



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER

#### 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Today Miss Ruddick is leaving to have her baby! I know you will all join with me to say good luck and that she will be missed greatly. Miss Ruddick has promised to let us know as soon as she can whether she has a boy or a girl and to come back and visit us all with her bundle of joy. Mrs Riordan and Mrs Measures will be taking over Moonstone Class from Monday. Good luck Miss Ruddick ☺

### **Toys in School**

Please make sure that your child does not bring in toys from home unless specifically asked to by their teachers. Some children are bringing in Rubik's cubes, fiddle spinners, Match Attack cards and yo-yos. The challenge we have is that we cannot be held responsible for any damage, loss or theft. The children also find it difficult to share their toys from home and this can cause arguments and disagreements. Any toys brought in from home will be confiscated and kept by the teacher until the end of the day. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **NSPCC – Net Aware**

In our school parliament this month we asked the children what they know about being safe when using the internet. It is clear that they do know lots of things about how to keep safe, for example: only go on the internet if a grown up is with you, if you see something you don't like click on the dolphin or the cross, don't give out your name and details. We must still be vigilant however because some of the things they wanted to find out are how to be safe when chatting on the internet and how to use Facebook safely. (Please remember that you have

to be at least 13 to use FaceBook). The NSPCC have released some further help and guidance about online safety in the 'Net Aware' campaign. You can access the site <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> and another good site is their 'Share Aware'

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/share-aware.pdf>. This is a simple guide for parents to follow. The main thing I believe we all need to remember is that when they are playing an online game with other people, those people may not be who they say they are! Be aware and be careful.

### **Squires Rose Winners!**

Congratulations to Sam S for winning the Draw a Rose competition! Squires said that his design was 'very tricky' and he came first out of 'hundreds' of entrants. They also said to congratulate Kiara whose design was 'highly recommended'. Well done both and everyone who entered.

### **Attendance and Penalty Notices**

You may have seen in the news that the father who took the council to court because he wanted to take his child out of school during term time lost his case. Surrey County Council have issued all heads in Surrey revised guidance now on term time absence. The main part of which states that 'pupils are expected to attend school 100% of the time' and that we must 'issue penalty notices for 5 or more days unauthorised leave of absence.' For us this means that **any absence request of 5 or more days, regardless of the level of attendance, will attract a penalty notice.** Holidays are not considered to be an 'exceptional circumstance' and now if an absence is unauthorised due to a

holiday I will have to refer the family for a penalty notice. Also any unauthorised absence over a period of 6 weeks of 5 days or more will also need to be referred to Surrey for a Penalty notice. Please note that the money for these fines does not come to the school but goes to Surrey County Council.

### Spring Fair 20<sup>th</sup> May

Preparations are well underway for the Spring Fair! This year the theme is 'the Wild West!' I have been very privileged to hear some of the exciting things the Friends have got planned. Oh my goodness – you are all in for a real treat! Ye-Ha!

### Attendance

The House that has the best attendance this week is Maisie the Moral Mouse with 96%! Well done!😊

### Birthday Books

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

### Circus Antics

A massive thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped at the circus. What a super evening that was. Thank you to the Friends for organising this event again this year. Isla came to tell me that she thought 'it was the funniest thing ever!' and had I seen the silly clown laughing, and what about Mr Gumbrell with the bucket on his head? The children loved it – thank you 😊

**Thought for the week:** Only good comes from being honest and true. Only harm and suffering come from falsehood. It doesn't always feel as if good comes from truth and honesty, but, in the long run, it does.

- [Jonathan Lockwood Huie](#)

**Have a brilliant weekend 😊**

**Mrs Paines**

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## Nursery

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The children were focused and excited these few days and learnt to create boats and test if they floated or sank and why. Was it the materials used or the size, shape? One child discovered there was a gap in his boat that stopped it from floating. The children were problem solving and predicting, as well as having fun racing their boats. In PE we

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started to learn the skills for their sports day. This will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 9.15 - 10.00am and will take place in the school playground. All Nursery parents and carers are welcome to come and watch. More information about this event will be sent home in a separate letter.

