

# LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER NO 2

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Dear Parents/Carers



### House Gems

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

Ella K	Kites	Air	Independence, ambition and determination
Ava M	Turtles	Earth	Resilience in Maths
Sana R	Firebird	Fire	Quality E-Safety
Maanya T	Firebird	Earth	Quality E-Safety
Lucia L	Stingray	Fire	Thoughtfulness and caring



### Soap or hand gel – handwashing in school

A major step in our virus transmission control is the use of hand washing in school.

Advice from the NHS, as available on Great Ormond Street Hospital website, is as follows:

- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds.
- Always wash your hands when you get home or into work or school.
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.

This is also in line with the advice we are following from the Department for Education.

Warm water and soap are available in all our classrooms and children are supervised many times a day to wash their hands. Please be reassured that you do not need to send in soap with your child as it is provided by school. If your child has a specific allergy, which means they must use their own soap, please make sure we have been informed in writing of this and have this allergy on their medical record.



Some children have also started to bring in additional hand gel from home. Whilst there is no requirement to do so if you wish to send your child with hand gel then please remind them they are responsible for this hand gel and it must be clearly labelled with both their name and class. Your child will still be expected to wash their hands with soap and water in line with our published risk assessment and NHS advice.

You may also wish to consider whether you need to offer your child access to hand cream for use mid-day and after school as with all this additional hand hygiene some of the children are beginning to complain of sore hands. If you do wish to provide your child with hand cream do ensure it is a mild cream suitable for use by children and that it is also clearly labelled with your child's name and class. If in doubt about the best products to use please ask the advice of a chemist.

### **NHS Test and Trace letter attached**

We have been asked to forward a NHS letter to you which contains important clarification on the use of testing and self-isolation in the event of experiencing Covid-19 symptoms. The letter is attached to this newsletter and we ask that all families take the time to read and understand its contents.



### **Changes to the school learning platform by Its Learning**

At the end of July our learning platform changed from the 'classic' to the 'modern' version of Its Learning. This was a compulsory change as some of the previous features are no longer available and new features have been added. Since the change we have been working on updating and streamlining our content in the learning platform and you will have noticed it looks a bit different to before.

The new version works using 'Courses' which can be accessed by clicking on 'home' next to the Its Learning icon at the top left of any page or by Selecting 'Courses' at the top of any page. All children's accounts have been migrated to the new platform, where they can still access Bug Club, Educationcity and Times Tables Rocks from the course specific to these. Once on the course, select 'resources' and click on the application you wish to use. If you have any problems please contact me via email [susan.walker@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:susan.walker@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk).

Thank you, Mrs Walker, ICT Teaching Assistant

### **Parents with MS ICT knowledge**

Several parents have come forward recently very generously offering their time to support the school with their IT skills. May I ask any parent who is keen to help out to please email me, James, at [ict@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:ict@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk). I would, in particular be interested to know briefly what skills and experience you have. The main areas in which we envisage parents might help out is with technical knowledge of Office 365 or assisting other parents in learning and overcoming minor technical issues with Microsoft Teams.

Thank you, James Dearden, ICT Technician

### **Second Hand School Uniform**

Due to the current situation with Covid, second-hand school uniform 'After-school' sales will be placed on hold until further notice. Kam Bhogal, Parent Support Advisor

### **Remote Parents' Evening**

During the week of the 5<sup>th</sup> October we will be offering remote parents' evening appointments using Microsoft TEAMS. Appointments will be booked using the usual booking system and will be 10 minutes each. Please look out for the notification of when the booking system is open for you to select an appointment.

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

