

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

In this first newsletter of the spring term I want to send a heartfelt thank you to all of you for your support and co-operation. Pupils, parents, staff, governors and others who have shown their care of Loddon Primary school during this third national lockdown - thank you.



I have heard such a range of individual stories and concerns over the last few weeks and appreciate, that whilst each of us have individual circumstances, we have all been collectively impacted by the latest lockdown and the recent increase in coronavirus cases locally. The rapid pace of change and U-turns can be hard for even the most resilient within our community to bear and now more than ever we have needed to pull together as a team. Loddon's community has once again stepped up and achieved what sometimes may have felt impossible in record time!

For anyone who needs a little bit extra at this difficult time a wide range of support remains available to us. Some of that support is of course to be found within your own family and friendship groups and other support is available to us via school or through external groups. We will continue to share ideas and contacts, within these newsletters, and encourage everyone to seek help whenever it is needed. Sometimes taking that first step to secure support for yourself is the hardest step - please -reach out to us as we are here to help.

Mental health Foundation

Through this link families can access a range of useful information on how to look after your mental wellbeing: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>

Families under pressure support

NHS mental health experts have provided a few short, fun video clips with help with difficult behaviour and help with negative emotions for you to watch. You may want to try these simple tips and tricks; these have been formulated by researchers and NHS mental health experts, which are backed by science and proven to work with families.

You can also access the link from our school website under Parent Partnership/Parent support - subheading of Mindfulness and Mental Health Information.

<https://maudsleycharity.org/familiesunderpressure/>





House Gems

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

Chloe W	Seahorses	Water	Positivity and kindness
Aiza A	Seahorses	Water	Respect and caring
Calum G	Seahorses	Fire	Independence and Quality
Jonathan C	Falcons	Fire	Positivity
Oscar W	Wyvern	Water	Friendship and caring
Anwasha D	Kites	Fire	Independence
Ersin A	Greylings	Earth	Quality art
Athena H	Phoenix	Earth	Quality DT work
Freya F	Phoenix	Air	Co-operation and happiness
Kiyanah C	Hawks	Water	Understanding and patience
Matthew C	Bennu	Air	Kindness
Munam I	Kestrels	Water	Co-operation, thoughtfulness and caring

Value of the month Determination Azam عزم Jué xīn 决心



During January we are thinking about the value of determination. Determination means - 'not giving up when things get difficult'. It is about making your mind up about something and driving on to achieve a goal. We certainly need to use this value during these challenging times of remote learning, pandemic and subsequent social isolation. If you have any stories or examples of inspiring individuals who are role models of the value of determination please share them with your child at home, and in the values section of the learning platform, so that we can all hear who has inspired you to keep going this month?

Farewell and Good luck to Mrs Tyler

Today we wish Mrs Tyler a fond farewell as she plans an imminent house move to a new area. Mrs Tyler has been an invaluable part of our office and lunch team for many years. She has reached the hearts of many Loddon children and staff during that time and will be greatly missed. We hope she will return to have a proper send-off later in the year, when children have all returned to site and we can give her a proper farewell hug!

We also wish Miss Povey Y3 teaching assistant well as she has decided to leave Loddon to pursue new opportunities.



Storytime information for January -Virtual Storytime with Wokingham Borough Libraries

Join Wokingham Borough Libraries online on Tuesday January 26 at 11am for story time. We will be sharing some bear themed stories. Suitable for families with children aged 7 and under. To sign up just email libraries@wokingham.gov.uk with your name and library card number and you will be sent details of how to join. This session will be hosted on Microsoft Teams Live. This session will be no longer than 30 minutes. This is a free event.



Winter Mini Reading Challenge

'Everyone Is A Hero' themed Mini Challenge celebrating heroes in all their forms and to keep children reading this winter. The Challenge has now been extended to February 19, 2021. Visit the Winter Mini Challenge website, <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/winter-mini-challenge-2020>, to find out more about this year's booklist and how you can get involved.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

Diary Events List: Spring 2021

Date	Time	Event
18-Jan-21	8:40am	Nursery class re-opens (following self-isolation completion for staff/pupils)
15-19 Feb 21	All week	Spring Half term holiday
22 Feb 21	All day	INSET day - School closed for staff training
23 Feb 21	All day	Pupil Spring term continues