

# LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

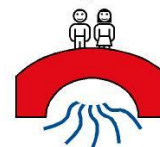
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## NEWSLETTER NO 15

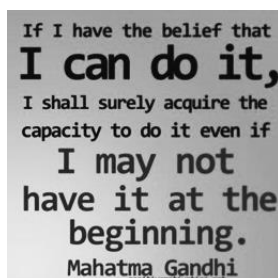
Dear Parents/Carers,



### House Gems

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Values 'House Gem' celebrating their actions in promoting our school values.

- Harvey T Y3 Water Quality work.
- Erin P Y5 Water Being determined in my work and being a role model for kindness.
- Lydia S Y2 Fire Quality DT work.
- Harry M Y3 Fire Confidence when speaking to adults.
- Kubrah N Y3 Earth Confidence when swimming.
- Alena O Y4 Water Quality Maths work.
- Evie M Y4 Fire Quality work in Maths.
- Ollie F Y4 Fire Quality Maths work.
- Christian S Y5 Earth Determination in Maths work.
- Jacob E Y6 Earth Ambition in Maths.
- William H Y6 Water Care and respect for school property.



### Value of the month - Confidence

This month sees the first of a new monthly feature in our newsletters to outline the value of the month to you and share some ideas for how you might support our work on that value with your children at home.

May's value is Confidence - in school we have shared with the children the idea that confidence is about: 'Believing you can do something and always trying your best even when things are hard.'

At both home and school we can do similar things to help boost your child's confidence:

- Focus on the positives. Praise any progress, however small. Pay attention to how much effort your child has made as well as to the end result.
- Develop other interests and focus on things they are good at. In school we encourage all children to join after school clubs. Your child might struggle with reading, but be a great dancer!
- Don't compare children, especially siblings.
- Make your child feel important by giving them special jobs or responsibilities.
- Keep learning fun and work little and often. If homework is too difficult, leave it and either try again later, or send a note to the teacher to say they have tried, but need more help.
- If low self-confidence continues to be a concern please get in touch with your child's class teacher so that we can discuss the best way forward together and offer your child appropriate support.



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### Change of Menu for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

There will be a change to the published Caterlink menu for Census day on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**. The options will be: Battered Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce or Vegetable Pasta Bake with Herby Bread\*\*\* Baked Beans & Peas\*\*\* Jelly & Ice Cream, Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Salad.

### Living Willow Maze

Our living willow maze is closed for a few weeks whilst the willow roots establish themselves. This is an important stage to ensure the future longevity of our maze. Children have been asked to avoid using it and we would appreciate your support with this request before and after school. We will let you know as soon as the maze is ready for use which we hope to be immediately after half term.

### Extreme Reading Competition

Thank you for all the wonderful entries to the Easter Extreme Reading Competition. We had lots of creative ideas which made the judging very difficult. All of the pictures entered are now on display in school.

Members from KS1 story telling Club and KS2 Book club helped with the judging and would like to congratulate the following winners:

**Lower Team:** Winner: Nolan (1RW) Runners Up: Ian (1LN) and Nathan (1LN)

**Middle Team:** Winner: Evie (4RD) Runners Up: Jack (4SW) AND Sebastian (4RD)

**Upper Team:** Rachel (5KT) Runners Up: Tilly (6AN) and Dominic (5JO)

### Anxiety and depression in children and young people - 10<sup>th</sup> June at 18.30 University of Reading

The Anxiety and Depression in Young People Research Unit (AnDY) is hosting an event on Anxiety and depression in children and young people: An information evening for parents and carers. The event will be held in the Agriculture building, University of Reading between 18.30-20.30.

Anxiety and depression are among the most common problems experienced by children and young people and AnDY seeks to improve the understanding and treatments for children and adolescents. This event will give an overview of recent developments in research and practise.

Booking is advisable. To register, please email [pclsevents@reading.ac.uk](mailto:pclsevents@reading.ac.uk)



### Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers

Please bring your vouchers into the school office as soon as possible so we can include them in our total. The scheme offers some super resources that the children have enjoyed using and every voucher helps us to secure additional items.

### Children with Additional Needs (CAN)

The link for the CAN Newsletter for April is below—please contact Mrs Gemma Didcock, our Inclusion Leader, if you have any questions.

