

# PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Loddon Primary School**

*Working together to realise the potential in everyone.*

## NEWSLETTER NO 10

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Dear Parents and Carers,



### House Gems

Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated to receive a Values 'House Gem'.

George B	Stingrays	Water	Independence
Nivedita S	Longwings	Water	Cooperation, friendship and responsibility
Boaz L	Longwings	Air	Quality and responsibility
Nipun P	Ospreys	Fire	Confidence
Jannat A	Turtles	Water	Independence, quality and confidence
Ronnie S	Turtles	Air	Cooperation
Milo B	Turtles	Fire	Determination and confidence
Sylvie D	Turtles	Earth	Determination and confidence
Bianca V	Ospreys	Earth	Confidence
Harrison B	Bennu	Water	Determination
Amelia M	Phoenix	Earth	Confidence and caring
Henry G	Hawks	Water	Thoughtful and helpful



### 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 or to co-operate with each other. 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?

### **Illness and School Attendance**

Sometimes our children become unwell and need to take time off school to recover or to prevent spreading an infection to others in our school. We understand and support this type of absence. At our school we follow the NHS guidance on how to respond to absence for illness. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

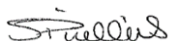
You may also wish to consider the following points in relation to illness and school attendance.

- If your child has an underlying medical condition, we are not aware of in school, please talk to the school office urgently to inform us so that we can support you and make appropriate arrangements.
- Try to keep routine medical/dental appointments outside of school hours wherever possible.
- Please give us clear reasons/evidence for all absences at the time of absence so that we are able to make an informed decision on authorising absence. If you have not informed school of the reason for your child's absence it may be unauthorised even when they were ill. (Where a child has more than 5 days of unauthorised absence it may result in further action such as a penalty notice being issued.)
- If your child appears to have a lot of time absent from school, due to common childhood illness, we may talk to you to see how we might work together to improve their attendance, we may seek medical advice and a referral to the school nurse may be requested where appropriate to support improved attendance.

### **Hillside pedestrian and vehicle gates**

To ensure the security of our school site we are automating our existing manual gates on Hillside Road to allow permitted access only, via an intercom. We anticipate work starting on the Hillside pedestrian and vehicle gate next week. Please take extra care if accessing that area of the school site at this time.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

### **Diary Events List: Spring 2024**

Date	Time	Event
4-Mar-24	19.00-20.00	PTA meeting in the Parent Hut
6-Mar-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut



6-Mar-24	9.15-10.00	Y3 performance to parents (performance one)
6-Mar-24	After school	PTA second hand uniform and book sale in the Parent Hut
7-Mar-24	During Day	World Book Day 2024
8-Mar-24	9.00-9.30	Y2 parent maths workshop in Y2 classrooms
8-Mar-24	14.30-15.15	Y3 performance to parents (performance two)
13-Mar-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
18-Mar-24	16.00-19.00	Nursery to Y6 parents evening - Remote via MS Teams
19-Mar-24	16.00-19.00	Nursery to Y6 parents evening - Remote via MS Teams
20-Mar-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
21-Mar-24	1.15 for 1.30	YR-3 Easter assembly at St Nicolas Church at 1.30pm
21-Mar-24	2.15 for 2.30	Y4-6 Easter assembly at St Nicolas Church at 2.30pm
22-Mar-24	9.15-10.15	Y4 performance to parents (performance one)
25-Mar-24	During day	PTA Colour run event
27-Mar-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
27-Mar-24	14.00-15.00	Y4 performance to parents (performance two)
27-Mar-24	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting - Attendance by invitation of the Headteacher or Chair only
29-Mar-24 to 14 Apr-24	Throughout	Easter Holiday - School closed to pupils
15-Apr-24	Usual time	Pupil Summer term begins