

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers



House Gems

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

Aditi K	Kestrels	Fire	An excellent role model for values
Daniel M	Phoenix	Water	Thoughtfulness and generosity
Luke T	Eagles	Water	Resilience and positivity
Emma V	Wyvern	Air	Independence and determination
Zahra R	Firebird	Air	Thoughtfulness and appreciation
Harley B	Eagles	Earth	Quality and hope



Wider School Opening as of the 22nd June

We have appreciated your support as we work our way through the numerous challenges presented to us by the Covid-19 pandemic. Our on-going risk assessment, <https://www.loddonprimary.co.uk/our-school/policies> confirmed that it is safe to offer only a few more spaces to children on site before the summer holiday. We have also asked that pupils offered a space take up their space on Monday 22nd June to reduce constant change in groups as this disrupts teaching and potentially increases the risk of virus transmission into our school.

We recognise for those of you who replied 'yes' to the parent survey and then were unable to be offered a place, or who had hoped to send their child back in late June/July and cannot do so, this has been a week of disappointment and frustration. We also recognise for families who have taken the difficult decision they do



not want their child to attend school at all this summer their absence from school has become an increasing source of anxiety.

All of us agree on the importance of children being able to engage in education and we all wish for a time when Loddon pupils can collectively return to school. However; we must ensure that we achieve this safely and with due thought and care. For school this means working to the current guidance of Public Health England, the local authority and Department for Education in order to safeguard our children and staff.

Whilst school remains closed for many of you, we will continue to provide education via the school learning platform and interactive tools such as Bug club, education city and purple mash. This week we have also been calling all families in Y2-5, not able to return to site, offering further support for the learning resources provided by teaching staff and/or your child's well-being. I invite all families to continue to contact school if they need additional support, at any time during June and July, so that we can discuss this with you and either offer this ourselves or sign-post you to the appropriate service.



Transition

During the next month we will be turning our attention to transition arrangements, these as you can imagine will also be different due to the pandemic, but we plan to offer our usual events of 'Meet the Teacher' and meetings for new parents either through remote systems or if we are able to on site in September. The local authority will currently not allow parent meetings on site due to infection controls but we hope this may change in the Autumn.

We also confirm that to support all our children's eventual return to school we have taken the decision to leave all class groupings as they are for the new academic year so your child can be reassured by knowing that they will return to the same class of children in the new academic year. Currently we are completing final interviews for new teaching staff and I will therefore confirm class teachers later in July when our recruitment process is finished.



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Snacks

Please be aware that unfortunately our usual funded fruit/vegetable scheme is not currently operating so if you want your child to have a healthy snack at school please send one in with your child.



WBC Highways Scooter Hero Writing Competition

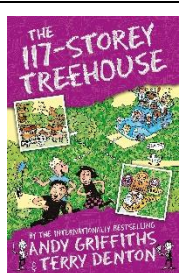
Congratulations to Eesha N in year 4 who won a scooter with her entry in the Wokingham Borough Scooter Hero Writing competition last month. There were a lot of entries received with Eesha's being selected as the overall winner.

Yourschooluniform.com - Ordering Logo embroidered school uniform

We have been asked to remind you that orders should be placed in July for logo embroidered uniform required by 1st September. Orders placed in August will be processed in date order. As supply has been disrupted there is likely to be delays with later orders.

Books we love...

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

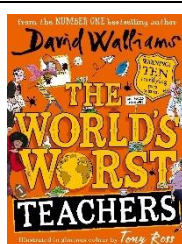


This is the story of a wonderful treehouse set in endless fields of grass. The book was written by Andy Griffiths and Terry

Denton. Andy, Terry and their friend Jill get chased by the story police as they have broken the rules. They get followed into an imaginative fairy tale which they then have to escape. It is a wonderful book and I recommend it to any age. This story inspired me to explore everywhere and get more imaginative ideas. I give it four and a half stars."



By Tim T, Bennu Class



"This book is about teachers who are from different schools and has a moral at the end... a weird moral. The teachers all had a

hobby like crying, scaring and not teaching! They all had one thing in common, they were the worlds worst teachers! There were ten chapters which were very funny and detailed. My favourites were Miss Conceit, the Human Work of Art and Miss Spicks and the Trike of Terror. I would recommend this book to children because it is funny. I give it five out of five stars."



By Ekleen T, Phoenix Class



"This book is about a young boy, Auggie/August Pullman, who has a facial disfigurement since birth.

This is no ordinary story as it has a good underlying message running through it. This book could be used to teacher children and adults that being different is not a bad thing. The text tells you about loyalty in friendship, supporting one another during rough times and being able to trust each other no matter what. In the end, he makes friends with the people around him who accept him for who he is. I believe everybody should have a chance to read this heart-lifting story."

By Zahra R, Firebird Class

And finally, this week I invite you to enjoy a poem, written by one of our Y6 pupils, please see below.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

Hope

(A poem by Harley B)

When Corona stands in your way
And the country is quiet and grey
That's the time that we need
For hope to succeed
And to carry us into the day.

When you fear the world can't behave
And you feel that you can't be brave
That's the time that we need
For hope to succeed
The NHS is there to save,
It will save.