



LONG DITTON
INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER

15th July 2016

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

How marvellous you all looked in your fairytale costumes! Celebration Assembly this morning felt like being in a fairy tale world full of princesses, giants, princes, witches and dragons. Fantastic!

French and Spanish Assembly and RockSteady Assembly

Wow! Two superb assemblies demonstrating some of the many talents the children in our school have! Congratulations and very well done to all of the children for speaking/performing so eloquently – you were fabulous ☺ Thank you to Kathryn and Alice for working with the children you have been brilliant teachers.

Book Amnesty

Before the summer holidays please spend a few moments to check to see if you have any books at home that belong to school – reading books, library books, FRED books. Please bring them back so that we can replenish our stocks over the summer ready for next year ☺

Thankyou Dr. Kuhan

Dr. Kuhan came to Reception this week to show the children what happens in a wedding ceremony in the church. I know the children and the teachers loved the whole experience and will now have a greater understanding of what is involved.

Thank You Mr. Wrigglesworth

Thank you for supplying the wonderful disco for the year 2 leavers disco today! The Year 2 children, and teachers, loved it! Fabulous!

Church Walk Helpers

On the last day of term we will be walking to the church to celebrate the end of the school year. We will need helpers to walk with the children so if you are able please let your teacher know so that we can plan for classes that do not have enough people to walk with them. (Please note that you must have a DBS check.)

Food Vouchers

Michelle Talboys, our Home school Link Worker, has some food vouchers available for parents and carers for the summer holidays. These vouchers can help families purchase food over the holidays leaving some money free for holiday clubs, days out etc. If you think these would be useful for you, please contact Michelle Talboys on 07703 322066 and see if she can help.

Keyrings on Book Bags

There have been a number of incidences recently where injuries have occurred due to book bags being swung round and key rings accidentally hitting other children. For safety reasons, **we ask that keyrings on book bags are limited to ONE small one only at a time.** This will also make book bags lighter to carry and allow them to be stored more easily either in drawers under desks or hanging on pegs. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. (Please note that we may ask children to remove any extra keyrings and put them in their book bags.)

Birthday Books

Thank you to Natalia and Emma for choosing books to share with their classes.

Best Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is Opal Class with 98.7%! Congratulations!

Message from the Governors - Protection of Staff Statement

'The Governors of Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School have a duty to ensure that the school environment is as safe for adults as it is for children. Any situation arising where a member of staff feels threatened, physically or verbally, will be taken very seriously and where appropriate reported to the police.'

Message from Mrs Emmett

Last but not least, if you are going on holiday or on journeys with your children and are looking for new ways to keep them entertained and keep the conversation flowing, there are some fun ideas for word games on this website <http://speechbloguk.com/12-word-games-travelling-2/>

Thought for the week: "Don't worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try." – **Jack Canfield**

The weather forecast is sunny – have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Paines

Nursery

Our last newsletter this term and year! Time for moving forward with courage and

Please remember to bring in your Zoo form so your child can handle the animals if they wish.

Monday 18th July we have the "Zoo4You" coming in the morning and the afternoon for the children. This should be really exciting and we have been talking about the animals we might see and thinking about making little homes for some of them.



A home for a rabbit by Sophie.

The zoo animals are all used to being handled and have pet names. We are so excited!

We have been to Topaz and Ruby this week, and will visit next week as well. Next week we will be organising some animal themed activities and phonic activities, and enjoying our last few days together.☺

Please remember sun cream for the odd sunny days and a named raincoat as well, as the weather changes so quickly! Thank you.☺

Would anyone like to look after our fish Nemo and Bubbles for the summer holidays or share them between two families? I have some food blocks should you go away for a week or two. Please see one of the team if you can help.

Our LAST DAY is Wednesday 20th July (a normal day!).

We shall be holding on to the learning Journals of the children going into Ruby and Topaz classes, so their new teacher can talk it through with them. Your child will then be given their Learning Journals to take home with them.

May I take this opportunity to say: A huge thank you to all you wonderful parents and especially our class representatives and superb parent helpers, who throughout the year have not found any task too daunting!! You are real stars and a credit to your wonderful children who we shall all miss very much. However, we know they are ready for bigger and greater times ahead! Well done and thank you. You have all made this year so much more exciting for the children in Emerald and Jade class. Have a great summer everyone!

The Nursery Team ☺ ☺ ☺

Reception

The children have really enjoyed fairytale week – their costumes looked lovely! We have been writing character descriptions of a character of our choice and writing adjectives (describing words) in our sentences. We have also read lots of different traditional tales and fairytales to the children which they have really enjoyed.



