

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.

Isla P	Kites	Fire	Caring, thoughtfulness and respect
Charis B	Hawks	Earth	Caring, thoughtfulness and respect
Lucy F	Kites	Earth	Caring, thoughtfulness and respect
Ollie L	Kites	Fire	Caring and peace
Millie P	Kites	Earth	Helpfulness, caring, friendship, understanding, peace
Samuel B	Squirrels and Foxes	Water	Determination and perseverance in writing
Apple D	Octopuses	Earth	Determination in Maths
Ruby G	Hawks	Air	Peaceful activities
Isobel M	Hawks	Water	Peaceful activities
Ellie R	Jellyfish	Air	Quality writing
Evie B	Jellyfish	Fire	Quality writing
Matthew T	Jellyfish	Air	Courage when writing
Sana R	Octopuses	Fire	Responsibility
Krish K	Kites	Fire	Kindness, caring and thoughtfulness
Kai S	Kites	Earth	Caring
Uzair M	Kites	Earth	Respect
Ollie L	Kites	Fire	Caring, respect, kindness and thoughtfulness
Nathan B	Kites	Earth	Kindness, caring, thoughtfulness and respect
Eleanor C	Starfish	Air	Confidence, thoughtfulness and caring
Teelia Ch	Starfish	Air	Confidence, quality, caring and thoughtfulness
Charlie B	Longwings	Earth	Determination and resilience in Maths
Anwasha D	Longwings	Fire	Quality, thoughtfulness and caring
Calin G	Hawks	Fire	Responsibility and caring
Mahiyah M	Wyvern	Air	Responsibility and caring
Demitri C	Hawks	Fire	Responsibility and caring
Elaf A	Greylings	Fire	Peace, determination and happiness
Ammi L	Octopuses	Fire	Friendship, kindness and confidence
Zara M	Octopuses	Water	Peace, calmness and independence
Lamiah S	Octopuses	Earth	Peace, kindness and determination
Nikki U	Octopuses	Air	Independence, peace and caring
Pia T	Octopuses	Water	Peace, courage and caring
Sana R	Octopuses	Fire	Kindness and respect
Paige S	Bennu	Fire	Co-operation, quality and caring
Adem A	Phoenix	Earth	Increased resilience



Value of the Month - Happiness 幸福 Xingfú خوشی Kushi ఆనందం Anandam



This month we will be focussing on the value of happiness. We will consider the question: what makes you happy? Our discussions and assemblies will help us to recognise that different people feel happy for different reasons. We will also think about how our behaviour, words and actions can contribute to the happiness of others. Also we will continue to practise our calming scripts and moments of reflection as extra tools for developing emotional well-being.

Term time absence - reminder of the need for exceptional circumstances

Please can we politely remind all families that term time absence will only be authorised if exceptional circumstances explain that absence. When requesting absence you will need to provide evidence of exceptional circumstances otherwise absence will not be authorised. It is also important to give as much notice as possible; we understand sometimes emergencies prevent this but, otherwise you need to apply as soon as you can. The school's attendance policy is available on the school website and further information can also be viewed at <http://wsh.wokingham.gov.uk/learning-and-teaching/education-welfare/parents/>

Maiden Erlegh School consultation on proposed Admissions Arrangements for 2020-21

Maiden Erlegh School are consulting on proposed changes to their admission arrangements for 2020-21. Details can be found by clicking here: [Consultation on proposed Admissions Arrangements 2020-21](#) The consultation period is from 30 November 2018 until 31 January 2019. A full copy of the proposed admissions policy for 2020-21 can be found on their school website <http://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk>. Please provide any comments by 31 January 2019 to office@maidenerleghschool.co.uk.



Thank you for your kind donations for the 'Toy and Teen' Appeal we have managed to gather toys for various ages and these will be collected later today. We hope to put smiles on the faces of the disadvantaged children who receive these gifts as a means to wish them a happy festive season. I have attached a photo for you to see the donations. Further details can also be seen at <https://www.readingfamilyaid.org/>



Parent Forum

The parent forum gives those involved the opportunity to represent all parents/carers regarding any matters they may want to raise with our school and to hear about schemes the school may be considering, or to contribute to policies and practice. Following the successful meetings over the year we are writing to warmly invite you to our next Parent Forum which will take place at the following time: Monday 4th March 2019 at 8pm in the Parent hut. The agenda has yet to be set and we invite any ideas you may have for that agenda. At present we have some spaces for parents/carers to become a representative for your child's class: there are two parent representative spaces for Nursery, one for the Reception class and one for Year Six. If you would like to be to be part of the forum representatives group please email psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk.

ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) course to resume on Thursday 10th January 2019 If you would like to enrol on the course or would like more information please contact psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk

Messy Play facilitated by Starlings Children Centre will now take place on Tuesdays, the first session will be on Tuesday 8th January 2019 same time of 9.30 til 11.30ish in the Parent Hut.



Helping your child's sleep

Sleep is a vital part of our children's lives which makes an impact to their daily routine from getting to school on time, behaviour, having a healthy lifestyle and much more. Feeling relaxed is important in the run up to bedtime for both you and your child, if your child is experiencing difficulties sleeping or getting ready for sleep please see some great top tips from The Children Sleep charity. The charity provides ideas and strategies in sleep and diet, relaxation for bedtime, how to create a calm bedroom, and getting the best out of bedtime routines!

Please follow the links to access these top tips.

<https://www.thechildrensleepcharity.org.uk/>

NHS weblink

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/sleep-and-tiredness/healthy-sleep-tips-for-children/>

Further information to support parents of disabled children.

https://www.contact.org.uk/media/1183103/helping_your_child_sleep.pdf

In support of the above we are aiming to run a workshop based on sleep and diet in the the New Year, more information to follow at a later date. *Kam Bhogal, Parent Support Advisor*

Staff Update

Today is Miss Gardner's last day before starting her maternity leave. We wish her all the best for the arrival of her Christmas baby. As of Monday Bennu will be taught by Mrs Shaw and Miss Bowling. Please also note that Miss Routh (Year 3 teacher) will be leading the Y3/4 team, for the rest of this academic year, as team leader and she is very happy to help any Y3/4 parents should you have a query.



End of term approaching fast!

We look forward to seeing many of you, over the next two weeks, at our Christmas Performances and celebration events. The children and staff having been working very hard to prepare quality productions for you and are looking forward to sharing these with you. We hope you enjoy them.

Christmas celebration at St Nicolas Church on Wednesday 19th December

We will also be visiting St Nicolas Church for a school Christmas Celebration on Wednesday 19th December. Children in F2-KS1 will be attending at 9.30am and children in KS2 at 10.30am. If you would like to walk with the children to and from Church then please let your child's class teacher know. You are very welcome to stay for the celebration too. Walkers will need to be at school for 9.10am or 10.15am depending on which year group you are accompanying.

Finally when end of term arrives please note that we finish at 3pm on Wednesday 19th December. Foundation Stage morning children finish at 11.10am and afternoon children at 2.50pm. Please arrive promptly to collect your children as it does make them unhappy if everyone else has gone home and they are still waiting for collection.

Pupils return to school on Thursday 3rd January 2019.



Yours sincerely

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

Diary Events List: Autumn 2018 – Spring 2019

Date	Time	Event
10/12/18	9:00-10:00	Y6 rescheduled E-Safety theatre production (pupils only)
10/12/18	9.30-10.15	Y2 Christmas production to school
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
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	All day	Save The Children Charity - Christmas Jumper Day
14/12/18	Lunchtime	Caterlink Christmas Lunch - Please bring a packed lunch if Christmas lunch not already ordered
14/12/18	14.30-15.15	Reception Christmas performance
16/12/18	17.00	PTA Pantomime event to see Aladdin at the Hexagon
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
17/12/18	15.30-16.30	PTA Christmas celebration and hampers
18/12/18	During day	Y4 German Christmas market (for the pupils only)
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
3/1/19	All day	Pupil Spring term begins
8/1/19	13.30-15.00	Y2 REInspired session: Signs & Symbols at St Nicolas Church
8/1/19	15.15-16.00	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale in the Parent Hut
9/1/19	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the Parent Hut
10/1/19	10.30	F1 tour for Prospective parents
10/1/19	19.30-21.30	PTA meeting in the Parent Hut
16/1/19	9.00-10.00	E Safety Workshop in the Parent Hut
16/1/19	During day	Drama workshops in school for children in Reception and KS1
23/1/19	9.00-10.00	PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the Parent Hut
29/1/19	13.30-15.00	Y4 REInspired session: Sacred Texts/Story Telling at St Nicolas Church