



**LONG DITTON**  
INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL  
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## **NEWSLETTER**

8th July 2016

### **LATEST NEWS**

#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

What an exciting week it has been! Congratulations to year 1 for their wonderful trip to the seaside. I know that they had a wonderful time and they were very well behaved. They thought the best part of the day was 'when the teachers got splashed by the waves!' Thank you to everyone who helped on the trip – it was a great day!



#### **Winners Again!**

Great news- La Jolie Ronde have been voted the Best National Activity for Children aged 5-12 for the third year running, in the What's On 4 Junior Awards.

#### **Reports**

You will have received your child's report this week. This is part of our annual requirement to report to parents on progress, attainment, attitude to learning and attendance. The report format this year is slightly different because the teachers have reported on a new curriculum and new end of year standards.

Progress: This grade shows how much progress your child has made throughout the year. Some children will have made good progress but achieved exceeding attainment, some children will have made exceeding progress but only met end of year expectations.

Attainment: This is based on the Early Years Foundation Stage end of year expectations for Reception and Nursery and for years 1 and 2 the new End of year Statements and the Interim Assessment Framework. The standards set by the Government for 'average' are higher this year and to show the children can meet the standards set has to be just 'yes' or 'no'.

Attitude to Learning: This is new this year and a way to show parents how motivated to learn children are.

Attendance: As well as giving you your child's attendance figures we have graded the numbers in line with national expectations. Below 90% is below government standards, 90-95 is in line with average attendance and above 95 is above the national average.

The box for parent comments is for you to write something either to your child for their future, or for us as way to record your views and thoughts. You can send us a copy if you would like but there is no requirement to do so.

The reports are new this year so I would appreciate any feedback you may have on them – what worked well and what you might like to change/improve.

#### **Fairy Tale Week**

Next week is fairy tale week and the 'Hobgoblin Theatre' will be visiting the children to tell some fairy tales. Friday will be a dress up day when your child can come dressed up as a fairy tale character.

#### **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.)

#### **Claire Shepherd 100 Mile Cycle**

Mrs. Sheppard is going to be cycling for charity (our school) 100 miles! She is in training and will complete the cycle at the end of the month. All the money she raises will be going towards our school, so when you see her on the gate on Friday mornings please see if you have any change that you could to help sponsor her. Go, go, go Mrs Sheppard – you can do it!

### **Food Vouchers**

Michelle Tallboys, 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.

### **Birthday Books**

Thank you to Christy and Mariella for choosing books to share with their classes.

### **Best Attendance**

The class with the best attendance this week is Topaz Class with 100%! Congratulations Topaz!

### **Celebration of Work and Open Evening**

Thank you to everyone who came to look at the wonderful things the children have learned over the year. I know it means a lot to them to have the time to show you!

### **Rocket Seeds**

At last we have been given the final data regarding which seeds went into space. Last week, the children watched a video by Tim Peake who revealed which seeds went into space – it was the blue seeds. You can watch this video by going to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SV6bXBt4Ug0> Conclusion: you can eat the red rocket leaves but NOT the blue rocket leaves!

### **Safe Parking Reminder**

Please remember to always park considerately and safely when parking along the road outside of school. Please be aware of adults and children before opening a car door onto the pavement. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep all children safe on their way to and from school.

**Thought for the week:** 'Try to leave everything a bit better than when you found it.' Unknown

Have a great time this weekend!

**Mrs. Paines**

### **Nursery**

The children have had a lovely week exploring the 'rainforest' and we are now painting rainforest animals using our handprints. Nursery is very excited about the three butterflies that have emerged from their cocoons this week! We also had a snake visiting, which the children loved.

Next week is Fairy Tale week and we will be reading lots of fairy tales, writing our own stories and on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July the children can come in dressed as their favourite fairy tale character.

Things to remember:

- *No baking in the mornings next week, just afternoons*
- *Please bring in kitchen rolls to make binoculars*
- *Please talk through homework with your child*
- *All library books to come back next Thursday*
- *Try to visit Kew Gardens to see the 'rainforest'*
- *Most importantly – please bring in your voluntary contribution for the 'Zoo4You' experience before Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July*

Have a great weekend.

The Nursery Team ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

### **Reception**

This week we have been thinking about our strengths and what we are good at, and also what our friends are good at and writing sentences. We have been ordering numbers to 20 and putting them onto crowns. We have also been learning about churches – the features of a church and who worships in churches.

