



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

### NEWSLETTER

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

## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

This week I would like to begin by relaying a message to you all from Nikki, one of our Serving Staff. Nikki came to see me to say that the children had been very polite this week because they all said please and thank you. Take a moment to say well done to your child for demonstrating how being polite and remembering their manners makes a massive difference! Well done children 😊

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

Next week is the Summer fair and FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> May will be a 'Bottle Mufti' day. We can all come to school in 'non-uniform' clothes in exchange for bringing a bottle for the Bottle Tombola. The Spring Fair is one of the most important money raising events run by the Friends and I am sure I don't need to tell you that schools need all the financial help we can get at the moment. The theme this year is the Wild West – yee ha! It's just so exciting!

### **Sun Lotion**

Please remember that it is parents' responsibility to put sun lotion on their child before they come to school. We do not keep sun lotion in school, nor should the children bring in their own to put on themselves or others. We did trial having a sun lotion basket in the classrooms but it resulted in the children applying too much cream until they were white, and they couldn't help sharing their sun lotion with others. As the weather (hopefully) gets warmer we will provide shade under the trees and also open one of the Reception classrooms at lunchtime for the children to play quietly in.

### **Water Bottles and Rain Coats**

As well as sun lotion in the hot weather it is very important that the children have water bottles in order to stay hydrated. If you haven't got one but would like one for your child, we do have a few spare in the office. Please speak to one of the office staff.

I hope that we won't need rain coats but please make sure that your child comes to school every morning with a rain coat, even on a sunny day. This week lots of children were outside in the rain and got wet because they didn't have a rain coat or coat to wear.

### **Attendance**

The House that has the best attendance this week is Maisie the Mouse! Congratulations to all of Maisie Mouse House 😊

### **Birthday Books**

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

**Thought for the week:** The very spring and root of honesty and virtue lie in good education. - Plutarch

**Have a fabulous weekend 😊**

**Mrs Paines**

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## Nursery

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Now that the weather is improving, we have been working hard at collecting our bulbs and preparing our soil for planting tomatoes, carrots and peas, that the children have asked for.

We have been looking at the number of letters in our name and fixing these together using a hole punch and treasury tags to represent the couplings that fix train carriages together. In PE we are working on our skills for sports day; this will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 9.15am to 10.00am. This will take place in the school playground and all parents and carers are welcome. Please leave your child at the nursery door as usual and wait in the playground area at the front of the school for the side gate to be opened to the main playground where the sports will take place. Jade class children should also be brought to the nursery door at 9.00am. Please could your child bring in a recyclable bottle of water with their name on it to drink during the sports morning. Please make sure your child wears sun cream and a sun hat on that day, along with their team colour T-shirt - thank you. ☺

As the weather is getting warmer and hopefully sunnier, please would you make sure that your child comes to school wearing sun cream and brings a named sun hat - thank you. We cannot keep sun cream for your child due to risk of allergies and for safety reasons. The sun cream should last the whole session.

Next week we will continue to focus on the rhyme for writing our phonic sounds (lift off the top and scoop out the egg!). We will be counting and sorting ordinal numbers and using our phonic skills to write a message in a bottle. In maths, we will be focusing on shapes in the environment. We will also be attempting to clear out and reset our "wormery" as it needs new soil in it.

For baking we will be creating traffic light biscuits, please sign up outside nursery if you can help with baking and have a DBS check. We have a lovely volunteer who is going to come in to bake for Jade class; thank you very much Janet for helping

Salima this week with the orange boats, and Sam for helping with the library. ☺

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. This week's homework is recording traffic you see outside your home, whilst out in the car or on the bus. Please talk about making a tally chart or write the numbers if they prefer. There is also a shape hunt to look for colour in the shapes you find around your home or when you are out and about.

Please could we make a request for the following recycled materials to create specific types of boats:

- Corks, clean egg boxes, large plastic or metal lids from containers, and clean clear plastic bottles.

Have a great weekend everyone!

The Nursery Team ☺☺☺

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## Reception

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This week we have begun our growth wall display. The children each made a petal for a giant flower that we put on the wall, and helped to make the collage for the rest of the flower.

In Literacy we started to write our instruction booklets and used our sounds to write the words we needed. We also used full stops, capital letters and finger spaces in our writing.

We have been doing some writing for our Gold Books this week. We wrote about what we are good at and what our friends are good at.

In Maths we used the weighing scales to weigh various classroom objects and estimated and checked which was heavier and lighter out of the chosen objects.

Next week we will be thinking about 'Time' in Maths and what different things we do at different times within our daily routine.

In Literacy we will continue to write our instruction books for how to grow a plant.

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

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In RE we will be learning how we can help look after our world, the children will be making a promise to try and do something at home that helps the world we live in.

In Art we are going to be creative with different media and make a flower.

