

# 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 been nominated to receive a Values 'House Gem'.

Sebby P	Greylings	Fire	Caring, kindness and helpfulness
Izzy M	Hawks	Water	Ambition, determination and hope
Amelia W	Wyvern	Air	Quality and determination
Inaiya K	Bennu	Water	Determination and resilience

### Return to school for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

This week we welcomed back many of your children into their new 'social bubbles' and we couldn't be prouder of the mature and positive way that the children responded to the new arrangements in school. It was so lovely to see many of you back on site and to be able to offer face to face teaching again. We have really missed direct contact with Loddon children during Lock down.

Thank you to everyone for working with the safety plan that government required of us. We know it isn't the perfect situation but we really think we have all managed to make the best of a very tricky situation.

At the end of this newsletter we include a poem written by one of teaching support staff, Miss Stephanie Benson, in which she has captured the thoughts and feelings of many children and adults at Loddon this week. We hope you will find some joy and hope from reading it.

If you would now like your child to return to Nursery, Reception, y1 or y6 please remember to contact the school office to confirm this.



### Value of the month - Hope

This month, our Value is Hope. We will discuss how this value can help us overcome everyday problems and difficulties that we may face. We are sending home with this newsletter a further VibEs leaflet which we hope you enjoy exploring together as a family.



## Nurture Assistants

It has been lovely seeing familiar faces returning to school this week. If over the coming weeks your child has any concerns or worries, we have ensured that our nurture assistants are on hand to provide support.

Mrs Bragg is based in Year 1, Mrs Fowler is with the key worker children and Mrs Cutts with Year 6.

We are planning to check in with all children to see how they are initially, but if you have any concerns that you would like them to focus on with your child, please don't hesitate to send me an email and I will pass on the information: [inclusion@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:inclusion@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk)

This combined with a caring, supportive atmosphere throughout school will hopefully ensure your children all adapt to the new routines quickly. Many thanks Mrs Gemma Didcock, Inclusion Leader

## Loddon Primary Love Reading - recommended books

This week it is the turn of children in year 3 to recommend favourite books to try. If your child reads one of these books as a result of these reviews, we would love it if you could email [psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk) and let us know.

Books we love...

This week's book recommendations have been written by Year Three children.

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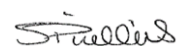
 <p>"My recommended book is the beast of Buckingham Palace written by David Williams. He is my favourite author. It is full of great imaginative chapters and I kept going back to read more and more, full of twists and turns and the ending really shocks you. Definitely worth a read. :)"</p> <p>By Theo W, Wyvern Class</p>	 <p>"My favourite book is The Boy Who Flew with Dragons by Andy Shepherd. It is very imaginative and it makes main character to fly with dragons. His little dragon is called Flicker. I can really recommend reading it as you will have fun."</p> <p>By Rene G, Greyling Class</p>	 <p>"My favourite book is 'Faerie Tribes: The Crystal Mirror' by Paula Harrison. It is very mysterious and a little scary. I like Laney because she is brave and Claudia as she is clever. I think kids of my age would like this book."</p> <p>By Kavya N, Longwing Class</p>
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## News from Wokingham Borough Libraries June 2020 - web link to the newsletter -

<https://wp.me/p5mHbU-52q>

At present Wokingham Borough Council has taken the difficult decision to temporarily close all of its libraries. A large number of online library services are still available, including [ebooks](#), [enewspapers](#) and [audiobooks](#). While the libraries are closed we have suspended the fines so there is no need to renew or return your books. Please look after the books, until such time as the libraries reopen, then you will be able to return them. Elizabeth McDonald, Young People and Families Outreach Manager: Libraries Localities  
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Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher



## Formal is Normal

(A poem by Miss Benson)

I'm scared and worried, it all seems unreal  
I see and hear things; I don't know how to feel

At home with family I feel safe and well  
When I feel troubled, I have friends I can tell

So just when I feel I am starting to hope  
It's back to school, how will I cope?

Will the virus be there too?  
Will it be waiting when I go to the loo?

How will we all keep apart?  
Especially with all these hugs in my heart

I was dreading the thought; I'm not going to lie  
I thought- don't be silly but I wanted to cry

I set off for school, how will it be?  
Does everyone else feel just like me?

The first thing I saw was the smile of my friends  
A smile costs nothing and what a message it sends

We walked into class, we wanted to hug  
But all kept our distance for fear of the bug

Two metre distance, our desks were apart  
I could feel the calm enter straight through my heart

Our lovely teacher said, "worries, are there any?  
She encouraged our thoughts although there were many

We washed our hands often and all had our space  
We threw away tissues and did not touch our face

Yoga, exercise, learning, friends, fun  
Fresh air, socialising and it's only Day 1 !!

I needn't have worried; it's made me feel great  
So it's day two tomorrow, I mustn't be late

Things are different, it's the new Normal  
Keep apart, be yourself - Just slightly more Formal!!