



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

30th March 2017

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

My goodness – I can't believe it's the end of term already. What a very busy time we have all had. I know the children all need a well-earned break to spend time doing nothing and being bored! (Lots of research about at the moment about the fact that our children are not good at amusing themselves and how this can limit their creativity. Boredom is the key apparently!) Make sure you get out and about, play games, visit the park and enjoy the lovely light evenings ☺

Toys from Home

Please note that unless a teacher has specifically requested toys to be brought in from home there should be no toys brought into school. This includes Match Attack trading cards. The children cannot manage their feelings when these are lost/broken/swapped because they belong to them. It is better for these kinds of things to be a home game.

Year 2 SATS meeting

There will be a year 2 SATS meeting the first week back after half term. It will be held on Friday 21st April at 9.05am – 9.55am. The meeting will outline details of how we manage the SATS in our school, explain about 'age related expectations' and be an opportunity for you to ask questions. There will be paper copies for those parents who are unable to make the presentation.

Scouting and Biking

Please remember that the rule is 'no scouting or biking on the school premises'. This applies to younger siblings and nursery children as well.

Ensure that the children push their bikes and scooters in school.

Attendance

The House that has the best attendance this week is Colin the Cultural Caterpillar with 98.4%! Brilliant☺

Birthday Books

Thank you to Mia for choosing a birthday book to share with her class.

Squire's Garden Centre COMPETITION!

Draw a rose to celebrate St George's Day.

To celebrate St George's Day on 23rd April, Squire's Garden Centres are inviting local school children to draw or paint a rose. It can be any colour or style but must be no bigger than A4. The best ones chosen by Squire's will win a rose plant for their school and one for their garden or home! If children would like to enter this competition, their entries should be completed at home during the Easter holidays. Miss Riches will then collect entries and send to the address we've been given. Entries *must* be in school by Wednesday 19th April to be sent in time.

Please make sure that your child puts the following details on their picture:

- Name and age
- School name and town
- Nearest Squire's Garden Centre (Long Ditton)

Thought for the week:

I would like to show my appreciation to all of you for being so helpful, kind, supportive and

inspirational to us this term. You are all wonderful!
Have an amazing Easter!

Good luck!
Mrs Paines

Nursery

What amazing superstars the children were in their Easter Hat Parade! With very little stage practise they did the actions for all their songs to parents and carers! We were very proud of them, and parents, they are a real credit to you all!

The children really enjoyed their last day as the Easter Bunny did come, and we found lots of eggs that we shared out with Reception. We even found a giant golden egg!

We learnt about the Easter Story for Christians, and went through the last of our sounds for this term: q, x and z.

Please find the sounds in your 'Easter homework' pack. This is all optional and you can just have a go at the patterns and go on some sound walks, 'spot the letter sound...', or 'I spy' with your child.

Next term we are focusing on 'Transport'; so if you have time maybe go to the Transport Museum, or for a trip on a train or a bus and observe what happens when you travel on them.

We are constantly watching to see our tadpoles grow and a big thank you to Shahmeer and family for looking after our tadpoles.

Thank you to Jake and family for looking after our fish Nemo and Bubbles for the Easter holidays.



Coming Up:

Tuesday 25th April is class photos day: as all the class photographs will be taken in the morning, please can Jade class children come in at 9.00am on 25th April for their class photo. This should take approx. 15 minutes and we ask that parents/carers please wait to take your child home once the photo has been taken. Thank you.

All that is left to say is: "Happy Easter" to all you wonderful families! 😊 Have a great holiday and see you all on the 18th April for an exciting term of Transport'.

The Nursery Team 😊😊😊

Reception

This has been a short, exciting week getting ready for Easter! We have done lots of fun Easter activities like word searches, colouring, making Easter baskets etc. We continued to learn about the Easter story and why Christians celebrate Easter.

On Wednesday we went on a very exciting Easter egg hunt and found lots of eggs that had been left for us by the Easter bunny! We filled up our baskets with the eggs we had found and shared. We spent a long time practising our Easter song 'Plant a Little Seed.' I'm sure you will agree that the children did a fantastic job of singing the song with the actions in the Church on Thursday.

The first week back we will be writing a recount of our Easter holidays – you could talk to the children about their favourite part of their Easter holidays. In maths, we will be learning to half amounts by sharing equally between 2. In ICT, we will be continuing to develop our ICT skills by painting a picture on a programme called 2PaintAPicture, focussing on our mouse skills.

The children have been sent home with some Easter home learning to continue to practise their writing and numbers over the Easter holidays. Please return these for the first week back to receive a sticker!

Key vocabulary:

- halving, sharing, equal amounts, recount (re-telling) – diary, computer, mouse.

Show and tell group:

- 'Hedgehogs' – something that reminds them of a celebration

We hope you all have a lovely, relaxing Easter break and eat lots of yummy chocolate!

The Reception Team 😊

Year 1

This week in literacy we have been writing our own version of the familiar story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We have been thinking about ways to make our stories exciting by adding conjunctions and adjectives. In Maths we have been recapping our skills and applying them to different situations. We have also been recapping positional language and number patterns. We had a great day on Monday filled with Art where the children made some lovely Easter cards and hats.

We are sure that you will agree that year 1 did a lovely job singing in the church, 'Spring Chicken' is one of our favourites!

We hope you have a lovely Easter break and get some well-deserved rest.

Home Learning:

- Practise your days of the week spelling and your writing, making sure you use capital letter, full stops and adjectives.
- For Maths please recap money with the children – ordering coins from most to least, how many different ways can you make a certain amount of money?

Show and Tell: Hippos

Year 2

This week we have all enjoyed amazing trips to Stokes Field. It was great to see the how the area has changed since our winter visit (and not just the weather!).

In Literacy we have been learning to use punctuation correctly. We have been looking at passages of writing with missing punctuation and deciding what should go and where it needs to be in the sentence.

In Maths we have been learning to divide on a blank number and fill in missing numbers on number lines going up in different sequences.

I'm sure you will all agree that the children showcased their amazing learning by playing the recorders beautifully in the church.

We hope you have a lovely break and enjoy lots of chocolate treats!

Key Vocabulary:

- Divide, number line, sequence, punctuation

Home Learning:

- Please complete the Maths activities for home learning.

Reminder – Could you please provide your child with an old black sock (to be put in their book bags) for the first week back. Many thanks

School Office

Comic Relief: We raised £452.30 for Comic Relief. Thank you to everyone who bought red noses and made a contribution.

Friends

No news this week!

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Appreciation



Jack D
Jasper
Florence
Elliot B
Isla P
Sam S

Golden Certificates:

Freddie Sl
Sam W
Jack W
Sophie G
Kaitlin
Phillip
Harry S
Rex
Lucy S
Jessica B
Ellie
Tanya
Jade Class
Emerald Class

Credit Card:

Gregor Deakin

Birthdays:

Alexander G – 7
Mia – 7
Taya – 7
Julia – 6
Poppy H – 4
Fraser – 6
Jessica - 7
Aimee - 6

Outside Achievements:

Carlos was award stage 2 ASA Learn to Swim
Georgina was awarded her 10m front crawl certificate
Edward completed his first Junior Park run on Sunday in a time of 13minutes 9 seconds

DIARY DATES

March 2017

Friday 31st

Inset Day – school closed

April 2017

3rd - 17th April

Easter Holidays

Tuesday 18th

Return to school/nursery at 8.45am for the Summer Term

Friday 21st

- School Nurse – 4+ screening (Yr R)
- 9.05am Yr 2 parents/carers SATS meeting

Tuesday 25th

Class Photographs

Thursday 27th

6.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting

May 2017

Monday 1st

May Bank Holiday – school closed

Thursday 4th

Polling day – school closed (school used as polling station)

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / Advertisements

Elmbridge Museum Family Fun Event

– Cracking Coding –

Saturday 22 April

at Hersham Village Hall, Queens Road, Hersham KT12 5LT
from 2.00pm to 4.30pm

Come along to crack codes and create your own abacus. Coding is a great way to help children become active rather than passive users of technology. Children will get the chance to explore the life of Ada Lovelace, the world's first computer programmer and a resident of Elmbridge and then have a cracking time doing coding. **Charge of £1.50 per child. More information at <http://bit.ly/2cQeBtI>**



The Surbiton & District Bird Watching Society is leading

GUIDED BIRD WALKS IN THE WOODLAND GARDENS, BUSHY PARK on

Sunday 9th April 2017

Walks for adults and children lasting 45 minutes each
will start hourly from the Pheasantry Car Park at:

9.30 am
10.30 am
11.30 am
12.30 pm

The Woodland Garden is an ideal place to learn to identify some of the many birds that feed and breed in the Park including Woodpeckers, Finches, Tits, Thrushes, Warblers, Ducks, and many more. Free guided walks for all the family will be led by experienced members of the Surbiton & District Bird Watching Society. Beginners are welcome and there will be a bird quiz for children. Binoculars will be available for loan.

For more details contact:

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See our website at:
www.surbitonbirds.org

Scales & Tales Performing Arts Workshops Long Ditton Village Hall

Music & Drama workshops for children from 4 to 6 years.
Workshops include using different musical instruments, the fundamental elements of music, role play, mime, catchy songs, fun actions, imaginative themes, improvisation, breathing techniques and projection, confidence games and lots more.
45 minutes every week on Wednesday's at 3.45pm at Long Ditton Hall KT6 5LE. Sign up to five workshops and get the first workshop free. Sessions start on the 26th April until the 24th May and restart on the 7th June until the 12th July.
Please reserve your place by the 21st of April. Limited spaces are available due to popular demand.
Payment can be made by transfer, cheque or cash. Contact Kelly Hart on 07779-637408 or email khar1234@icloud.com for more details. Please visit our website at www.scalesandtales.org for further details about workshops, children's parties and performing arts tuition.