Next week we will be focusing on the rhyme for writing our phonic sounds (down Maisie mountain mountain); we will be counting and sorting ordinal numbers; and using our phonic skills to write a message in a bottle. Time and weather permitting, we will be digging up our bulbs and adding more soil to our planting area and preparing the soil for planting vegetables. We will be attempting to clear out and reset our 'wormery' as it needs new soil. Any parents (with a DBS check) able to come in and help with this are more than welcome. Is anyone who works in transport able to come in and talk to the children?

Next week in baking, we will be making orange boats using half an orange and jelly. We have a lovely volunteer who is going to come in and bake for Jade class. Her name is Janet Saddler.

If you are out and about with your child over the next few days and take the bus, car, or train, please remember to record this on your homework sheet or any other sheet or postcard. It is to get the children thinking about different ways of travelling and looking at wheels in the past and today. I am going on a birthday treat to Harry Potter World and will be flying on a Firebolt! Hopefully! Wow! That's the way to travel!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Nursery Team.

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## Reception

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This week we have continued our topic about growth. We have begun to plant our seeds in our bottles and will hang them up outside to watch them grow. In Maths we focused on non-standard measures. We used cubes to measure various classroom objects. We estimated how long they were going to be first and then we checked to see if we were right. In our gold books we used our measuring skills to estimate and measure various plant pictures. We have also learnt the properties of a cone. .../cont'd

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## Reception (cont'd/...)

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In Literacy we wrote sentences about pictures completely independently. We used pictures of things we were interested in such as Star Wars, My Little Pony, Frozen and Cars and tried to remember to independently use full stops, capital letters and finger spaces in our writing.

Next week we will begin to make our growing wall display. The children will each help to make a collage of a growing flower to include the roots. The children will also each make a booklet to describe how to grow a plant.

In Maths we will be using the weighing scales to weigh various classroom objects and estimate and then check which ones are heavier and lighter.

We will continue to plant our seeds next week so please bring in an empty plastic bottle for your child to do this if you haven't done so already.

The 3D shape we will focus on next week will be a sphere. We will talk about the properties of a sphere and discuss where else the children may have seen a sphere shape before.

Next week we will also be thinking about things we are good at and things our friends are good at

### Key vocabulary:

- capital letter, finger space, full stop, weight, heavy, light, heavier, lighter estimate, growing, growth, sunlight, water, soil, plant, sphere, face, edge, corner.

### Show and tell group:

- 'Badgers' – something that is a sphere, cone or a cube shape that they have found at home

The Reception Team ☺

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## Year 1

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This week the children have been sorting and classifying objects in Maths. They have also been finding  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of shapes and have been using different coins to make different amounts. The children have also been completing maths programs on the laptops and finding doubles and halves of numbers. In Literacy the children have been using conjunctions to join sentences

together. We have also been practising cursive writing to join our letters.

In P.E. the children have been developing their ball skills, learning how to pass and receive a ball with a partner. The children really enjoyed their Africa day creating their very own sunset pictures, African jewellery and African music. Thank you so much to all of the parents that volunteered to come and help with our Africa day!

### REMINDER!

Next week the children will be making their own footballs to use in school. They will be using newspaper and carrier bags to create them the same way that some children in Africa do. Please bring in any unwanted **newspapers and carrier bags** next week.

### Home Learning:

- Continue finding out interesting facts about Africa.
- **Literacy** – Can you write sentences using conjunctions to join your clauses together?
- **Maths** – Can you use different coins to make different amounts of money up to £1?

**Show and Tell group:** Elephants

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## Year 2

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This week in Literacy we have read the book 'The Snail and the Whale'. Based on this we wrote descriptive sentences about character and letters to the whale using commas in a list.

In Maths we have been using estimation to check whether a calculation could be correct. For example –  $42 + 45 = 77$  I know this isn't correct because 4 tens add 4 tens would make 8 tens which means 77 is too small to be the answer.

We have also been coding in ICT and developing our sketching skills by looking carefully at different 'Amazing Animal' patterns.

### Key Vocabulary:

- commas, description, adjective, estimation, calculation

### Homework:

- can you find out information about the amazing animals in the pictures?

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## School Office

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**Sainsburys ActiveKids Vouchers:** please continue to bring these in – we can accept them until the end of June. Thank you.

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## Friends

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We had a great time at the Circus and made over £2,200 for the school! (and the same for the Juniors too!) Looking forward to having them back in a couple of years.

