

Loddington Church of England Primary School

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Headteacher – Mrs Helen Dowsett



Monday 4th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re-opening of school on Wednesday 6th September 2023

The structure of the school:

Year R/1 Miss Lever-Jones

Year 2 Miss McEwan

Year 3/4 Mrs Evans

Year 5/6 Mrs Conaghan

There will be timetabled lessons for Year 1 and 2 to work together through some parts of the morning, in English and Maths, given our smaller cohort size in Year 2. This unique opportunity allows for the children in Year 2 to maintain relationships with peers and not become isolated in a small cohort.

School Drop off and Pick-up times:

Drop off is between **8:40am and 8.50am**.

This window of time allows for a staggered entry to minimize congestion in the street. The gate will, however, be closed promptly at 8:50am. All children will be expected to be in school by this time, to allow them to settle, take part in registration, morning activities and be ready for their first lesson, which starts promptly at 9:00am

Pick up is at **3.20pm**.

All classes will finish by 3:20pm and will be released in class order starting with R/1 first, followed by Year 2 and so on. Children will be released to parents and carers by the class teacher. If arrangements change, please inform the school office or your child's class teacher.

Uniform Expectations:

Please ensure children return to school in full school uniform. Our uniform is smart and inexpensive. Trainers should only be worn on PE days, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Full details are on the school website and reminders will be placed in class newsletters. **PLEASE NAME KEY CLOTHING ITEMS** to avoid loss or confusion. It really does help us significantly when returning jumpers, cardigans and coats to the correct child. We are usually lucky to have relatively warm weather upon return in September and children like to remove jumpers and cardigans at break times.



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Children are welcome to bring a small school bag and or reading bag into school, however, pencil cases are not necessary. We will provide all stationery equipment needed. We do ask that children have their own refillable water bottle in school every day - sport's cap style are ideal. Snacks for playtime are optional but should be healthy. In addition, as every child has a cloakroom peg for coats and bags, children are welcome to leave a coat/rain mac in school, to avoid being caught out.

ABM School Lunches

Please remember to order your child's school lunches via the ParentMail app.

There is a 72hr cut off for booking meals so please ensure all meals are booked by 6pm on a Friday, for the following week. ABM only provide food which is pre-ordered. If you need any help with ordering your child's meal, please email office@loddington.pdet.org.uk

Community Spirit

I am absolutely thrilled to inform you that Margaret Burn, who is a member of the Rotary Club organised a fundraising breakfast in conjunction with The Hare at Loddington. The aim was to help us continue to raise funds towards our new minibus. With breakfast orders, donations and sponsorship from the Rotary Club. We have another **£855** to add!!! This is absolutely fantastic, and I am so grateful to everyone for their continued support of this goal.

Forest School

During the summer term, I wrote to you about a collaboration with Mr and Mrs Cornelius at Loddington Hall and David Tanner, who owns the land. Once again, the fantastic community of Loddington have been working hard to develop an area of land that we can use regularly to access Forest School/Wetland activities, all year round. This will give the children opportunities to use their Science and Geography skills in nature and explore many more. We are very excited to start using the site. A few development photos of work over the summer.



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Breakfast Club and After School Club:

These clubs will continue to be run in the main school building (Yr. 3/4 class) They will operate as normal and you can book in, via Parentmail.

Please drop children off at school from 7.45am onwards for **Breakfast Club** with Mr Umney or Mrs Gault.

Collection time for **After School Club** will be up to **5:30pm daily**. Mrs Gault and Mrs Harper will continue to lead this club with a full timetable of fun events planned.

What's new?

Miss Cook celebrated her wedding in August - a beautiful day of festivity and returns as Mrs Conaghan.



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Over the summer break, we have had extensive work in many areas. The entire playground has been resurfaced successfully; we have a new patio area in the Spiritual Garden, opening space for storage. The decorators have been busy freshening up the paint work in both buildings and will continue to do so in October half-term. We have several new windows in the schoolhouse and plan to continue to replace more through the year. New blinds have been purchased and the school is looking very smart indeed! Our new Art Gallery in the foyer will be regularly updated to celebrate children's work and our new canvas pictures show our children learning and having fun. With several trips to the tip in the minibus, school is refreshed and revived, ready for our staff and children to return.



Celebrating Success

Our achievement board is freshly backed and ready to receive your photos! Please tell us about any achievements over the summer break - be that in music, sport, reading, swimming or any other. Please send any photos or just a blurb or both to the office e-mail or to class teachers. We look forward to filling our board and celebrating together.

Class Newsletters

You will receive a class newsletter by Tuesday 5th September, detailing curriculum learning opportunities, PE days, information on homework expectations, reading books and contact details for teachers. These will be updated and sent out every term.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday 6th September**. If you have any queries in the meantime, please phone or e-mail office@loddington.pdet.org.uk .

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Dowsett
Headteacher



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Our new playground surface

