



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

19th May 2017

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

We are officially a **GOLD HEALTHY SCHOOL!!** I received notification from Surrey yesterday that our hard work and the NSPCC Pants project introduced this year has contributed to us achieving the Gold Standard. I would like to thank Miss Ruddick for all her dedication as the PSHE leader in leading the project over the last two years. To be Gold is a very high accreditation and is one way we can see that we are really trying to make a difference to the health of our children. Well done everyone ☺



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It's the Spring Fair tomorrow!

Hope to see ya'll there? (Please note that the Sherriff has requested that all guns are forbidden and will have to be handed over at the gate before entering our property.) Thank you to everyone who has offered to help at the fair. Whether it's organising, making, sticking, arranging, finding prizes or judging thank you from all the children and the staff for just being absolutely brilliant.

FRED book returns

This is a request on behalf of all the teachers in school. The children are not returning their Fred

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books on time. The children who take home a book should always keep it in their book bags to be used the next day. They should return it after the weekend to their teachers so that they can be put back into the Fred books for the whole school. Lots of people are not returning the Fred books and this impacts on the other Fred groups. Please, please, please make sure they come back!

Home School Link Worker Clinic

Michelle Tallboys, our Home School Link Worker, is holding this terms clinics on Friday 9th June 9.00am–11.00am. Michelle is able to help and offer advice on a range of parenting issues such as not eating, behaviour and toileting – to name but a few. If you are worried or concerned about anything to do with being a parent and the well-being of your child please book an appointment by contacting Michelle at HSLW@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk

Change

As the final part of our school year rapidly approaches I would just like to say a few things about change. Change is something that we all have to deal with in life and helping children to deal with change in a positive way is going to be very important to them. Ways that you can help your child to feel positive about the changes that will happen over time could be to remind them of the things that are not changing, to point out the positives of the changes, to speak excitedly about all the new things they will experience or to listen to and ask them about their feelings and suggest ways for them to manage their feelings. Change is a good thing for all of us if we are to keep

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progressing, growing and learning. As Walt Disney said 'without change there would be no butterflies!'

Special Weeks

After half term we are going to be very busy with some special weeks. We will be taking part in Feeling Good Week, having a Sports and History week and a Multi-Cultural week at the end of term. It would be really wonderful to have special visitors come to talk/work with the children. If you think you could work with the children in any area of our special weeks, please come and see me. (You will need to be DBS checked.) Having different adults talking and working with the children makes the learning even better.

Attendance

The House that has the best attendance this week is Spike the Spiritual Spider - Congratulations to all of the Spiders 😊

Birthday Books

Thank you to Isaac, Reuben, and Zachary L for choosing a birthday book to share with their classes.

Thought for the week: *Always be completely honest. You really only have your character when it comes right down to it, and honesty is the quickest way to determine your character. Live in such a way that you can be completely honest and be willing to accept the responsibility that being completely honest will bring.* George Washington

Yee Ha cowboys! See you at the Spring Fair 😊
Mrs Paines

Nursery

Despite a generally wet week we have had good fun in our garden area! We have nearly completed all the weeding and will now put the new soil in and plant our vegetables; the rain helped us with the hard soil. We had a great snail race and the children are now a lot happier picking up snails! We have also had great fun jumping in puddles and

'squelching' in our very muddy digging pit area, thinking of the story 'The Bear Hunt'! We apologise if anyone got a little too muddy, but the children really enjoyed themselves.

Wednesday 24th May from 9.15-10.00 am is our Sports Day. The sports morning will take place in the school playground and all parents, carers and siblings are welcome. If it is raining hard the sports morning will be cancelled and rescheduled for another day. Please leave your child at the nursery door as usual and wait in the playground area at the front of the school for the gate to be opened to the main playground. Please bring Jade class children to the nursery door at 9.00 am. Please could your child bring in a recyclable bottle of water with their name on it to drink during the sports morning. Please also make sure your child wears sun cream and a sun hat on that day, along with their coloured team t-shirt, thank you. 😊

As the weather is getting warmer, please could you make sure that your child comes into nursery wearing sun cream and bring a named sun hat if it is sunny, thank you. We cannot keep sun cream for your child due to risk of allergies and 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 (slither down the snake!). We will be threading beads and sequencing patterns by colour or shape. We will continue to focus on 2D shapes and shapes in the environment. We will be attempting to clear out and reset our 'wormery' as it needs new soil in it. Are there any mums or dads able to come in next week and help with this?