<http://info.wokingham.gov.uk/kb5/wokingham/info/advice.page?id=z14PsILWGQQ&familieschannel=313>



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### Request for help - Playground Safety

Please help us to keep everyone safe by reminding your children to dismount and push their scooters or bikes when they reach the school playground. Bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the school site.

### Half Term activities and Adult training in the local area

Please take a look at the Community pages on our school website for information on a range of activities for children and families during the half term week. We also have information about various adult training opportunities on offer locally.

Bring your bike to St Nicolas Church this Sunday (17<sup>th</sup> May). Free bike checks from 9.45am-12pm in the car park and a free basic bike maintenance session at midday. Also make a fruit smoothie using pedal power. Children and adults welcome.

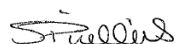
### Loddon Out of School Club - Half Term Holiday Club: INSET Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015

There will be fun, games and a light tea served late afternoon. Charges: £10 half day 8.30am-1.00pm or 1.00-5.45pm, £18 full day 8:30am-5:45pm (non-refundable). To book please complete the form in the School Reception and return it to the club together with full payment or phone Dawn on 07968 278584 for information.

### INSET Day Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

A reminder that School is closed to pupils next Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> May due to a staff In-service Training day.

Yours sincerely



Mrs. S. Phillips  
Headteacher

### Diary Events List: Summer Term 2015

Date	Time	Event
20/05/15	18.00-18.30	Y6 France trip - Meeting for parents in the main hall
21/05/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut
22/05/15	All day	INSET day - School closed for staff training
25-29/05/15	All week	Half term
02/06/15	During day	School group photos
04/06/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut.
04/06/15	10.15	F1 Prospective parents tour
05/06/15	All day	PTA Mufti day
08-12/06/15	All week	Y6 residential trip to France
10/06/15	8.30-9.30	Personnel and Finance Committee meeting: invitation by Chair or Headteacher
10/06/15	pm	Y5 first aid training
10/06/15	8pm	PTA meeting in the Hut
11/06/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut.
15-19/6/15	During week	KS1 Phonics testing
15/06/15	18.00-19.00	Swimming Pool Committee meeting. If you would like to attend please contact the Chair in advance.



Date	Time	Event
17/06/15	10.00-11.00	Parents New To FS2 meeting
18/06/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut.
18/06/15	18.30-19.30	Parents New To FS2 meeting
20/06/15	TBC	PTA Summer Fair
23/06/15	9-11.30	FSU Sports Day
23/06/15	13.30-15.00	Y6 REInspired session on Death, funerals and the Christian response at Brookside.
24/06/15	8.15-9.45	Environment Committee meeting: invitation by Chair or Headteacher
25/06/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut
25/06/15	15.00	Y4 Sharing assembly: Parents, carers & families welcome
26/06/15	All day	Y1-6 Sports day
30/06/15	am	Reserve FSU Sports day
01/07/15	14.00-15.00	Parents to F1 meeting
02/07/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut.
02/07/15	10.15	F1 Prospective parents tour
03/07/15	All day	Reserve Y1-6 Sports day
06/07/15	All week	Last week of clubs run by school staff
06/07/15	10am	Y6 transition event at Loddon Valley Leisure Centre
08/07/15	18.30-20.00	Full Governing Body meeting invitation by Chair or Headteacher
09/07/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut.
09/07/15	14.45-15.05	F2 sharing assembly in the main hall: Parents, carers & families welcome
10/07/15	End of day	F2-Y6 Reports go out
10/07/15	As shown	PTA disco: Lower (F2, Y1-2) 17.00-18.15, Upper (Y3-6) 19.00-20.30
13/07/15	14.00	Y5/6 dress rehearsal to the school
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14/07/15	19.00-20.00	Y5/6 performance
15/07/15	13.30-14.30	Pets in Practice visiting 5JO
15/07/15	15.30-17.30	FSU parents evening
15/07/15	19.00-20.00	Y5/6 performance
16/07/15	9.00-11.00	PSP CAN (Parents Supporting Parents) meeting in the Hut.
21/07/15	19.00-19.30	Y6 Leavers presentation event
22/07/15	11.10 / 14.50	End of Pupil Summer term - FSU morning children finish at 11.10am and afternoon children at 2.50pm.
23/7-31/8/15		Summer holiday
01-02/09/15	All day	INSET days School closed for staff training
03/09/15		Start of Pupil Autumn term



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