

# 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'.

|          |           |       |                                    |
|----------|-----------|-------|------------------------------------|
| Sana     | Falcons   | Fire  | Thoughtfulness and responsibility  |
| Mason    | Starfish  | Fire  | Thoughtfulness                     |
| Agastya  | Starfish  | Fire  | Responsibility                     |
| Grace    | Bennu     | Water | Resilience, courage and positivity |
| Ashar    | Starfish  | Earth | Independence                       |
| Harry    | Jellyfish | Water | Thoughtfulness and responsibility  |
| Geethika | Firebirds | Fire  | Friendship and caring              |
| Dhriti   | Firebirds | Earth | Friendship and caring              |
| Vasihno  | Longwings | Water | Responsibility and thoughtfulness  |
| Ariana   | Longwings | Earth | Quality                            |
| Ibrahim  | Longwings | Water | Responsibility and thoughtfulness  |
| Alice    | Bennu     | Air   | Independence and understanding     |
| Sarah    | Kites     | Air   | Courage                            |
| Sasha    | Kites     | Water | Courage                            |
| Megan    | Falcons   | Fire  | Courage                            |
| Eliza    | Hawks     | Water | Courage                            |



### Value of the month - Independence

The importance of encouraging independence and giving children the belief that they can do things for themselves cannot be underestimated in regards to the extent to which this will support our



children to become a confident learner as well as able to succeed in their future adult life. Independence allows children to feel that they have some control over their life and gives them a sense of self-esteem; both of which are important for developing a positive attitude.

This month our value is 'Independence' and we will be encouraging the children to take ownership for their learning, behaviour and organisation. We will be asking all our children to push themselves that little bit further to achieve their own success without overly relying on Mum, Dad, their teacher, teaching assistant or others to do for them what they might reasonably do for themselves!

### Keeping safe in our school car parks

Please can we ask that everyone remembers to use the **footpaths to walk** into school rather than the road/drive-way which is for vehicles. We have noticed in recent months a number of pedestrians, especially in the Hillside carpark, walking along the road/drive-way which is there for vehicles not people. We worry that one day someone may be hurt, when walking in the road. Please use the **footpaths** provided to access school as a pedestrian.

If you are entering school as a driver please always slow down to as a slow a speed as possible and be fully aware of pedestrians around you whilst driving in our car parks.

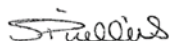
If you are positioned in a parking bay please switch off your engine until you are ready to leave.

Thank you.

| <div>  <div> This week's book recommendations have been written by<br/>Nursery children. </div> </div>   |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
|  <p>"I'm not scared of this book. There is long wavy grass. Oh no a cold river. They are muddy, daddy is holding shoes. It's a cave, uh oh a cave. There's a dog and bear, it has wet nose and shiny eyes. They run fast and the big bear follows them. The bear is sad she wants a friend bear."</p> <p>By Cynthia, Nursery Class</p> |  <p>"The pigs were playing and Mummy said they were too big and trotted away. They used straw, sticks and bricks and made a house. The wolf he huffed and he puffed. The little pigs ran and ran. The wolf climbed on the roof, the pigs pulled the lid and the wolf went splat."</p> <p>By Kairay, Nursery Class</p> |  <p>"You have to press the buttons in this story. I like the bit where it goes 'beep'. You sing when you press the blue button. There's a tiny button, green button, there's a button button. At the end they are sleeping. I like this book, I really like this book."</p> <p>By Harry, Nursery Class</p> |  |

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.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

### Diary Events List: Spring 2022

| Date           | Time        | Event                                      |
|----------------|-------------|--|
| 16-Feb-22      | 9.15-10.00  | PSA Virtual Coffee morning                 |
| 21-25 Feb 22   | All week    | Spring Half term                           |
| 28-Feb-22      | All day     | INSET day school closed for staff training |
| 1-Mar-22       | All day     | Pupil Spring term resumes                  |
| 28 & 29 Mar 22 | 16.00-19.00 | FS to Y6 Parents evening                   |

### Vacancy - Clerk to the Governors

We are seeking to appoint a proactive and well organised clerk to play a key role on behalf of our governing body.

You will have a flexible approach to work, sense of responsibility and integrity, tact and diplomacy, a respect for confidentiality and the ability to remain impartial. Good IT skills and the ability to write agendas and produce accurate concise minutes in a timely manner are crucial.

Our governing body, through its appointed and elected governors, plays an important role in the continuing success and strategic development of our school. The clerk's job is central to the efficiency of our governing body.

You will work with the Chair, Head Teacher and other governors, dealing with administrative matters on behalf of the governing body and liaising with Wokingham governor services in order to advise on school related governance.

The post involves both day and evening work. Typically, there will be six full governors' meetings and nine other evening committee meetings each academic year. There will also be nine morning committee meetings each year. Meetings are ordinarily on a Wednesday evening or Thursday morning, some on site and some via Microsoft TEAMS.

The core hours of this post are 195 hours a year which equates to an average 5 hours per week (term time only). Occasionally with the mutual agreement of the employee and the governing body additional hours may be required.

Applications are invited from both experienced clerks or those willing to undertake training against the role. Visits to the school can be arranged by contacting Zahra Colwill on telephone 0118 9261449 or via [secretary@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk) during term time.

Applications will be viewed on receipt and a mutually agreed interview date arranged.

*The school is committed to safer recruitment practice and pre-employment checks will be undertaken before any appointment is confirmed. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check*

