

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'.

Sean D	Wyvern	Earth	Kindness and co-operation
Martha S	Longwings	Earth	Role model for the school values especially positivity
Anais C	Longwings	Earth	Role model for the school values especially quality
Geethika K	Wyvern	Fire	Showing the values of thoughtfulness and independence
Daya G	Stingrays	Fire	Quality writing
Apple D	Firebirds	Earth	Quality and independence in writing



Value of the Month - Caring

During October we will be encouraging our children to show care to each other, the school environment and to their local community. We will remind the children that you can be caring with both your thoughts, words and actions. That by giving someone a smile, especially when they really need it, you can show your care for another person. We will remind ourselves how important it is to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. At home we'd like you to ask your children about how they can show caring in school and at home. We would love to hear about and see photos of our children showing their value of caring at home this month.

Parents' evening on TEAMS

Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we worked together this week to offer our first remote parents' evening appointments on TEAMS. We were very pleased (even relieved!) that in almost all cases the appointments went ahead without problem. However; if you were unable to connect to your appointment and need to re-arrange with your child's class teacher please e-mail the school office, who will liaise on your behalf, to arrange a mutually convenient time for you both.



Hot school lunch Survey

If you have yet to reply to the survey you have until the end of this weekend to do so.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uTeeu_SrqOW1GLQfz-6g1yKzCapcWTIErmNXopqSxSxFUMlIXNDcwSzZQTlJT1dJVEJKMVpHMTVOVS4u

Parent Help with Microsoft Teams

In the event of another lock down or self-isolation, the school has to increasingly rely on technology to help maintain remote learning for pupils. One of the tools we will use is Microsoft Teams. The Microsoft Teams app is freely available for most devices:

- For iPhone/iPad, Android phones/tablets please visit the Apple App Store or Google Play store
- For desktops and laptops, please visit <https://aka.ms/getteams>
- For Linux, please visit <https://aka.ms/get-teams-linux>

Microsoft provides generic guides for using Teams here: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/education>

Several parents have very kindly volunteered to help with basic Microsoft Teams enquires. If you have any issues you may contact one of the contacts listed below.

Name	Availability	Mobile	Email
Alistair	Tues evening		alistair.loddon@force4events.co.uk
Carolyn	Any time	07764 359844	carolyn_cheney@hotmail.com
Natalie	Mon, Thur & Fri	07730 694621	
Ramazan	Any time	07 786 747 055	rsaeed@gmail.com

Please note

- This service is intended to offer only basic help with Microsoft Teams such as getting the app, logging in and basic navigation within the app.
- Volunteers may not be immediately available, or only be available at certain times or days and may have limited free time.
- This list may well change so please do check future newsletters for updates.
- Microsoft provides generic guides for using Teams here: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/education>

Walk to School Week

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who walk to school and to those who park away from school to reduce traffic congestion locally. Thank you also to all those who scanned the QR codes around site this week in support of Walk to School Week. As an additional safety reminder for those who do drive we ask that you avoid dropping your children off on the opposite side of the road when this then requires them to cross into oncoming traffic - doing so of course increases the risk to your child and is also a potential distraction to other road users.

Change to PSA working days

For information please note that my working days have changed to Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 8.30am and 4pm.

Kam Bhogal (School Parent Support Advisor)





Coffee mornings!

Some great news; coffee mornings are going virtual, and we look forward to a return to our Wednesday sessions from the 21st October each week, in term time, 9am to 10am. If you would like to join in, please contact Kam PSA via psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk and leave me your email address so I can send out an invitation. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible virtually! And if you have yet to attend our coffee mornings and would like more information also feel free to email me. *Kam Bhogal, Parent Support Advisor*

Wokingham Children's Book Festival Online (Information)

We're excited to announce the third annual Wokingham Children's Book Festival will take place online on the weekend of 17 and 18 October. We have some top authors talking about their books, inspirations, illustrations and writing techniques. We've a diverse programme of authors and illustrators, a great mix of topics and have sessions for a variety of different age ranges from 3 - 12, including Onjali Q. Raúf, Peter Bunzl and Elle McNicoll. There'll be plenty of chances for families to interact with the authors, ask questions, or for the shy bookworms to just say hello! Did we mention the book festival is also free? All we ask is that budding writers, illustrators or self-confessed bookworms sign-up for the sessions they wish to attend at <https://wokingham-tc.gov.uk/bookfest/>

The first 100 attendees signing-up for each session will also get the option of a signed bookplate from the author.



MY JOURNEY Dr Bike session on Saturday 17th October 1-4pm

There will be an opportunity to get bikes checked by the WBC Dr Bike team at the Car park at Lower Earley Baptist Church, Maiden Place, Lower Earley, Reading, RG6 3HE on Saturday 17th October. Spaces are limited so have to be booked using the link below for free bike checks:

<https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/free-bike-checks-at-lower-earley-baptist-church/>

S. Phillips

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

Diary List: Autumn 2020

Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	INSET day - School closed
Tuesday 3 rd November	Second half of Autumn Term begins