

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.

Ethan J	Turtles	Air	Determination in reading
Aisla G	Phoenix	Fire	Kindness and responsibility
Ollie L	Kestrels	Fire	Responsibility and caring
Maisie H	Firebirds	Water	Responsibility
Cailin G	Eagles	Fire	Perseverance and quality

Parent Handbook

We have updated our Parent Handbook which can be found under the Parent Partnership tab on our school website or via <https://loddon.schooljotter2.com/parent-partnership/parent-information-pack>. The handbook contains all sorts of useful information such as term dates, attendance, school uniform, home learning and much more. Please do refer to the handbook for further details.

Pupil Outcomes and Attendance data

We have recently received our national data sets for 2018-19. We were so proud to be in the top 20% of attainment for schools nationally. Our school is a good school which is building on its good foundations and aiming to reach excellent outcomes for our pupils. However, it was disappointing to note that the rate of our overall absence (3.70%) sits slightly above the national average for schools with a similar level of deprivation (3.47%).

Of course decisions to keep children off school, unlike teaching and learning, are largely out of our control. For example last year 384 sessions of teaching were missed at Loddon by children in Reception to Year 6 either taking unauthorised holidays or not returning from authorised leaves of absence on time.

Daily attendance at school strongly contributes to your child's success. Lessons are carefully planned and the skilled input of our teaching staff cannot merely be replaced by additional homework or activities elsewhere when children are absent. If your child is not in school they will not have access to the learning experiences that other children do at that time and this will eventually impact on their learning outcomes negatively. Please think carefully about the decision to take your child out of school in term time and only keep them off school when absolutely necessary.



BBC Children In Need Charity appeal

Thank you from the School Council to everyone who took part in the Mufti day for the BBC Children In Need charity appeal. Together we raised £464.63 for Children in Need around the world.





PTA Fundraising update - Co-op Community Causes

Loddon PTA were invited to the Co-Op "Big Payout" event last weekend to celebrate fundraising by Co-Op members in 2018/19. A big THANK YOU to every Co-op member who chose to support the PTA in the last 12 months - you've helped raise a whopping £5,700 for the PTA and the children at Loddon Primary. Our local store manager presented the big cheque to members of the current and previous PTA committees.

We are lucky enough have to have been selected again for 2019/20. Co-Op members just need to login to their online accounts to choose which cause to support. For more details on how your shopping can raise money for the PTA please take a look at our pages on the school website <https://www.loddonprimary.co.uk/pta>



Design Christmas decoration competition

This year all children in the school are invited to enter a competition to design a Christmas decoration, using recycled materials for our school Christmas tree.

- Size: no more than 10cm, 10cm by 10cm
- Material: must include something recycled

The finished item must include a hanging loop and a tag with the child's name and class.

The decoration should be handed your child's class teacher on Wednesday 4th December. These will then be judged and as many as possible will be displayed on the main tree in the school.

There will be a prize per year group and an overall winner for Foundation, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Unfortunately decorations cannot be returned.

Mrs Rothwell (DT coordinator) and Mrs Ridell (Eco committee)

Gardening Club

The children are busy clearing weeds and tidying up ready for winter hibernation. As it is National Tree Week, we are doing our bit for the environment and will be very busy as we have 100 trees to plant around the school grounds. *Miss Benson and Gardening Club*

Coffee morning

During our Art week parents enjoyed drawing and being creative at our coffee morning, we would like to thank Mrs Helen Bantock who led the session.

Next week we have 'Be Relaxed' a free workshop hosted by Lorna Crosson who runs Relax Kids sessions and is now coming to share practices and techniques which you can use to help support you and your child's holistic wellbeing. To find out more or to book your place please email psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk. (flyer attached)

School Website translation for non English speakers

We would like to remind parents with a home language other than English that you can still access information from the school website in other languages using the globe icon on the home screen, scroll down to select language. Please note the translated text is not always completely accurate and unfortunately PDF's cannot be converted. Mrs Kam Bhogal, Parent Support Advisor



Travelling Book Fair

A big thank you to everyone who visited the Travelling Book Fair last month. It was a very busy event and the funds raised have enabled us to buy an amazing 150 new books for the school library. Mrs Screene, Librarian

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

Diary Events List: Autumn 2019

Date	Time	Event
02/12/19	15.15-15.45	PTA F2 PTA Bake for Books monthly cake sale under the covered walk way
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
04/12/19	14.30	Y1 parents invited into class
05/12/19	16.30-17.30	PTA FSU Pyjama party in the FSU hall
06/12/19	All day	PTA Mufti day in aid of Christmas Hamper Raffle
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	9.30-10.00	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
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
12/12/19	14.15-14.45	Reception Christmas production performance to parents and carers in main hall
13/12/19	All day	Christmas Jumper Day (in aid of Save the Children charity)
15/12/19	17.00	PTA Pantomime visit to the Reading Hexagon
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	15.30-16.15	PTA Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw and Celebration in the Main Hall
17/12/19	15.00-15.20	Y3 Parents invited to share Y3 Autumn learning 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



BE RELAXED

Calm & Confident

Free Workshop

At Loddon Primary School

Parent Hut

On Wednesday 11th December 2019

From 9am – 10am



Lorna Crossan who runs Relax Kids session with the children at Loddon Primary School is coming to share practices and techniques, which you can use to help support you and your child's holistic wellbeing. During the session we will be doing some of the techniques to help you recharge, relax, and recoup. Lorna's website www.berelaxed.co.uk

To book a place please email Kam (PSA) on psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk

