

# LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Loddon Primary School**

*Working together to realise the potential in everyone.*

## NEWSLETTER NO 13

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,



### House Gems

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

Theo W	Firebird	Air	Quality, independence and confidence
Zahra R	Falcons	Air	Quality, independence and thoughtfulness
Emily P	Octopuses	Fire	Respect and helpfulness
Abbas W	Octopuses	Earth	Respect and quality
Millie B	Octopuses	Water	Respect
Pradeep N	Falcons	Water	Quality
Alice C	Longwings	Air	Positivity, quality and friendship
Vilte U	Longwings	Fire	Caring. Thoughtfulness and helpfulness



### Value of the month - Respect

During April, we are focusing on the value of 'RESPECT'. We will remind the children and ourselves that the best way to earn respect is to show respect to others. That we also need to practice self-respect by being healthy and mindful so that we can thrive as individuals. We will consider how we can show respect and caring for the wider world.

At home please take the time to talk to your child about respect and to deliberately model respect to each other so that your child is encouraged to be polite and thoughtful in their behaviour to everyone at school and in the wider community.



## Parent Governor Vacancy and election to follow next term

There is a current vacancy for a Parent Governor to join the Governing Body of Loddon Primary School. We are pleased to announce that we will formally invite nominations to join the Governors at the start of the Summer Term.

If you would like more information on what being a Governor would involve, we recommend looking at the Governor section of the school website

<https://www.loddonprimary.co.uk/governors> and this guide published by Wokingham Borough Council <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/school-governors/>.

Any parent interested in applying is welcome to ask for informal discussion prior to applying in order to gain a better understanding of what is involved. The Chair and Vice-Chair welcome your enquiries;

John Brady, Chair of Governors, [Chair.Governors@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:Chair.Governors@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk)

Saaima Ashraf, Vice Chair of Governors, [LoddonGov5@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:LoddonGov5@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk)

More information on the nomination timetable and process will follow the week beginning the 19th April.

We hope all children, staff and parents enjoy a pleasant Easter break.

*Loddon Primary Governing Body*

## Loddon Governors drop-in session for parents, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 17:00-18:30

The Governing Body are pleased to invite parents to meet the Governors during a drop-in session next month. The session will be held remotely on Microsoft Teams and hosted by the Chair, John Brady, and the Vice-Chair, Saaima Ashraf. It is being timed to coincide with this April's parents evening and will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April from 5pm to 6:30pm.

We welcome your questions and invite parents to join the meeting at any time during the session. All parents and carers of children at the School are welcome to come along. You can join the session on the night using this link [[Microsoft Teams Link](#)]. We look forward to meeting to you. *On behalf of Loddon Governing Body*

# DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>  
April 2021



## Loddon PTA "Dare to be different" MUFTI day, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Loddon Primary School Parent & Teacher Association (Loddon PTA) invite all the children to enjoy a "Dare to be Different" MUFTI day next term. This will link into the upcoming Value of the month for May, Confidence.

We want to see your **wackiest hair styles** - all colours, accessories and styles welcome!

We would love all the children to take part if able to. Fundraising donations would be gratefully accepted if you are able to support the PTA. A fundraising link will follow next term. We hope you have a lovely Easter Break. *Loddon PTA*



## School uniform

Over the holidays please would you take a couple of minutes to make sure all of your child's school uniform is clearly named. Unfortunately, a number of uniform items have already been lost this term so whilst checking your child's uniform please would you also look out for any other items that might have been picked up and taken home by mistake. If this is the case we would love the opportunity to reunite them with their original owner. Thank you.

