



# LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

24th February 2017

### LATEST NEWS

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

What an awesome assembly Moonstone Class treated us to on Thursday! You really explained about what it means to be resilient even if things are tough. If we could only fast forward a few years to see if you all achieve your aims and goals. Well done Moonstone Class 😊

#### **Time Travelling Toby**

Graham Jones, the author of Time Travelling Toby, will be coming in to school next week as part of our book week activities. Graham will conduct a workshop with the whole school and then visit all the classes. If you would like signed copy of one of Graham's books, please fill in the order form that was sent out this week and return it to the school together with your payment. Graham has spoken to me and said that he likes to write in each book the messages requested so that the children feel the books are personal to them forever.

#### **Book Character Day**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March we will be dressing up as a 'traditional book character'. The character that is chosen should be a traditional book character and should not be based on Pokemon, superheroes, films or footballers. I know that there are books about all of these things but we are trying to promote thinking about the characters represented in books. (This does also mean that Star Wars is not a traditional book and I also won't be able to come dressed as Princess Leia. This suggestion applies to all of us!)

#### **Bedtime Story Day**

Thursday will be Bedtime Story Day. The children can come to school in their pyjamas/onesie to remind us all that the bedtime story is the most important way into reading for children. We are asking for DBS checked helpers to come in to each

class and read with a small group of children between 2.30-3.00pm on Thursday afternoon—volunteer if you can! Please either speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office. As other activities will also be taking place Thursday afternoon, we are asking regular parent helpers who come in on a Thursday afternoon, not to come in next Thursday unless you want to come and read to the children at 2.30pm. Thank you.

#### **Home School Link Worker Clinic**

Michelle Talboys, our Home School Link Worker, is holding a drop in clinic next Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 2.00–3.00pm. Michelle has a wealth of knowledge about parenting and can offer advice and signposting to resources that we can't offer. If you are worried about absolutely anything to do with being a parent, or your child's growth and development pop in to the clinic for chat with Michelle. Please contact Michelle at [hslw@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:hslw@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk) or call on 07703 322066 to make an appointment.

#### **Internet Matters!**

I attended an internet safety meeting on Tuesday and one part of the meeting I feel I must share with all parents is the website <https://www.internetmatters.org/> This site helps parents to identify what devices are used in the home and how to set up parental controls on all of them. Please make a note of the website so that as your children use more and more devices that they can access the internet through, you keep them as safe as you can!

#### **Parents' Evenings**

Parent/teacher consultation evenings are on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Sign-up sheets for making an appointment with your child's class teacher are in the bike shed at drop off and pick up times. If you do not drop your child off or

pick them up, please email the school office for available appointment times.

### Attendance

The House that has the best attendance this week is Spike the Spider house with 100%! Brilliant 😊

### Birthday Books

Thank you to Joe E for choosing a birthday book to share with his class.

**Thought for the week:** "Differences of habit and language are nothing at all if our aims are identical and our hearts are open."

J.K. Rowling

### Looking forward to the ball tomorrow!

Mrs Paines

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## Nursery

Wow! what a wonderful bear time we have had! The bear pizza faces looked and tasted fantastic today! Well done mums and children! We had great fun following "The Bear Hunt" in PE this week, and everyone is moving on great steps with their sounds. Please find the homework sheet (optional) to have a go at home. We are mainly concentrating on the sounds and working on writing the letters in their name. The children had great fun looking for "The Lost Bear" in our classroom area each day.

Next week is an amazingly busy Book week! The list for each day is on the board.

**Monday:** Please bring in your favourite book with your child's name in it. We will be writing about their favourite book character.

**Tuesday:** We will be learning about Shrove Tuesday; we will be testing our skills at tossing playdough pancakes. How many can we toss in a minute? We are setting up our role play area as a theatre and will set it up with the props for one of the chosen stories.

**Wednesday:** The children will be celebrating St. David's day and will be having a go at making a daffodil. Graham Jones will be coming in to read his book "Time Travelling Toby" and getting us all

enthused about the Battle of Britain! The children will learn how to fold and make a Nelson hat.

**Thursday:** World Book Day – as we will be promoting bedtime stories, the children can come in to school in their PJ's or onesies. We are asking DBS checked parents/carers to come and read a story to small groups of children at either 11.00am or 2.30pm. Please sign up on the poster if you can do this. We will be baking fairy cakes and we can have stories in the library too! Please make sure the children are wearing warm clothes under their PJ's.

**Friday:** Dress up as your favourite book character - again, please make sure the children are comfortable and warm.

Please remember to sign up for an appointment at one of the parents' evenings being held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the appointment boards in the bike shed or contact the school office for available time slots.

Have a good rest everyone as we have a busy week ahead as you can all see!! Enjoy book week!

The Nursery Team 😊😊

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## Reception

This week we have continued with our 'Under the Sea' topic. In Literacy we thought about the parts of a fish, we painted one of our hands orange and created a handprint in a fish bowl to look just like goldfish in a tank, we then stuck the labels on. We have also written some under the sea facts that we know.

We have learnt about capacity. We estimated which container would hold the most/ least liquid and then checked for ourselves. We are now able to identify when a container is 'full', 'half full' 'nearly full' and 'empty' We have also been learning about objects that float and objects that sink. So we have been doing a lot of work with water this week, which is why some of us have been coming home with wet coats and sleeves. Next week in Maths we will be doing some Thinking activities about different animals and their habitats.

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## Reception (cont'd)

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We have read the Rainbow Fish in class this week and we have been talking about the importance of sharing.

**Next week is book week** Please remind the children to think about their favourite book and to bring it in on Monday as we will be working on this next week.