**Spring Fair:** we tried to make this event a little bigger than usual - lots of fun for everyone and lots to organise! We're having a Wild West themed fancy dress competition on the day, with prizes for the top three children's costumes and for the best dressed adult.

We are lucky enough to have a reptile/animal show giving two performances; children will have a chance to hold snakes, reptiles and small rodents with the help of Ranger Stu. There will be no charge for this, although we would ask parents for a small donation of 50p per child on admission to the fair. We have some fun stalls too, which will need generous contributions:

- **Teddy Tombola - next Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
If you have any good quality but no longer wanted teddies, please would you bring to school at drop off on Thursday 11th May.
- **Lucky Cups:** two empty cups will be sent out on Friday 12th May. Please would you fill with party bag filler type toys and sweets, wrap in paper or tissue paper and **return to school at drop off on Wednesday 17th May.**
- **Raffle Tickets**  
Two books of raffle tickets will be in your child's book bag on Friday 12th May for you or extended family members to purchase. Please return to the black box outside the office. There are some great prizes this year.

- **Bottle Tombola Mufti Day – Friday 19th May**  
In exchange for bringing a bottle, your child can come to school in mufti (non-uniform) on Friday 19th May.
- **Teachers' Cafe - cake request 19th May**  
The teachers are kindly running a cafe at the fair. We would ask for donations of cakes and biscuits (made or bought equally well received!) to be brought to school at drop off on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.
- **Posh Tombola prizes**  
We really need prizes for our Tombola e.g. unwanted toiletry sets, offers of beauty treatments etc. would be much appreciated. Please would you pass to Sam Hooke or drop into the office.

Thanks everyone for your continued support.  
Have a great weekend

Please try and sign up to <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/> and log in when you shop online so we can get free money!

Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Value Stars: Honesty



Callum  
Ava D-F  
Adam  
Dominic  
Daniel  
Joe  
Phillip

### Golden Certificates:

Quentin  
Estelle  
Zuzanna  
Samuel K  
Rohan  
Amelie O'S  
Hope  
Daniel  
Sam S  
Keir  
Dylan  
Luke  
Nate  
Natalie  
Theo  
Millie  
Florence

### Credit Card:

Kiara

### Birthdays:

Harriet – 6  
Zuzanna – 4  
Eloise – 5  
Scarlett H – 7  
Hattie - 5

### Outside Achievements:

Natalia has completed 50 Park Runs and has received her ultra-marathon wrist band.  
Lucy W achieved ASA Learn to Swim Award Stage 3.  
Phillip achieved ASA Learn to Swim Award Stage 2.  
Nate and Amandine have "excellently ridden a Victorian Penny Farthing with style and skill."  
Natalie was 'Rainbow of the Week'.

## DIARY DATES

### May 2017

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 1 visit to Victoria Park
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Nurse – Yr R 4+ screening (by parental consent only)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friends' Summer Fair
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.15-10.00am Nursery (Emerald & Jade) Sports event in playground
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	School finishes at 3.05pm for half term break
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School closed – half term break

### June 2017

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return to school at 8.45am</li> <li>• Yr 2 visit to Aegon Trophy Tennis tournament</li> <li>• Yr 1 parents invited to lunch</li> <li>• Start of Golden Boot Challenge</li> </ul>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm New Nursery Parents' Information Meeting
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	School closed – polling day for General Election
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr R visit to Bockett's Farm</li> <li>• Yr 2 Great Fire of London drama workshop</li> </ul>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr 2 Great Fire of London drama workshop</li> <li>• Whole school picnic lunch</li> <li>• 7.00pm New Year R Parents' Information Meeting</li> </ul>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start of Sports &amp; History Week</li> <li>• 9.15am Yrs R, 1 &amp; 2 Sports Event at St. Mary's Junior school</li> </ul>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wear Sports clothes to school
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery closed – new children visit</li> <li>• New Yr R Ruby class visits</li> </ul>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	New Yr R Topaz class visits
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 2 Induction morning at LD St. Mary's Juniors
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm Parent Helper Tea Party

## EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school)

### **LDRA Spring Public Meeting**

Is being held

*Date:* Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May

*Venue:* St Mary's Junior School

*Time:* 8.00pm

All EBC councillors will be present.