*School Office team.*

## Homework Club

Homework club will begin again after the Easter holidays for Year 6 and Year 3

Class	Day	Time	Session
Eagles	Monday	3.30 - 4.15	Pre-booked
Kestrels	Tuesday	3.30 - 4.15	Pre-booked
Greyling	Monday	12.40 - 1.00	Drop in
Longwing	Tuesday	12.40 - 1.00	Drop in
Wyvern	Wednesday	12.40 - 1.00	Drop in

If you would like your child to attend a year 6 session and they haven't attended before please contact me via email: [susan.walker@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:susan.walker@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk)

*Mrs Walker, Homework Club*

"A book that is hiding under the bed  
Is no longer useful  
It cannot be read  
Please check your home, your bag and your tray  
By returning your book  
You could make someone's day ☺"



Now we are all back at school, please could you check at home for any school library and guided reading books that were borrowed before lockdown and have not yet been returned. Books can be returned to class teachers. Thank you. *Mrs Screene, Librarian*

## Eco competitions

There are several competitions and local activities with a 'green' theme to occupy your children during the Easter break. You can download a map to follow a walking route round Wokingham and take part in activities along the way, or invent your own Eco superhero and

write about them. There are prizes for both these activities, thanks to the Wokingham Air Quality project. Why not enjoy the Spring weather and join in the Great British Wildflower Hunt with the charity Plantlife - there's a free plant-spotting sheet you can print to help you identify what you find. Mrs Ridell, *Eco Subject Leader*

All the details are available on **It's Learning** - just click on 'Courses' to find the **Eco News** section, then look in Resources.

Have fun in the fresh air, and good luck! Mrs Ridell, *Eco lead.*



### **Comic Relief - Red Nose Day**

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our school charity fundraising for Comic Relief this year. Together we raised over £900 to help make a difference to the lives of millions of people across the UK and around the world.

### **Online Easter activity booklet**

Wokingham Children's Services and the Community Engagement Team have produced an online Easter Activity Booklet that provides ideas for things to do over the holidays, including recipe ideas and local Covid-safe places to visit. This booklet is available via the Wokingham Borough Council website: <https://cutt.ly/Ex2gJan> We have also attached a PDF copy of the Activity Booklet.

### **Reporting a pupil/staff positive Covid-19 test result during the school holidays**

Please report this to [office-group@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:office-group@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk) at school as we are required to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, if an individual may have been infectious whilst at school e.g. they showed symptoms within 48 hours of last being at school (by midnight on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April). The 'office-group' e-mail account will be checked every morning for notifications of a positive test result during the first week of the holiday period up to and including Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April. If you need to e-mail to report a positive test result please use the subject title 'positive test result' and include your child's or the staff member's name, year group, class, the date they tested positive, the date they first had symptoms and the date you have been told as a household to self-isolate until. Any subsequent required notifications to Loddon families in relation to contact with a positive case will then be sent out via Parentmail.

I wish you all a joyous and restful school break with family and friends.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Phillips".

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher



## Diary Events List: Spring-Summer 2021

Date	Time	Event
2-18 Apr 21	Throughout	Easter holidays
19-Apr-21	All day	Start of Pupil Summer term
27-Apr-21	16.00-19.00	Nursery to Y6 Parents evening taking place remotely via MS Teams
27-Apr-21	17.00-18.30	Loddon Governors drop-in session for parents
29-Apr-21	16.00-19.00	Nursery to Y6 Parents evening taking place remotely via Ms Teams
30-Apr-21	All day	PTA Mufti day - Dare To Be Different
3-May-21	All day	Early May Bank Holiday - school closed
10-May-21	Fortnight	Living Eggs coming to Foundation children

### St Nicolas Church and Centre Easter 2021 services

All Loddon families are warmly invited to watch our online Easter services if they wish: Come and celebrate Easter online with St Nicolas Church Earley:

#### **Maundy Thursday 1 April 8pm - The Last Supper**

click <https://app.faith.online/p/events/yHdts6sCw> to join the service

#### **Good Friday 2 April 1pm-3pm - Meditations at the cross**

Click <https://app.faith.online/p/events/xqklveGyO> to join the service

#### **Holy Saturday 3 April 8pm - Darkness to Light**

Click <https://app.faith.online/p/events/LebC6954v> to join the service

#### **Easter Sunday 4 April 10am - Easter Day Celebration, He is Risen!**

Click <https://app.faith.online/p/events/qmTBMTW2> to join the service