Next week our 3D shape of the week will be a pyramid. You could help at home by looking out for pyramid shapes in the environment and discussing their properties

### Key vocabulary:

- capital letter, finger space, full stop, time, morning, lunch time, afternoon, bed time, flower, petal, colour, growing, growth, sunlight, water, soil, plant, pyramid, face, edge, corner.

### Show and tell group:

- 'Mice' – something that is special to them for a particular time of day.

The Reception Team ☺

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## Year 1

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This week the children have been continuing to focus on their 'Africa' topic across a range of subjects. In Literacy, we have been writing diary entries and imagining we are David Livingstone discovering Victoria Falls. We have been using first person 'I' in our writing, and including adjectives and connectives too. We have also focused on using prefixes in our writing, to understand how adding 'un' to the beginning of a verb changes its meaning. In Maths we have continued to look at Time and apply our knowledge to solve problems. The children have also been introduced to measurement; one lesson was focused on comparing the weight of different objects, and the other was comparing the capacity of different containers.

During skills we found out about the human and physical features of Kenya in Geography, and in Science we have been sorting animals into different groups.

### Home learning:

- **Literacy** – Can you write sentences using conjunctions? Because, so, if, although, and.
- **Maths** – Finding out more about different measurements and capacities of different objects.

**Show and Tell group:** Lions

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## Year 2

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What a busy week! In Literacy we have been writing to persuade someone else to change their opinion. The children were asked – 'Should animals ever be kept in zoos?'. They had to write a letter to a friend to persuade them to change their opinion using persuasive phrases and questions.

In Maths we have been looking at properties of 3D shapes and how many faces, corners and vertices each shape has.

We have used mixed media to create different amazing animals in Art and used the programme 2Animate to create a short animation on the laptops in ICT. In PSHE we created flags unique to use to symbolise things that are important and special to us.

### Key Vocabulary:

- persuade, opinion, 3D shape, vertice, edge, face

### Homework:

- name and describe the properties of 3D shapes.
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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.

*For Friends' News about the Spring Fair – see next page.*

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## Friends

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Hope everyone is working hard on their Wild West costumes for the Spring fair! We're having a Wild West themed fancy dress competition for adults and children, no one is left out!

Each class has been assigned a stall to run, if you are able to spare half an hour on the day, please let your class rep know. We are always looking for helpers to make the day run smoothly.

On the next page are reminders of the things we need, and the dates for the coming week.

- **Lucky Cups - return weds 17th May**  
Two empty cups were sent out on Friday 12th May. Please would you fill with party bag filler type toys and sweets, wrap and return to school at drop off on Wednesday 17th May.
- **Raffle Tickets**  
Two books of raffle tickets were sent home with the lucky cups on Friday 12th May for you or extended family members to purchase. Please return via the black 'Office Post' box. There are some great prizes this year.
- **Bottle Tombola Mufti day- 19th May**  
In exchange for bringing a bottle, your child can dress in mufti (non-uniform) on Friday 19th May.
- **Teachers Café - cake request 19th May**  
The teachers are kindly running a café at the fair. We 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. Unwanted toiletries 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.

Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Value Stars: Honesty



Monique  
Alice  
Lucy W  
Louis B  
Yanis  
Kaitlin

### Golden Certificates:

Parth  
Issy  
Sebastian T  
Max P  
Lynn  
Zac T  
Alexander  
Mehreen  
Max W  
Poppy H  
Mariella  
Dylan C  
Holly  
Robin  
Lara

### Credit Card:

Samuel K  
Natalie  
Luke  
Dylan P-C  
Keir

### Birthdays:

Edward C – 6  
Sophie S – 6  
Oliver T – 7  
Mehreen - 4

### Outside Achievements:

Lola achieved 100m breast stroke Rainbow award.  
Harry was awarded ASA Grade 1 Water Skills certificate  
Tom H was Player of the Week U6 Rugby, and played in his first rugby tournament  
Lara was awarded her first Rainbow badge for attending the Rainbow's 30<sup>th</sup> Teddy Bear picnic  
Amelie was awarded a trophy for 'Rainbow of the Week'  
Betty was awarded her Rainbow badge for attending the Rainbow's 30<sup>th</sup> Teddy Bear picnic  
Felicity was awarded a Blue Peter badge  
Leo was awarded ASA swimming certificate for completing Spring term 2017  
Heidi was awarded ASA Stage 3 Learn to Swim award  
Oliver R received Player of the Week football trophy and was selected for the Junior Development Squad at Gymnastics

## DIARY DATES

### May 2017

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mufti day (non uniform day) in return for a bottle donation for the bottle tombola.</li> <li>• School Nurse – Yr R 4+ screening (by parental consent only)</li> </ul>
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friends' Spring 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>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Esher fire station visiting Yr R
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.