We had our 'Wedding' on Wednesday afternoon, which was wonderful! The children really enjoyed it and learnt lots – all about why some people get married, why they wear rings etc. Dr. Kuhan even came in to 'marry' the children, it was very lovely. The children were also busy making flowers for bouquets and designing cakes and wedding dresses. A big thank you to Dr. Kuhan for giving up your time to come in.



Next week is Pirate Week! The children will be learning lots about pirates, and of course making pirate ships, treasure maps and Jolly Rogers. On Wednesday, the children can all come in dressed up as pirates, ready for our pirate picnic in the afternoon. Thank you very much for bringing the food in for the picnic – we know the children will have a lovely afternoon.

All work is going home next Thursday – please can you send your child in with a named carrier bag for them to put their work into. PE kits are being sent home on Tuesday.

The Reception Team ☺

Year 1

This week year 1 were so lucky to be able to watch a fantastic theatre performance based on fairy tales. In Literacy we have been planning our very own fairy tale, using adjectives to describe the main characters and the setting. In maths we have been finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of different amounts.

During skills we have been continuing our research on Hampton Court and creating fact files. We have also taken part in drama workshops based on different fairy tale characters. In ICT we have been learning to input a code in to a computer program.

Home Learning

- **Literacy** – Can you plan and create your own fairy tale?
- **Numeracy** – Finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of different amounts
- **Show and Tell group** – Hippos

Year 2

This week we have had lots of exciting treats! On Monday we had a visit from the Hobgoblin Theatre Company who put on a fantastic show of The Greatest Fairy Tale Ever Told. It was AMAZING! Both children and grown-ups had such a good time.

During Literacy we then planned our own mixed up fairy tales ready to write next week.

On Wednesday and Thursday we enjoyed our Road Safety Pedal course. We were all very sensible and learnt many important road rules. We also made gingerbread men and enjoyed decorating them.

Finally on Friday we enjoyed a trip to the Polka Theatre, paid for by the Friends, to see 'James and the Giant Peach', thank you very much Friends! And in the afternoon we have our Leavers' Disco – thank you to Mr. Wrigglesworth for coming in to do the disco – everyone had a fantastic time! (cont'd...)

In between times we have continued to practise our End of Year performance. It is really coming along nicely and we're looking forward to sharing our hard work with you next week.

Home learning: There is no home learning so instead get some early nights and enjoy lots of reading.

Friends

The current Friends committee has been working hard this last year raising money for improvements to our playground, as well as laptops, year 2 theatre trips, lunch time playground equipment and much more. We have raised an amazing £13,000. So well done and thank you to everyone who has volunteered, donated and supported all of our events. With the end of the school year drawing ever closer we need to look ahead to the next school year and form a new committee.

We will need to get this new committee in before the end of September, so if you are in any way interested to help, make new friends or just want to get a little bit more involved please come and speak to anyone on the current committee or email me samdaniell@hotmail.com for more information. All new faces will be very much welcomed.

Please don't forget our end of year night out on 20th July from 8pm at The River Hut - everyone welcome and I will be there if you want to ask any questions about the committee.

The Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Balloons: Courage

Ayşe
Myka
Luke
James D



Golden Certificates:

Wilf
Amandine
Isla C
Isla P
Daniel
Keir
Lucy B
Lola
Zarif
Lynn
Lexie

Credit Card

Ellie
Jess P
Tommy

Birthdays:

Natalia – 5
Christy – 7
Oliver C - 7

Bookworms:

Outside Achievements:

Isobel P has passed Level 1 at Gym Tots
Conrad has a Participation Award for Good Life Gymnastics and a Level 9 certificate for the British Gymnastics trampoline proficiency
Rex has achieved 20m backstroke ASA Rainbow Distance award
George has achieved Alpha Step 1 ASA Foundation award

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 2016

Wednesday 20th

- Nursery last day
- 9.15am Yr 2 Leavers' Assembly / 11.00am Rounders Match and picnic

Thursday 21st

Nursery closed

Friday 22nd

- Nursery closed
- 9.15am Church Assembly at St Mary's Church – all welcome
- Last day of term – school finishes at **1.30pm**

September 2016

Monday 5th

School Closed – Inset Day

Tuesday 6th

School Closed – Inset Day

Wednesday 7th

Start of Autumn Term for children – gate opens at 8.45am

Friends' Dates

Wednesday 20th
July

8.00pm End of Year Night out at The River Hut