### Key Vocabulary:

- title, author, illustrator, characters, adjective

### Show and Tell group:

- We won't have show and tell as usual next week as all the children will be bringing in their favourite books to talk about. Next week we will continue show and tell with 'Squirrels'

**Please note: Ruby class have had their assembly lines sent home and Topaz class will get their's next week. Please ensure you practise these so that the children are confident.**

The Reception Team ☺

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## Year 1

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Well done to both Moonstone and Sapphire class for your fantastic assemblies over the past couple of weeks, you were true professionals.

In Literacy this week we have been looking at proper nouns and how they need a capital letter. We have then been putting this into practise by writing about our half term holidays and ensuring that names of people and places have capital letters. Year 1 have also been recapping how to use subheadings and ensuring that they put the correct information under the right heading.

In Maths we have started to look at how repeated addition can be represented as a multiplication.

In gymnastics the children have been looking at different jumps they can do with their bodies. In outdoor games we have started to look at rugby and this week we have focused on how to hold the ball and throw it on a target.

In geography the children have been discussing different types of weather and have started learning about the different symbols which represent different weathers.

In RE the children have started to think about Easter and why we have eggs at this time. The children have also shared their ideas about what they think of when they hear the word Easter.

### Home Learning:

- Can you write about where you went or would like to go to, who you have seen or who you would like to see this weekend and remember to use capital letters for proper nouns.

### Key Vocabulary:

- Multiplication, repeated addition, proper nouns, subheadings

### Show and Tell:

- Lions

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## Year 2

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This week in Maths we have been learning about the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction. Did you know that inverse means opposite? We have learnt that 3 given numbers can make 4 different number sentences. E.g. 3, 4 and 7 can make the following number sentences:  $3 + 4 = 7$ ;  $4 + 3 = 7$ ;  $7 - 3 = 4$  and  $7 - 4 = 3$ . We are learning more about this next week. We have also been using this to help practise the column method for addition and subtraction. Please help us to practise this at home as often as possible.

In Literacy we received some shocking news. Mrs Paines was planning to cancel Golden Time!!! We wrote persuasive letters asking her to change her mind. Fortunately, our letters were fantastic and we've managed to persuade her. We have also started practising reading comprehension. Please help us by talking about the stories we are reading at home.

In Science this week we've been learning about the 7 life processes. Did you know you can remember them using the anagram Mrs Gren (movement, respiration, sensitivity, growth, reproduction, excretion, nutrition)?

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## Year 2 (cont'd)

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We drew pictures of the things that give us nutrition, space for movement and growth, respiration and shelter. We've also been thinking about local habitats and the different living things that live there.

### Key vocabulary:

- inverses, column addition, column subtraction, life processes,

### Home learning:

- Please complete the maths sheet provided.

### Book week reminders:

**Monday:** Children to bring in their favourite book to school, it is important that the children remember because they will be writing a book review!

**Wednesday:** Author visiting - Please see the letter sent home if you would like to purchase one of his books.

**Thursday:** PJ/ Onesie day - Children to wear their pyjama's or onesie to school.

**Friday:** Dress up day - Children to dress up as their favourite book character. Please try to be as imaginative as possible. If you are stuck for ideas why not dress in era costume (our visiting author is talking about time travel).

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## School Office

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**Comic Relief – Red Noses:** As you are all no doubt aware Comic Relief Red Nose Day is on 24<sup>th</sup> March. We will once again be selling red noses to raise money for Comic Relief. These will be available to purchase from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March** when the year 2 children will be take them round to the classrooms in the afternoons.

**Sainsbury's ActiveKids Vouchers:** please continue to collect these and ask your children to bring them in to school and post in the special box outside the school office. Thank you.

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## Friends

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Hi all,

We actually have nothing to add to the recent ParentMails about the circus etc. - so check those for details on tickets, more to come on the Quiz, Bingo and Fair in good time. Have a great weekend!

The Friends

# ACHIEVEMENTS

## Value Stars: Love



Bella  
Carmelle  
Cerys  
Gregor  
Harrison R  
Roshan

## Golden Certificates:

Martha  
Ben T  
Keir  
Sapphire Class  
Summer  
Lola  
Dominic  
Ben S  
Alice  
Amelie B  
Moonstone Class  
Erin C  
Jake  
Lachlan  
Sophie G  
George G  
Tom S  
Isobel  
Toby

## Credit Card:

## Birthdays:

Nadante – 7  
Isla W - 5

## Outside Achievements:

Freddie SI achieved orange belt in Little Dragons martial arts. He got an A grade  
Oliver T was awarded medals for hockey and skiing  
Lucy S received a certificate for writing a '500 words' story  
Taya made her Rainbow Guide Promise this week  
Emily S was awarded Bronze Stage 1 & 2 Rookie Lifeguard certificate & badge

## DIARY DATES

### February 2017

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Friends' Spring Ball with Juniors

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Start of Book Week

### March 2017

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Author visit – Graham Jones

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

- World Book Day
- Onesie/PJ Day – Bedtime Stories

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Book character dressing up day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Start of Recycling Week

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 3.30-8.00pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

- 9.05am Yr R Ruby class assembly
- 3.30-5.00pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Yr 1 to KidZania

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

- Start of Science Week
- Living Eggs arrive

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.05am Yr R Topaz class assembly

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting – all welcome to attend

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

- Chicks depart
- Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Yr 2 Diamond class to Stokes Field

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Yr 2 Crystal class to Stokes Field

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

- Yr 2 Amethyst class to Stokes Field
- Nursery finishes for Easter Holidays

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

- 9.15am Easter Assembly at St. Mary's Church – all welcome
- 1.30pm School finishes for Easter Holidays

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Inset Day – school closed

### April 2017

3<sup>rd</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holidays

# ADVERTISEMENTS