

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Loddon Primary School

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.

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| Emily P | Starfish | Fire | Thoughtfulness, kindness and determination |
| Hashim M | Octopuses | Fire | Respect |
| Hajra | Firebirds | Earth | Quality reading |
| Finlay J | Eagles | Air | Confidence and quality |
| Caron C | Phoenix | Air | Thoughtfulness and caring |



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Half term break

This morning in assembly we wished all the children a very happy half term and also asked them to do the following during their time off school.

1. Read at least one book.
2. Practise some number work - either counting, number bonds or timetables - depending where they are in their learning.
3. Consider both the Loddon Code and our school Values so that they can show even better learning behaviour (being kind and considerate, good listening, trying their hardest in their learning) when we return next half term.

Your help in supporting your children with the above would be greatly appreciated.

Updated approach to reporting to parents/carers

This year we have updated some of our approaches to assessment and as part of this we are making some changes to the way we share assessment data with parents/carers. After careful thought we have taken the decision to discontinue the autumn and spring term report cards, previously issued to Y1-6.



The main reason for taking this decision, to cease report cards, is that more recently we have found an increasing number of families are unsure what the report card data actually means for their child and as a standalone document we have not been able to find any evidence that it positively influences your child's education. Indeed at worse it has become the source of a misunderstood picture of how your child is actually doing and created subsequent unnecessary anxiety for some families. We wish to share data with you positively and as part of a wider conversation about your child's education. The best vehicle for this is the two-way conversations that take place at parents' evening in both the autumn and spring terms.

As part of updating our approaches we will instead be introducing a new document which you will receive as part of your parents' evening appointment. This outlines curriculum and year group targets for your child. We hope this will help you to better understand the learning your child is expected to complete in their particular year group as well as giving you an idea of areas you might wish to work on together at home. Along with the recently issued 'Activity Passport' you will then have guidance around a number of activities and skills you can share with your child.

Finally, just to confirm, there are no planned changes to the formal end of year report for Y1-6 which will continue as before.

Phonics Information session

There will be a phonics information session on Friday 15th November in FSU hall from 9-9:45 for parents. The session is mostly aimed at Reception parents but we will cover how phonics progresses across the year groups from Nursery to Year Two.

Attendance is strongly recommended for Reception parents but other parents are also welcome to attend if they feel it would be beneficial.



Gardening Club

We have been busy creating this year's entry for the Newbury scarecrow competition - our mermaid Erwina- 'Friend of the Sea'. She was taken to Newbury for judging Wednesday and was awarded a Special Commendation.

We have also planted garlic and are busy weeding the flower beds and harvesting the last of the potatoes, pumpkins and tomatoes. *Miss Benson and Gardening Club*

Coffee Morning

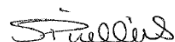
We would like to thank two of our parents Santhi and Shahina who joined us at coffee morning and shared a bit about Diwali celebrations. Parents and carers joined in and had fun creating rangoli patterns and trying on the traditional dress and enjoyed learning about the diverse culture and celebrations of Diwali. We look forward to many parents and carers to join us for our next coffee morning

Next 'Wellness walk' (weather permitting) on Wednesday 6th November 9am start from the Parent hut. *Kam Bhogal (Parent Support Advisor)*

Parent Governor Election results

Mrs Heather Gilbertson has duly been elected. Please see additional attachment for further information. Our congratulations and thanks go to Heather for taking up this role.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

