

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'.

Niamh H	Phoenix	Air	Responsibility and caring
Parinaaz K	Octopuses	Fire	Quality writing
Ruby C	Stingrays	Earth	Courage, determination and quality
Vashino M	Stingrays	Water	Quality and positivity
Danyl M	Phoenix	Water	Independence and quality



Purple Mash is now working on the learning platform; however, children will now need to login to access it fully. To do this children should login to the learning platform and go to the Bug Club etc. course. Click on resources for the course and select Purple Mash, the login option is on the top right of the screen next to a key symbol. Click on login and select class name followed by child's name then enter password (the same as your learning platform password). Alternatively, click on login and select 'I know my username/email' and enter the login and password as you would for the learning platform.

If you have any problems or queries please contact me via email susan.walker@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk.

Thank you, Mrs Walker, ICT Teaching Assistant

****Brand New Loddon Bookmarks****

In Its Learning within the resources section of each year group you will now find a brand-new Loddon bookmark. These are designed to support you and your child with their reading at home. The front of each bookmark has a space for personalisation, and the back has a series of questions written by our teachers that can be asked during reading with your child. This would make a great half-term activity to encourage reading at home. Bookmarks can be printed from the resources section of each year group's - Its Learning page. If you require a hard copy to be printed for you, please ask your child's teacher.

We would also love to see your bookmarks when you have made them! Miss Baker, English leader



Lunch



Hot Lunches return after half term - (menus included with this newsletter)

After half term we are very pleased to confirm that caterlink will be offering a hot meal service again (the packed lunch offer will therefore stop). Using the results of the recent parent survey we have been able to review and update our lunch service to be Covid-19 safe however; we do need your support for this to be successful. Specifically, we are asking that, at least initially, families avoid ad hoc orders of hot dinners just on Fridays for example. It will be very difficult to organise logistics safely if we have a sudden increase on one day of the week or if many more people than indicated on the survey decide to now order hot meals. There is of course a degree of flexibility but in these times of pandemic not that much unfortunately. Please can you support us, at least initially during November, by only ordering hot dinners if you have indicated your intention to do so on the survey.



Free lunch box supplies for families for Half Term

Churches that form The Earley Help Hub are putting together packs of lunch box supplies over half term for families that need to access this. If you need to then please get in touch, particularly those families that would receive a free school meal term time. Local collection preferred, delivery possible. *Earley Help Hub*

Covid-19 Risk assessment update

In line with updated guidance and our move to a hot meal service we have updated our school risk assessment; a copy is available to view on the school website.

Countries, territories and regions on the travel corridor list

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors> As we reach the half term break a reminder of the current guidance in relation to the need to self-isolate when traveling from overseas. You do not need to self-isolate if you're travelling to England from one of the countries, territories or regions listed via the above hyperlink. You must have spent the last 14 days in one of these places, or in the UK.

For other places you would need to follow the government advice on self-isolating for 14 days. If you visited somewhere that is not on the list in the 14 days before your arrival in England, you will also need to [self-isolate](#). Visiting includes making a [transit stop](#).

Homework Club

Due to the current situation, regarding Covid 19, homework club will be running differently this year to ensure year group bubbles are kept separate. Homework club for the year 6 bubbles will begin after half term and hopefully a lunchtime drop in option for year 3 bubbles will follow soon after that. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer places to pupils in year 2, 4 and 5 at the moment but this will be reviewed later in the school year.

Mrs Walker, Homework Club





Parking in Hillside Road Staff car park

We appreciate the consideration and time that most families allow for their school drop off and pick up. We would like to remind everyone that although there is not a barrier on the Hillside car park, it should not be used to drop off or collect children. The road into the car park is narrow with limited sight of oncoming traffic and available passing points. Spaces are limited and we have had several occasions where staff were unable to park on arrival as all spaces are taken. This may then disrupt the start of teaching sessions if it causes staff to be late. Please respect the parking rules on site - Thank you.

School Flu vaccine programme - Tuesday 24th November

On Tuesday 24th November children will receive the flu vaccine (via a nasal spray) in school. Please note the School Nursing team will only vaccinate children if their parent has already completed the immunisation consent form. Further information will follow after half term.



Art for Research Reading competition

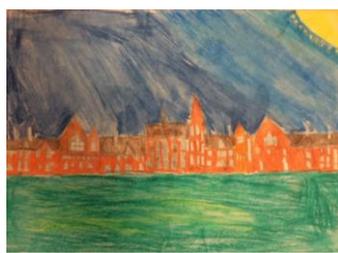
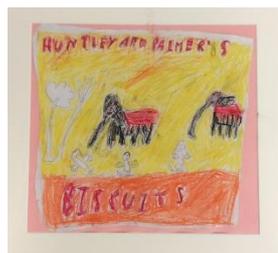
Earlier this year, many children at school entered the Art for Research Reading competition. I'm delighted to announce that Eleanor C won 2nd prize for her age group and Arav P and Anais C were both awarded "Highly Commended".

