



# LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

11<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### LATEST NEWS

#### Dear Parents and Carers

Next week is DT week and already our school is filling up with boxes ready to be designed to make cars for the 'drive in movie' on Friday. Please make sure that your child has brought in a box big enough for them to sit in. The week is jam packed and years 1 and 2 will not be taking part in FRED – to allow extra time for designing and making.

#### The Ember Learning Trust

Today some year 2 children took part in the launch of the Ember Learning Trust in collaboration with children from Thames Ditton Infants, Thames Ditton Juniors, Hinchley Wood Primary and Long Ditton St Mary's. This was the first time children from each school have come together and seeing them all singing in unison was a powerful reminder that in a world that may seem to be increasingly divisive, the power of coming together to make a difference is immense! Well done to all those singers and thank you to Miss Sharp for helping them learn the songs so beautifully.

#### Car Parking

Parents and carers who pick up their children from after-school club please remember that the school car park is private property and you should not park there. Please remember that no parents and carers should enter the car park to say goodbye to children. This is not only dangerous but it is also setting a bad example of 'not following the rules'. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Birthday books:** Thank you to Lily, Scarlett C, Max P, Tom H and Chaeyul for choosing birthday books to share with their classes.

**Thought for the week:** 'We all do better when we work together. Our differences do matter, but our common humanity matters more' Bill Clinton

Have an excellent weekend.

Mrs Paines

#### Nursery

We have been very busy in Nursery this week making our poppies for Remembrance Day, having baking and library for the first time and taking off shoes and socks in PE. The children have been looking at colours and properties of squares through the Elmer stories and next week we will be learning about sequencing patterns.

Next week is DT week (Design & Technology) and all the school will be designing their own cars and smoothies. Nursery will be making smoothies in Baking too.

We will also be continuing to learn our Christmas song 'Away in a Manger'.

Now that the weather is colder, please can children come to Nursery with a named coat and hat every day. Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend. The Nursery Team ☺☺

## **Reception**

This week, we have been learning the sounds: j, v, y, w and z. Please continue to practise saying the sounds and rhymes, and having a go at writing the sounds too. We also read 'The 3 Little Pigs', and had a go at sequencing the pictures and acting out the different parts of the story. In maths, we have been learning to do repeating patterns and in PE we were using the apparatus to travel under, through, around and over objects. The children are still continuing to do well with getting changed for PE independently.

Next week is DT week – we have got a very busy and exciting week planned! The children will be designing and making their cars, focusing on the colour/designs and extra bits like the number plate/wheels/steering wheels. Each class will also be designing their ideal smoothie for Mrs Taylor and Mrs Paines to test in assembly on Wednesday and to vote for the favourite one. The children will be having a go at writing their chosen fruit. In Fred, we will learn the sounds: x, sh, th, ch and q. When there are two letters that make one sound, we call those 'special friends'. In maths we will look at tally charts again and the children are going to ask each other their favourite fruit and record it in a tally chart. We will be continuing to practise our Christmas songs for the Nativity (Ruby – We Three Kings; Topaz – Hark the Herald).

**Show and tell group** – Badgers

**Theme** – Creativity! (anything they have made)

The Reception Team ☺

## **Year 1**

This week the children have been developing their story writing skills in Literacy. We have been looking at story related language and thinking about exciting story starters. The children have been rewriting the beginning of the story 'The Girl in the Clockwork Tower' and they have been thinking carefully about their sentence structure.

In Maths the children have been learning about subtraction. They have been counting back on a number line and hundred square and using cubes to find the answer to subtraction number sentences.

We have also started learning about our new topic 'space'. The children have been finding out about Neil Armstrong and learning about why he is so famous.

During skills the children have been learning how to use a mouse to select an icon when creating firework pictures.

### **Home Learning**

- **Maths** – Subtraction. You can use number lines, hundred squares and even objects to take one amount away from another and find the answer
- **Literacy** – Can you write your own story? Think about the story related language that we have been using at school

**Show and Tell group** – Giraffe

### **Vocabulary**

- Maths – Subtraction, take away, minus, more and less
- Literacy - Once upon a time, one sunny day, one dark gloomy day

## **Year 2**

This week in Maths we have been learning about 2D shapes. We have been describing how many sides and corners they have and have also begun to look at their angles. We particularly enjoyed creating 'WANTED!' posters to describe some naughty shapes. The shapes we have been looking at are: circles, triangles, squares, rectangles, pentagons and hexagons.

In Literacy this week we have been learning more about Guy Fawkes and his involvement in the Gunpowder Plot. We enjoyed making masks of Guy Fawkes and the other plotters to support our learning. Later on in the week we thought about Bonfire night and discussed the things we see, hear, taste, feel and smell. Using our five senses we wrote some fantastic poems with lots of adjectives. Some of us even used alliteration.

In Art this week we have been using mixed media to create eye catching firework pictures. Whilst in Dance we have been continuing with our machine dances.

**Homework:** In SPaG we have been learning about noun phrases. This is when you add some description to a noun (naming word); e.g. the sticky, pink candyfloss. With the pictures provided, children should write appropriate noun phrases in their homework books.

