catch up when they return.

Also of note is the data contained within our Data dashboard which the Department for Education published last week, this can be viewed at <http://dashboard.ofsted.gov.uk/>. Whilst we are proud of our performance overall our attendance data is the one area which remains lower than we would wish. We can only improve this, as part of our aim to be an outstanding school, if you as parents ensure that your children attend school regularly FS1-Y6.

I therefore remind all parent/carers that absence will only be authorised in **exceptional circumstances** to a maximum of 10 school days and that there is no right to absence in term time. All requests for absence must be submitted on the appropriate form and will be assessed in line with our published school attendance policy.

Staff Changes

Mrs Claire Allison, our Parent Support Advisor, will be leaving the week after Easter to take up a new opportunity around the corner from her home. Anyone who has tackled the M4 commute will of course understand Claire's reasons for seeking employment closer to home. However, during her time at Loddon Claire has ably supported a number of families with a wide range of concerns and we know she will therefore be greatly missed.



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We will now begin the process of recruiting a new PSA for Loddon. *Please note that until this recruitment process is completed Wednesday coffee mornings during April will not take place.*

Mrs Emma Ewins begins her maternity leave at the beginning of May. Mrs Charlotte Manning will join the Foundation team as a teacher from early May until the end of the Summer term. Charlotte has recently been employed as a Foundation teacher at Hillside Primary School and comes with a wealth of Early Years experience.

Lunchtime Controller vacancy 20th April 15 - 31st August 15

We are looking for a friendly and capable person to join our lunchtime team in FSU on a fixed term contract from 20th April 2015 until 31st August 2015. Applicants should enjoy working with children aged 3 to 5 and be available to work every day during term time from 12pm - 1pm. You will be on Grade 3 SCP 14 and earn £1820 per year (equivalent to £9.28 per hour worked). Full induction will be given.

Closing date: Friday 27th March 2015

Interviews: w/c Monday 30th March 2015

The school is committed to safer recruitment practice and pre-employment checks will be undertaken before any appointment is confirmed. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Barring Service check.

Comic Relief 2015

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards our collection for the BBC charity Comic Relief. Altogether we raised £349.60 towards this year's appeal.

PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) - Thursday 23rd April at 9am

Mrs Didcock will join the PSP CAN meeting in the Hut on 23rd April. Mrs Didcock will be discussing the local offer and recapping on the changes to SEN.

Parent Tea/Coffee - Wednesday 25th March 2015

Parent Tea/Coffee will be replaced next week by the Parent and Carer Workshop: Routines and Responsibilities, 9:15 - 11:15am, Loddon Parent Hut.

There are only a couple of spaces left now. 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

Books that help parents - Missing book!

A book called 'The Incredible Years' (written by Caroline Webster-Stratton) is missing from the parents' book box in the Parent Hut. If you have borrowed it without signing it out, please can you return it to the box as soon as possible? I do not need to know who you are but I would like the book back so that other parents can borrow it too! *(Claire Allison - Parent Support)*

English for Adults - Information Session

Thursday 26th March 12:30 - 14:30

Hawkedon Primary School Family Centre

All parents in the Earley cluster of schools are invited. This information session will be run by Bracknell and Wokingham College. It aims to arrange further sessions to help adults improve their English speaking, reading and writing skills. There will be a short informal assessment of your current skills and group sessions will be small and friendly. Please email jfiddaman@hawkedon.wokingham.sch.uk.

Registration forms are also available in the Loddon Parent Hut in the leaflet holders.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. S. Phillips
Headteacher



Diary Events List: Spring - Summer Term 2015

Date	Time	Event
23/03/15	All week	Last week of Extra-curricular clubs run by School staff.
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
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	13.30	Pets in Practice visit to 5KT (visit to 5JO planned for July)
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	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
20/04/15	18.00-19.00	Swimming Pool Committee meeting - please let the school office or Chair know if you plan to attend.
21-22/04/15	Two days	Y4 residential trip to Ufton Court.
21/04/15	End of day	School club letters go out
23/04/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut with Mrs Didcock.
27/04/15	All week	First week of Extra-curricular clubs run by School staff.
28/04/15	8.30-9.30	Personnel and Finance committee meeting invitation by Chair or Headteacher
29/04/15	All day	Y3 trip to Woolly Firs, Maidenhead



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