There is a video of the announcements of the winners and judging on their website.

<https://www.artforresearchreading.com/pages/2019-20Competition.html>

Congratulations to all.

Mrs Henderson, Art Subject Leader



Eleanor C - 2nd prize

Aarav P - Highly commended

Anais C - Highly commended

INSET day - what will staff be doing when the school is closed to pupils?

We have a full and busy day of training planned for Monday 2nd November when school is closed to pupils. Teachers will be receiving training in relation to safeguarding, mathematics mastery and the use of TEAMS to further support our developing remote education offer.

Support staff will be updating their first aid certifications through a social distanced training event in the main school hall.



Adult Education courses

The following courses are delivered online by tutors in small groups and are available free to Wokingham residents (or parents of children at Wokingham schools)

Understanding Anxiety (27th October 19:00-21:00)

This workshop will help you develop ways to understand the causes of your anxiety and develop techniques to deal with this condition. With the support of a qualified counsellor, our understanding anxiety workshop will support your journey to reducing worry day-to-day. Run by Activate Learning - for more information or to enrol please contact wellbeing@bracknell.ac.uk or call 01344 766654

Managing your child's anxiety (5th November - 12th November 11:00 - 12:00 or 13:00-14:00)

Learn more about anxiety. Identify causes and effects of anxiety, signs of anxiety in children and simple tips for families to use to manage every day worries. This interactive, tutor led course is aimed at parents of primary school aged children. To book a place email adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk or call 07785314603

Excel for Work (2nd November - 11th November, Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:00)

Learn and practice spreadsheet skills in Microsoft Excel. Get support for your personal Excel needs or gain skills for the workplace with interactive sessions allowing you to practice new skills live. Discuss topics online with your tutor and other learners. To book ring Jon White on 0776 738 0722 or email adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk

Introduction to being a Teaching Assistant (4th November - 9th December 10:00 - 11:30)

Learn about the roles and responsibilities of a teaching assistant, as well as gaining an understanding of other roles working with children. Gain confidence in applying to roles in schools and employability skills. This is an interactive course, delivered by a tutor via Zoom, with opportunities to share experiences and learning. To book a place email adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk or call 07785314603

Supporting Anxious Teenagers (17th November - 24th November 19:30 - 20:30)

Learn more about anxiety. Identify the causes and effects of anxiety, signs of anxiety in teenagers and simple tips for families to use for support strategies. This interactive, tutor led course is aimed at parents of secondary school pupils. To book a place email adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk or call 07785314603

Coding for beginners (5th November - 10th December 19:00 -20:00)

Learn how a computer program is structured and how to think computationally, translating ideas into computer code. This tutor led, introductory course will help you gain the knowledge and experience to be able to code confidently and know about the tools and resources required to carry on learning independently. To book a place email adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk or call 07785314603

Ukonline (Tuesdays ongoing 14:00 - 16:00)

Support with basic IT skills for beginners. Making better use of your PC, laptop, iPad, tablet or smartphone. Support for video calling (e.g. Zoom, Teams, Skype, Facebook Messenger, Google Meet, WhatsApp). Support for email, Internet Search, Online Safety, Online Shopping and Services etc. To enquire ring Jon White on 0776 738 0722 or email adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk

Stress Management (3rd November 19:00 - 21:00)

Our stress management workshop is designed to give you the tools to help understand stress and develop appropriate ways to help manage causes of stress. Run by Activate Learning - for more information or to enrol please contact wellbeing@bracknell.ac.uk or call 01344 766654

Kam Bhogal, Parent Support Advisor



Competition time

If you like nature, books, films or art, this could be just the competition for you! To celebrate the release of a new film, *The Secret Garden*, the Royal Horticultural Society is running a competition to design your own secret garden. You can draw, paint or collage your design, make a model or even plant your own mini garden and send a photo of it. If you win, your garden could be created in real life for our school. Find all the details on their website: <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Competitions> The deadline for entries is 19th November, so you can produce your entry during the half term break.

I hope you enjoy designing your secret gardens - you could bring a copy of your entry to school after the break, and your teacher can send it to me so I can display it on the Eco Committee noticeboard.

Good luck from Mrs Ridell.



ROYAL BERKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service

The Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue service would like everyone to enjoy their Halloween celebrations safely but are asking people not to take risks, putting additional pressures on our emergency services this autumn. To keep you and your family safe, please follow these simple rules:

- If you are choosing a spooky Halloween costume to celebrate at home this year, please make sure you check it is labelled as flame-resistant
- Scare your neighbours with your pumpkin and not a fire! Instead of using open flames like candles, use an LED light instead
- If you are decking your house with decorations, make sure they are away from any heat source, such as electric lights, candles or heaters
- Always ensure naked flames are fully extinguished before going to bed

Yours sincerely,

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