**Key vocab for this week:** noun phrase, 2d shape, sides, corners, adjective, alliteration.

### **School Office**

**APFS Christmas Card orders:** these were sent home with your child this week. If you did not receive your order, please contact APFS direct or the school office.

### **Friends**

Hope you all enjoyed bonfire night and thanks to all the lovely bakers and buyers. We did very well with the cake sale and the glow sticks and made £110 last week. We have lots to tell you about, and a huge thank you to everyone who came to the meeting on Wednesday evening to help organise the Christmas Fair, it's really shaping up.

### **Valentine's Ball 25/2/2017**

You should have received information in your child's book bag today about next year's Valentine's Ball. We are very excited to announce that tickets will be on sale from Monday at both the infant and junior schools.

Thank you very much for your feedback and support so far, it is much appreciated. Based on feedback from both schools, the majority decision was for the Ball to follow the same format as last year. There will be arrival drinks followed by a sit down meal and dancing.

We only have 140 tickets in total, so please return your forms as soon as possible. Please mark your forms/envelopes with "Friends - School Ball" and post in the black 'Office Post' box on brick wall outside the office.

### **Christmas fair**

In book bags today you should find some raffle tickets to sell to your nearest and dearest; if you need more please let your class rep know. These are self-explanatory, £5 a book, return the filled in stubs with money in an envelope marked 'Friends – Christmas Raffle Tickets' and post in the school 'Office Post' box on the brick wall outside the office. Any unsold tickets can also be returned as we will be selling some on the day of the fair.

### **Christmas Hat Workshops**

Also in book bags today you should find an application form for a Christmas Hat workshop. For a cost of £6.00 your child will have the opportunity to create a Christmas hat to show in the 'Hat-on-the-Catwalk' during the Christmas Fair. These will be taking place on the 23rd and 24th November (you can select one session) after school and will be run by Emma Rising and Jo Munro. Places will be first come first served and there are 30 places per day. Fill in your forms and please return them in an envelope marked 'Friends – Christmas Hats' and post in the black 'Office post' box. We will also be asking for helpers to run these workshops so if you're able to, please let [jo.munro@live.co.uk](mailto:jo.munro@live.co.uk) know.

*Note from school office: When paying for the above events, it would be appreciated if you could please enclose the exact amount in an envelope as the school office is unable to give change. Thank you.*

There are a couple of Face Painting workshops next week, for those of you who'd like to learn a new skill, it comes in very handy for children's parties and school events! (just saying!)

These are on 14th and 17th November from 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm, contact [Desireeharris@sky.com](mailto:Desireeharris@sky.com) for further details.

### **Friends' Diary Dates**

- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm Christmas Shop & Relax at Junior school
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Christmas Fair
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec LD Friends' Christmas Do

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Value Balloons: Co-operation

Aimee  
Finn  
Phoebe B  
Alexandra  
Corey



### Golden Certificates:

Sophie L  
Zarif  
Harry N  
Amelie B  
Freddie SI  
Ava C  
Max P  
Samuel K  
Isabella P  
Luke

### Credit Card

### Birthdays:

Lily P – 7  
Ava O'C – 4  
Max P – 5  
Scarlett – 6  
Chaeyul - 5

### Outside Achievements:

Iris has passed her Bronze Award for Suppleness and Strength at Avondale Gymnastics club.  
Lucas won a medal from Old Cranleighans Rugby Club and at swimming club swam for the first time without using floats.  
Iris achieved a badge and a certificate for 'Strength & Suppleness' from Avondale Gymnastics Club

## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### November 2016

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Design Technology week – don't forget to bring in a big box!
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Drive-in movie and mufti day - £1 donation to Children In Need
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am Open Morning for Reception September 2017 ( <i>please contact school office to book a place</i> )
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 2 Amethyst visit to Wagamama restaurant ( <i>more info to follow after half term break</i> )
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yr 2 Diamond visit to Wagamama restaurant (<i>more info to follow after half term break</i>)</li><li>• 9.15am Open Morning for Nursery September 2017 (<i>please contact school office to book a place</i>)</li></ul>
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 2 Crystal visit to Wagamama restaurant ( <i>more info to follow after half term break</i> )

### December 2016

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	2.00pm RockSteady Concert (for those who participate in RockSteady club)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1.20pm Christmas Decoration afternoon
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friends' Christmas Fair
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	) 9.15am Whole School Christmas Production ( <i>more info. will be sent out soon</i> )
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yr 2 to watch Christmas Production at Juniors in afternoon</li><li>• Yr 2 Choir singing at St. Mary's Church</li></ul>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas Jumper Day for NSPCC</li><li>• 7.00pm Cinderella – staff pantomime</li></ul>
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm / 7.00pm Cinderella – staff pantomime
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery finishes for Christmas holidays
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9.15am Christmas Assembly at St Mary's Church – all welcome</li><li>• 1.30pm school finishes for Christmas Holidays</li></ul>
<b>January 2017</b>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day - School Closed
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School opens at 8.45am for Spring Term

