

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'.

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| Emily D | Falcons | Water | Kindness and thoughtfulness |
| Melek V | Octopuses | Fire | Confidence |
| Caleb H | Longwings | Water | Resilience, positivity and independence |
| Joseph G | Turtles | Earth | Resilience and ambition |
| Simeon R | Starfish | Water | Perseverance and quality |
| Adelaeda N | Seahorse | Air | Friendship and tolerance |
| Eleanor C | Greylings | Air | Ambition, determination and positivity |
| Ollie L | Longwings | Water | Quality and courage |
| Levent I | Longwings | Fire | Co-operation, thoughtfulness and trust |
| Rene G | Phoenix | Water | Responsibility and respect |
| Eliza K | Phoenix | Water | Quality and co-operation |
| Zayd M | Turtles | Fire | Resilience and quality |
| Raheem M | Turtles | Water | Resilience |

Covid-19 arrangements school update

<https://www.loddonprimary.co.uk/our-school/policies>

School will continue to follow all its current Covid-19 arrangements for the last three days of term - 19th-21st July. This is inline with revised guidance, as of the 19th July, which states in relation to bubbles for example *'If your school is still open at Step 4, you may wish to continue with these measures until the end of your summer term'*.

To remove precautions just for the last few days of term would likely confuse our children and given we have had an increase in cases, during the last month, may also result in more



pupils and staff having Covid-19 at the start of the summer break. I'm sure this is something we all wish to avoid. As such Wokingham Borough Council has also advised that bubble closures should still happen in the last week of term where a positive case is identified. Please be cautious and keep your child at home next week, if they are at all unwell, so that we can continue to reduce the transmission of the virus in our school.

At the end of term NHS test and trace, rather than school, will become responsible for informing anyone who is a contact to a positive Covid case. Therefore, you do not need to report positive cases to school during the summer holidays.

In September 2021 we expect to return to a more normal operation and I will write to you all again, by the 1st September, to confirm any Covid arrangements for the new school year.



The vaccine bus is coming! Update from Wokingham Borough Council

Vaccinations are key to keeping our loved ones and communities safe as restrictions ease. We're supporting the NHS with the rollout of the vaccine, and an NHS 'Health on the Move' Covid-19 vaccine bus will be in the following locations over the next week, offering first and second doses of the Pfizer vaccine:

- Asda Lower Earley car park: Saturday 17 (11am to 4pm), Sunday 18 (11am to 4pm) and Monday 19 July (1pm to 6pm)
- Norreys Church (based on Norreys Avenue): Tuesday 20 (1pm to 6pm) and Wednesday 21 July (1pm to 6pm)

120 doses of the Pfizer vaccine will be available each day and given on a first come-first served basis - there is no need to book in advance, but it is asked that people bring proof of age. Those hoping for a second dose of the Pfizer vaccine must have had it as their first (and have at least an eight-week gap since this). They should also bring their vaccine card with them.

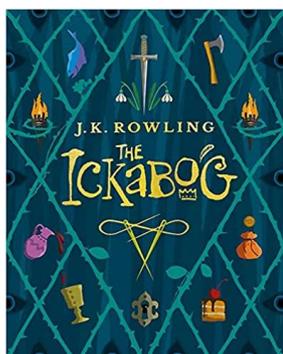
With restrictions set to ease from next week, it's very important that as many people as possible come forward for both doses of the vaccine, so please help us spread the word.



Fundraising Superstar

First Days Children's Charity in Wokingham would like to say a massive thank you to Loddon Primary School student Emily Denton (year 5). On Sunday the 4th July Emily completed a 25mile charity bike race in under 3 hours. Emily has chosen to support First Days and she raised over £500 for the charity. So, thank you very much Emily! First Days Charity support local families who are struggling financially. The charity provides everyday essentials to families who need them by distributing school uniforms, new baby essentials, travel items, toiletries, safety equipment, toys and books. For more information about the charity please visit www.firstdays.net

This week's book recommendations have been written by
Year Six children.



The Ickabog is an adventure-themed book filled with twists and heart-pounding events that will be sure to keep your nose in the story. Written by the world-renowned author J.K Rowling and illustrated by a group of creative, young artists. This story will definitely bring out the book-worm within you. Starring two families, a brave soldier and mythical monster, the characters must bring the villagers of the cities to snap out of their fears to save the future of their country.

I really enjoyed reading this thrilling tale but I think that the ending was slightly rushed and I am keen to know what happens next.



Vy - Kestrels

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 and let us know



Uniform donations

We would like to thank the parents who helped with the lost property and school uniform donations: Fortuna Loka, Mora - Oscar's mum and Anthony Wilson our SBM!!

Thank you too to Vicky Wilson, Diane Doran, Annie Carolan and Em O'Sullivan who volunteered to help in the afternoon but were no longer needed.

We have a good stock of donated uniform now so will not be taking anymore donations until further notice. *Kam Bhogal (School Parent Support Advisor)*

Library and guided reading books

Please ensure all school library and guided reading books are returned by the end of term.

Thank you, *Mrs Screene, Librarian*

Wokingham Libraries July Online events

Here are the July Online Library events for families to access this month:

- **Virtual Storytime Friday 30 July, 10am** Join us for some fun tales and stories. This session is suitable for families with children aged 7 and under.
- **We're Going on a Rainforest Story Hunt! Wednesday 28 July, 10am** Join storyteller John Kirk on a story hunt through the jungle to explore the wonders of life in the rainforest. This session is a virtual session and is suitable for children aged 3 to 8.
- **Superhero Shapes Thursday 29 July, 1pm** Take part in this interactive workshop with Explore Learning. This session is suitable for children aged 5 to 7.

All online sessions will be on Microsoft Teams, to sign up just email libraries@wokingham.gov.uk with the session you would like to attend, your name and



ITV Meridian Filming at Loddon Primary School

This week we were visited by Sangeeta Bhabra of ITV Meridian who is an ex-pupil of Loddon. It was lovely to welcome her back and to hear of her experiences in the past at our school. Year 2 made us all proud as they contributed to filming by ITV Meridian. The footage will be included in an item 'Who Am I', about Sangeeta's life, to be shown on Meridian News on the 16th August.



Lunchtime Controller

We are looking for a friendly and capable person to join our lunchtime team on a permanent contract to start in September 2021. Applicants should enjoy working with children and be available to work every day during term time. Hours are 11.50-1.20pm Monday to Friday which equates to 7 hours 30 minutes per week.

You will be paid at Grade 3 SCP 5 and earn £3,248 per year. Full training will be given.

Applications will be considered on receipt.

Closing date: Friday 3rd September 12 noon

Interviews: Mutually convenient date in September 2021

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 Barring Service check.



As we approach the last few days of school we wish you all a very 'Happy Holiday' with family and friends. Good luck to any children who are leaving Loddon for new schools and remember to keep in touch with us and let us know how you are getting on.

For families returning to Loddon next year we look forward to seeing you for the new term in September. Stay safe and well everyone.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

Diary Events List: Summer 2021

| Date | Time | Event |
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| 21-Jul-21 | 9.15-10.00 | PSA Virtual coffee morning - all welcome |
| 21-Jul-21 | End of day | End of Pupil Summer term - usual staggered finish time |
| 22-Jul-31- Aug-21 | All week | School Summer holiday |
| 1-Sep-21 | All day | INSET day School closed for staff training |
| 2-Sep-21 | All day | First day of pupil Autumn term |