

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'.

George B	Starfish	Earth	Quality and Peace
Jacob B	Starfish	Fire	Quality and thoughtfulness
Joshua S	Starfish	Air	Quality and determination
Ollie R	Starfish	Earth	Quality and independence
Aziz A	Kestrels	Water	Friendship, co-operation and confidence
Nadea S	Phoenix	Earth	Quality, confidence and ambition
Bruhada M	Eagles	Earth	Thoughtfulness, determination and caring
Max L	Falcons	Fire	Kindness and happiness
Sam L	Falcons	Air	Happiness and kindness

Value of the Month - Happiness 幸福 Xìngfú خوشی Kushi ఆనందం Aanandam



This month we will be focusing on the value of happiness. We will consider the question: what makes you happy? Our discussions and assemblies will help us to recognise that different people feel happy for different reasons. We will also think about how our behaviour, words and actions can contribute to the happiness of others. Also, we will continue to practise our calming scripts and moments of reflection as extra tools for developing emotional well-being.

Staffing update

At the end of term, we will say a fond farewell to Mrs Cutts (Teaching Assistant). We wish to thank her for all her hard work at Loddon and wish her well in her new career. She will be greatly missed.

We also say thank you to Mr Frost who has been teaching Y5 Falcons for part of the week this term. Mr Frost has decided to dedicate more time to his developing acting career and so will no longer be class teaching at



Loddon after Christmas. Instead, when we return to school, Mrs Clapperton will teach Falcons on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Knowles will continue to teach the class on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

We also welcome back from maternity leave Mrs Robinson who will return to teaching full time in Y6 Kestrels class at the start of the new term in January. Our thanks to Mrs Sylvester for covering Kestrels during this term. You may still continue to see Mrs Sylvester around school as she will be providing some teaching cover and additional catch-up teaching for us over the next few months.

Covid-19 positive case - school office arrangements until the end of term

We have been alerted today that a member of the office team has tested positive for coronavirus. As a result, the majority of the office team have now been required to self-isolate for the next 14 day. If you need to contact the office next week, please e-mail at office-group@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk so that staff working remotely can respond to your questions. The phone will be staffed until the end of term but please note this will also be by a member of office staff working remotely offsite.

Next week Office open hours to visit on site will be **8:45 - 9:30am daily plus Tuesday and Thursday 3:10-3:30pm only**. If you need to visit school at any other time for example to take your child to an appointment you will need to ring ahead to confirm a member of staff can be made available to meet you.

Thank you from Loddon Parent & Teacher Association (PTA)

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising this term.

Christmas cards and gifts purchases through My Childs Art have already raised over £300 for the School. There's still time to buy tickets for our first online raffle draw (ends 23:45 on Sunday) where you could be in with a chance to win a cash prize of £100, £75 or £50. You can buy your tickets securely online at this link [<https://raffall.com/145052/enter-raffle-to-win-loddon-pta-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-loddon-pta>].

The PTA have funded several projects in School this term (including home reader books, a 2-day science workshop, Values artwork displays and golden time resources). We are also funding an end of term treat next week - the children will be able to enjoy an online pantomime in class and remotely.

Last day of term - Friday 18th December open as planned

You may have heard reported in the press that schools were given the option this week to move an INSET day from later in the year to next Friday 18th December. We have taken the decision not to do so as we did not consider the notice given by government to be sufficient for families to make child care arrangements or for our school to use this INSET time productively. INSET days will continue as advertised and we will remain open on the last day of term. The last day of term will finish at the usual staggered times for each year group.



Updates from Wokingham Borough Connect

Let's stay vigilant

Official data shows that Covid-19 case rates in Wokingham Borough have plateaued in the past week, and are beginning to creep up, following a decrease during the national lockdown. It's important to remember that we are only just beginning to see the effect of coming out of lockdown in our figures, so we must stay vigilant. Under Tier 2 (High) restrictions, we should not be meeting other households indoors, and we must stick to the rule of six outdoors. This is crucial for keeping cases down and preventing us from moving to Tier 3 (Very



High). Do continue to remember the importance of social distancing as well as following the guidance on hands, face, space, self-isolating when asked to, getting tested when showing symptoms and limiting your number of social interactions.

Household transmissions

It's clear that a large proportion of Covid-19 cases are from within household transmission. In fact, recent [global analysis from Imperial College London](#) shows that households show the highest transmission rates of Covid-19.

The full guidance for households with a possible Covid-19 infection can be found on the [Gov.uk website](#). This covers points such as keeping your home well ventilated, staying as far away from other members of your household as possible, avoiding using shared spaces, and regularly cleaning frequently touched surfaces. You should also follow the [rules on self-isolation](#).

Christmas is coming

There's just over two weeks to go until Christmas! If you've still got some shopping to do, please remember to stay as safe as possible when out and about. Avoid peak shopping times, stay two metres apart from other shoppers and wear a face covering where you're required to.

It's also important to note that if you're exposed to someone who tests positive for Covid-19, you'll need to isolate for 14 days. If this occurs at any point between now and Christmas, you will be required to self-isolate over the holidays and will not be able to enjoy the festive period with your chosen Christmas bubble.

Celebrate Christmas with St Nicolas Earley, there's lots going on so join the fun, everyone welcome:

Please note due to COVID restrictions you will need to book a ticket to reserve your place at the following services. Please go to www.stnicolas.org.uk and click on the link. If you are unable to do this please contact the Parish Office on 0118 9669080

Sun 13th December 4pm Christingle Service online

Sun 20th December 6pm Carols by Candlelight online and in the Church (25 places available)

Tues 22nd December 6pm St Nics Community Christmas

Meet in the St Nicolas Garden* for Carols, Readings and Christmas Stories (100 places available)

Thurs 24th December 4pm Crib Service

join us online and in the St Nicolas Garden* for a traditional crib service for all the family (100 places available)

Thurs 24th December 11.30pm Midnight Mass

online and in Church (25 places available)

Fri 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY

8am Christmas Communion in Church (25 places available)

10am Christmas Day Celebration online and in Church (25 places available)

*see website for restrictions www.stnicolas.org.uk

Or visit our YouTube channel St Nicolas Earley

St Nicolas Church, Sutcliffe Ave, Earley RG6 7JN

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas!

We wish all parents, carers, staff and children a safe and happy festive break at the end of the next week and look forward to being together again in January 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher



Diary Events List: Autumn 2020

Date	Time	Event
16/12/2020	During day	Caterlink Christmas packed lunch
18/12/2020	13.15	Online Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk
18/12/2020	All day	Last day of Autumn term - staggered finish times as usual
19/12/2020- 3/1/2020	All day	Christmas holidays
4/1/2020	All day	First day of Spring term