Diary Events List: Autumn 2019

| Date | Time | Event |
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| 25/10/19 | 15.15-15.45 | PTA Y1 PTA Bake for Books monthly cake sale under the covered walk way |
| 28/10-1/11/19 | All week | Autumn Half Term holiday |
| 04/11/19 | All day | INSET day: School closed for staff training |
| Tuesday 05/11/19 | All day | School resumes for Autumn term |
| 06/11/19 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent wellness walk (weather permitting). All parents/carers welcome. |
| 06/11/19 | 16.00-19.00 | Nursery-Y6 Parents evening in the main school hall |
| 07/11/19 | 16.00-19.00 | Nursery-Y6 Parents evening in the main school hall |
| 08/11/19 | 9.30-10.30 | Tour of the Foundation Stage Unit for prospective F1 parents |
| 11/11/19 | 19.30-20.30 | Parent Forum in the Parent Hut (Attendance for Parent Forum representatives) |
| 13/11/19 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the parent hut |
| 15/11/19 | 9.00-9.45 | Phonics session for parent/carers - FSU Hall |
| 15/11/19 | 15.15-16.00 | Second hand uniform sale in the parent hut |
| 20/11/19 | During day | Y6 School nurse heights and weights check |
| 20/11/19 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the parent hut |
| 21/11/19 | 9.30-10.30 | F2-Y6 Annual open event for prospective parents |
| 22/11/19 | 17.00-20.15 | PTA Autumn Disco (Y1-3 @ 17-18.15, Y4-6 @ 18.45-20.00) |
| 25/11/19 | 15.15-15.45 | PTA F2 PTA Bake for Books monthly cake sale under the covered walk way |
| 25/11/19 | 19.30-21.00 | PTA meeting in the parent hut |
| 27/11/19 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the parent hut |
| 27/11/19 | 18.00-19.00 | Full Governing Body meeting. Attendance by invitation of the Chair or HT only |
| 03/12/19 | 13.30-15.00 | Y6 REInspired session at St Nicolas Church: Christmas celebrations enquiry |
| 04/12/19 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the parent hut |
| 05/12/19 | 15.30-18.00 | PTA FSU Pyjama party in the FSU hall |
| 06/12/19 | All day | PTA Mufti day |
| 06/12/19 | Morning | Reception children eye tests |
| 06/12/19 | 9.30-10.00 | Tour of the Foundation Unit for prospective parents of F1 children |
| 06/12/19 | During day | Y2 Christmas production dress rehearsal to the school audience |
| 09/12/19 | 9.30-10.00 | Y1 Christmas concert dress rehearsal to the school audience |

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| 09/12/19 | 14.15-14.45 | Y2 Christmas production performance to parents and carers in the main hall |
| 10/12/19 | 9.30-10.00 | Y1 Christmas concert performance to parents and carers in the main hall |
| 10/12/19 | 14.15-14.45 | Y2 Christmas production performance to parents and carers in the main hall |
| 11/12/19 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the parent hut |
| 11/12/19 | 9.30-10.00 | Y2 Christmas production performance to parents and carers in the main hall |
| 11/12/19 | 11.00-11.30 | Reception dress rehearsal performance to the school audience |
| 11/12/19 | 14.15-14.45 | Y1 Christmas concert performance to parents and carers in the main hall |
| 12/12/19 | 9.30-10.00 | Reception Christmas production performance to parents and carers in main hall |
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| 13/12/19 | All day | Christmas Jumper Day (in aid of Save the Children charity) |
| 16/12/19 | All day | Reindeer visiting Loddon |
| 16/12/19 | 9.15-9.45 | Nursery Christmas Sing Song in the Foundation Stage Hall |
| 16/12/19 | 15.00-17.30 | PTA Raffle and Celebration in the main hall |
| 18/12/19 | 9.00-10.00 | PSA Parent Tea/Coffee morning in the parent hut |
| 18/12/19 | 11.30-13.15 | Caterlink School Christmas lunch |
| 20/12/19 | 9.30-11.30 | Christmas service at St. Nicolas Church F2-KS1 9.30-10.30, KS2 10.30-11.30 |
| 20/12/19 | End of day | All children finish 30 minutes earlier than their usual time for the end of term. |
| 21/12/19- 05/01/20 | All week | Christmas holiday |
| 06/01/20 | All day | Pupil Spring term begins |

Surviving and Thriving at Secondary School

Wednesday 6 Nov, 7-9:30pm

With Ken Shorey (Care for the Family)
Kennet Valley Free Church, RG31 7YT

Free event for
**parents of young
people** at, or soon
to be at, secondary
school