Next week is very exciting – it is fairy tale week so we will be reading and learning about lots of different fairytales and traditional tales and writing character descriptions. We will also be learning about weddings and having our own mock wedding on Wednesday afternoon! So we will be learning about what weddings are and the different parts to the wedding and making lots of things e.g. rings, bouquets, wedding cards, wedding invitations, designing wedding dresses etc.

It is a very busy time of year at the moment and with all the transitions with the children going to Year 1 and new Reception classes, we haven't had as many Fred sessions. Please note that next Friday is going to be the last day of Fred.

We would just like to say that the children have taken the transition to Year 1 very well so far. They all seem very excited to be in a new class and to have new friends and teachers - we are very proud of them.

The Reception Team ☺

### **Year 1**

Well done to all of year 1 for being so super on our trip to Littlehampton beach! We all had a fantastic time and luckily the sunshine joined us too! Thank you so much to all of the parent helpers that assisted with the trip, we could not have done it without you! This week in Literacy we have been writing a recount of our trip to the seaside, ensuring that we put our sentences into a logical order and include adjectives. We have also been reading Fantastic Mr Fox and have been writing a poem describing the fox.

In Mathematics we have been looking at fractions and finding  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of different numbers and shapes. In Skills we have been using the internet to search for information on Littlehampton, we have been looking at the pictures and seeing if there are any areas that we recognise from our trip. We have also been developing our attacking and defending skills in P.E. In History we have been learning about famous historical places in our local area and have been finding out lots of facts about Hampton Court. In Science we have been learning that our day length varies due to different seasons.

**Show and Tell group - Monkeys**

### **Home Learning**

- *Mathematics* – Finding  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of different amounts and shapes
- *Literacy* – Writing poems – Can you think of any rhyming words to include in your poem?

### **Year 2**

In Maths this week we have been learning to compare fractions and deciding which fraction of an amount is worth more or less. For example, would you prefer to have  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a bag of 20 chocolates or  $\frac{1}{2}$  a bag of 18 chocolates? The children really enjoyed working these out. Some children also learnt that you can work out fractions using your times table knowledge instead of sharing objects into groups. Well done everybody, you worked really hard!

In Literacy we wrote a fact file about Samuel Pepys to go inside our Gold Books. Later in the week we began to fill out a booklet all about us. We worked really hard to make sure we used our best handwriting, excellent punctuation and exciting vocabulary as these will be sent to our new schools.

On Monday half of Year 2 visited Stokes Field whilst the other half enjoyed an art morning with Miss Riches. We found out about the artist Wassily Kandinsky and used his colour studies to inspire our art work.

This week we have spent a lot of time practising our Year 2 Leavers' Assembly. The children should have taken home their words to learn and practise. Please look after these as we do not have many spare sets. We have also been continuing to practise our songs, these are coming along really well.

**Home learning:** Write a letter to yourself.

### **Friends**

#### ***Ice Lollies Sale***

Don't forget we will be selling ice lollies after school on Fridays until the end of term. Each class has been given a week to man the stall so please let your class reps know if you can help.

Many thanks.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Value Balloons: Courage

Dashiell  
Ben S  
Theo  
Harry T  
Leo F  
Nadante  
Ryan



### Golden Certificates:

Harry F  
Emilia L  
Erin S (Emerald)  
Tommy  
Aiden  
Agnes  
Sophie L  
Moonstone Class  
Jasmine  
Kiara  
Lilly R  
Eleanor  
Luke  
Vincent  
Issy M  
Dylan P-C

### Credit Card

Ayşe  
Lexie

### Birthdays:

Sabina – 6  
Mariella – 6  
Tillie - 7

### Bookworms:

Conrad

### Outside Achievements:

Lola has passed her Level 5 swimming award  
Zahara was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Regan School of Music Preparatory Category  
Mariella achieved 50m backstroke Rainbow award  
Martha achieved distinction LAMDA Solo Introductory Stage One  
Emily S achieved her 400m swimming certificate  
Olivia C achieved her 20m Rainbow swimming award  
Oliver Ri was awarded White Belt – 3 Tags from Tora-Kai School of Judo  
Leo F has been awarded his yellow belt at judo, he was also given a headband as an award for the best judo throws

## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### July 2016

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

- Start of Fairy Tale week
- Yr 2 to St Mary's Juniors to watch Leavers' Play

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Hobgoblin Theatre visit

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Yr 2 Pedals/Road Safety Course - Amethyst

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

Yr 2 Pedals/Road Safety Course - Diamond

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

- Fairy Tale character dressing up day
- Yr 2 to Polka Theatre

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

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

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

Nursery closed

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

### Friends' Dates

