

# 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

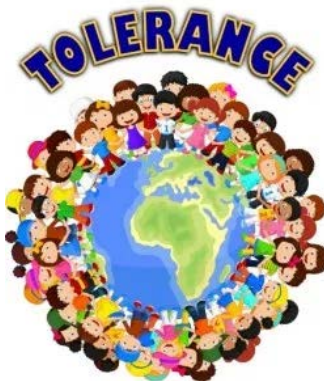


### House Gems

Congratulations to the following children who received a Values 'House Gem' celebrating their actions in promoting our school values the week before school closed.

Maggie H	Stingrays	Air	Quality writing
Oliver P	Stingrays	Water	Quality writing
James M	Turtles	Water	Quality writing
Anais C	Octopuses	Earth	Quality, determination and independence

### Value of the month - Tolerance



This month our value is Tolerance. Tolerance is the ability, willingness or capacity to tolerate something. The verb **tolerate** means "to put up with or allow." You can **tolerate** your sister's love of musicals but really, you prefer dramas. Think of **tolerate** as the open-minded verb. It **means** you allow something to happen or exist, even if you don't really like it. I'm fairly confident we may all need to use this value over the coming month as we find ourselves in such unusual and challenging times!

Tolerance is also about appreciating that we may all have different views and opinions. Sometimes this makes people uncomfortable but through understanding tolerance we can learn to accept others whilst not always agreeing with them.

Some resources have been added to the Values section of the Learning Platform to help your children reflect on the value of tolerance. Please support them with this by discussing their ideas together.





### **Thank you to Loddon Staff**

I would like to say a big thank you to our staff for their hard work and dedication during these times of significant change. It may come as a surprise to you to know that often we have only heard of developments, including the decision to close schools, via the news when you have also heard these updates as parents/carers. This has led to a busy and sometimes stressful month in school. As school staff we have then been expected to respond to significant change and new ways of working, often overnight. The staff of Loddon Primary School have, without complaint, responded to this challenge - working daily to provide learning resources, responding to parents' questions and concerns, contributing to rotas which require them to come onto site and work with key worker children and all this whilst having families and home needs of their own. I am so proud of their commitment and dedication at this difficult time and always.

### **Easter Holidays Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>**

For what would have been the Easter break we will be working with Funtastic Kids to provide key worker childcare and as a result school staff will be able to take a much-earned break. Teachers will set up some Easter activities, on the learning platform, for families to use over the holiday period and we have already forwarded the Activity Passports which can be used for additional ideas.

Your children would also benefit from a learning break, once usual term time ends at 3:30pm today, so please feel able to take some time off formal learning during the next two weeks.

Teachers will resume their planning of structured learning prompts and on-site rotas when term time begins again on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### **PSA support for parents**

This is understandably an anxious and stressful time for everyone. If you, or someone you care about are feeling overwhelmed with emotions due to the current situation you may like to visit the link for Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice and support for parents and carers offered by the NSPCC. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

You can also continue to contact Mrs Kam Bhogal, our Parent Support Advisor, during term time, using the email [psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk)

### **If you are worried about a child - Contacts for the Local Authority Pan Berkshire Safeguarding team**

Triage & Assessment Team Council Offices Shute End Wokingham Berkshire RG40 1BN

Contact: 0118 908 8002 or Emergency Duty Team (outside of office hours) Tel: 01344 786543

Email: [triage@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:triage@wokingham.gov.uk)





And finally, we wish all the families of Loddon a Happy Easter.

Stay well and safe and we hope to be reunited soon.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher