

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Working together to realise the potential in everyone.

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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.

Henry O	Eagles	Water	Kindness, co-operation and confidence
Tamsin R	Kestrels	Water	Confidence and co-operation
Tara P	Bennu	Air	Determination and independence
Sana R	Octopuses	Fire	Quality in Maths
Isabel R	Bennu	Earth	Determination and quality in home learning
Khadijah A	Bennu	Fire	Determination and quality in home learning
Tia P	Kites	Earth	Co-operation
Saania A	Kites	Fire	Co-operation



Building works

Once again we have experienced a very busy summer of building works on school site. The final construction of our new school hall was completed, an extension to the school office and reception areas and a new staff work room. So many people have worked so hard to make this possible and I would like to extend my thanks especially to Neil of Francis construction and his team, our School Business Manager, Jenny Sumner, and our site team, Ron and Glyn, for their efforts over the summer period to get the school ready for our children's return. Watching the delight and excitement on the faces of our children as they saw our new school hall for the first time makes the last few years of hardwork and to be honest occasional stress more than worthwhile!

We now enter the final phase of the building project which will result in three newly refurbished classrooms within the old hall space and new toilet areas for our children. Updates in relation to this phase will be issued via parentmail so please keep an eye on your e-mails. We expect all building work to be finally finished by Christmas and the path from Hillside car park to re-open late November.

Opening event new hall

After school, on Thursday October 11th, we will be inviting parents/carers and community partners to view our new hall and spaces so please make a note of the date and watch out for further details.





Value of the Month – Co-operation

As we begin the new school year we will be focussing on the value of co-operation and how to work together to achieve individual and whole school success. Our school motto is 'Working together to realise the potential in everyone' and this value reminds us of the role we should play to become a positive contributor. In line with our school motto we will support our children to reflect on the following points:

People who co-operate:

- Work together with people in their home life, community and school.
- Make good decisions and choices.
- Have positive relationships with family, teachers and peers.
- Help bring out the BEST in all by working together.

People who co-operate realise:

- We can do more working together than I can do alone.
- Every person has a unique contribution to make to the group.
- Success is gained when everyone works together.
- Two heads are better than one.
- Things in life come easier if you know how to get along and cooperate with others.

People show others how to co-operate by:

- Listening to other people's opinions and including others' ideas.
- Being supportive of other people's ideas, even when you might not agree with them.
- Cheerfully working with any partner you are assigned so as not to hurt their feelings.
- Taking only your fair share, when offered something.



Pupil Premium Funding

If you are on a low income and receive one of the benefits listed below the school may be able to apply for additional funding to help to support your child's educational achievement and enrichment activities. If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium funding, they will also be able to continue receiving free school meals (beyond Year 2).



Your child might be able to get free school meals / Pupil Premium Grant if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (if you apply on or after 1st April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think your child may qualify for Pupil Premium funding, please contact the school office who will be happy to assist. For any pupils that received Early Years Pupil Premium funding in Nursery, parents / carers need to reapply once their child starts in Reception. If your child is currently in receipt of Pupil Premium funding and you have any concerns / questions, please contact me via the school office or at inclusion@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk

Many thanks: *Mrs. Gemma Didcock - Inclusion Leader*

Thursday 27th Sept - 13th Dec (9.30-11.30am)
ESOL Course (English for speakers of other languages)
Lead by Wokingham Adult Learning.

This course will introduce you to the everyday use of English and will be tailored around your needs. The course will be very practical with lots of opportunities to speak and write in English.

Please email your attendance no later than 26th September using psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk

Wednesday 3rd October 18 (9 - 9.30am)
School Values based Workshop in the Parent Hut
Presented by Head Teacher Mrs S Phillips

Information session to share the educational philosophy behind Values Based Education an approach which is based on valuing self, others and the environment. Exploring Loddon Values which are principles to guide behaviour and adults' role in modelling these values.

Please email your attendance no later than 2nd October on psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk

KS2 Maths (Date yet to be advised)

We are looking to offer parents and carers a Key Stage 2 Maths course. This is to further support your child/ren at home and to prepare them for secondary school readiness. We all use maths every day, often without realising it, helping your child feel confident about maths at home gives them a head start with their learning at school. The course will be held at school in the Parent hut during the day. If you are interested in attending please let me know as soon as possible via email. psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk

Kam Bhogal (Parent Support Advisor)

Summer Reading Challenge - Mischief Makers will be finishing on Sunday September 16th at all Wokingham Borough Libraries. Around 2000 children have taken part throughout the summer and if they completed the challenge they will have receive a medal and certificate. Wokingham Libraries have asked that you please encourage your children to complete the challenge if possible: <https://wp.me/p5mHbU-3s5>

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher



Diary Events List: Autumn 2018

Date	Time	Event
18/9/18	15.15	Secondhand uniform sale in the Parent Hut
19/9/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the Parent Hut
26/9/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the Parent Hut
28/9/18	AM	Harvest Festival in new School Hall
2-8/10/18	TBC	Travelling Book Faire at Loddon
2/10/18	13.30-15.00	Y1 REInspired session at Brookside Church: Baptism and Belonging
3/10/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the Parent Hut
4/10/18	10.30	Tour of the Foundation Stage Unit for prospective parents of F1 children
10/10/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the Parent Hut
10/10/18	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting - attendance by invitation of the Chair or HT only
15-17/10/18	Three days	Y5 residential trip to PGL
17/10/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the Parent Hut
22-26/10/18	All week	Autumn Half term
29/10/18	All day	INSET day - School closed to pupils for staff training
30/10/18	13.30-15.00	Y3 REInspired session at Brookside Church (venue TBC): Creation
31/10/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the Parent Hut
7/11/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the Parent Hut
7-8/11/18	16.00-19.00	FS2 - Y6 Parents evening
8/11/18	10.30	Tour of the Foundation Stage Unit for prospective parents of F1 children
14/11/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the Parent Hut
16/11/18	School day	Cybercrime Theatre Production for Y6 pupils
21/11/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the Parent Hut
22/11/18	9.30-10.30	F2-Y6 Annual open event for prospective parents
28/11/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the Parent Hut
4/12/18	13.30-15.00	Y6 REInspired session in school: Christmas - Mary
4/12/18	17.30-18.30	Assessment evening for parents for children in Y1-6
5/12/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the Parent Hut
5/12/18	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting - attendance by invitation of the Chair or HT only
6/12/18	10.30	Tour of the Foundation Stage Unit for prospective parents of F1 children
10/12/18	9.30-10.15	Y2 Christmas production to school (including local community)
10/12/18	14.30-15.00	Y1 Christmas concert to school
11/12/18	9.30-10.15	Y2 Christmas production performance
11/12/18	10.45-11.15	Reception dress rehearsal 1
11/12/18	14.30-15.00	Y1 Christmas concert performance
12/12/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the Parent Hut



Diary Events List: Autumn 2018 Continued

Date	Time	Event
12/12/18	9.30-10.00	Y1 Christmas concert performance
12/12/18	10.45-11.15	Reception dress rehearsal to school
12/12/18	14.30-15.15	Y2 Christmas production performance
13/12/18	9.30-10.15	Reception Christmas performance
14/12/18	14.30-15.15	Reception Christmas performance
17/12/18	9.15-9.45	Nursery Christmas Sing Song in Foundation Stage Hall
17/12/18	14.30-15.00	Nursery Christmas Sing Song in Foundation Stage Hall
19/12/18	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the Parent Hut
19/12/18	9.30-11.30	Christmas service at St. Nicolas Church F2-KS1 9.30-10.30, KS2 10.30-11.30
19/12/18	End of day	Final day of Autumn term - All children finish 30 minutes earlier than their usual time.
20/12-2/1/19	All week	Christmas holiday