We have started talking about Noah's Ark, the Bible Story. We will be thinking about counting the animals into the ark in 2's and naming the wild animals. Which ones are wild animals? We will also be sorting out animals. We will talk about how water goes up and down when you put something heavy into it and take it out again.

We will be baking traffic light biscuits or transport biscuits. Please sign up outside nursery if you can help with baking and have a current DBS certificate. Cont'd/...

Nursery (.../cont'd)

This week's homework is optional - patterns to strengthen their pencil grip, and some simple addition.

Please could I make a request for some recycled materials to create our space station in the role play area after half term. Anything shiny or related to space and rockets. Maybe a visit to the Science Museum during the half term holiday would be fun if you have time.

Vocabulary:

- Various boats; hull, mast, sail, wild animals, the Ark, Noah, 2 by 2, counting to 10/20/ counting in 2's, water displacement, digging, planting, carrot seeds, tomato seeds, peas, potatoes, trowel, and fork.

See you all at the fair on Saturday! Yee ha!

Have a great weekend everyone!

The Nursery Team 😊😊😊

Reception

This week in Literacy we have continued with our instruction booklets on 'How a seed grows' remembering our finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.

In Maths we have been learning about 'Time', specifically the things we do at different times of the day.

In Art we were very creative and independently created flowers with the materials that were set out for us. They look amazing!

In RE we made a 'promise' to do something at home that will help look after our world.

Next week in Literacy we will be focusing on writing descriptive sentences and trying to think of amazing adjectives. We will also continue with our 'How a seed grows' instruction booklet.

In Maths we will be leaning how to count on from a number, first practically and then writing number sentences. The 3D shape we are learning about next week will be 'Cylinder'.

In 'understanding of the world' we will be taking part in an investigation to see where plants grow the best.

In moving and handling/maths we will be having lots of fun giving instructions to our Bee Bot robots.

In music we will be choosing instruments to play that remind us of 'growing'.

Key vocabulary:

- capital letter, finger space, full stop, investigation, flower, petal, colour, growing, growth, sunlight, water, soil, plant, curve, face, forward, backward, right, left, xylophone, triangle, rainmaker.

Show and tell group:

- 'Hedgehogs' – something you can give instructions for or a set of instructions.

The Reception Team 😊

Year 1

This week the children have been finding out about non-fiction text in Literacy. We have been brainstorming ideas and writing sentences in Literacy about why we should visit Africa. First we created mind maps with three subheadings (Top 3 Adventures, Amazing Animals, Similarities/Differences between Long Ditton and Africa), then put our ideas into a Holiday Brochure format and then went on to writing full sentences and using adjectives to make our sentences exciting.

In Maths the children have been doubling and halving with money, using coins and multi-links to make different amounts. They have been taught to find the total amount of money first, and then to halve/double.

In History they were introduced to communication, and how much it has changed over the years; e.g. from letters being the main form of communication, to mobile phones now being the main way. In PE, following from last week where we practiced our footballs skills, the children applied these to a game of football and also learnt the offside rule.

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Year 1 (.../con'td)

Home learning:

- **Literacy** – Can you find more types of nonfiction text and compare the similarities and differences
- **Maths** - Counting different amount of coins together (1p, 2p, 5p,10p, 20p) and either doubling or halving the total

Show and Tell Group - Monkeys

Year 2

This week we have created some fabulous amazing animal booklets and animals in Art! In Literacy we have been discussing about whether it is better to be a child or an adult. We have written a two sided discussion to share our ideas and opinions. In Maths we have continued looking at the properties of different 3D shapes.

During our Science lesson we discussed what humans and animals need to survive and how we should best look after a pet to make sure it stays happy and healthy. In PSHE we discussed and drew pictures of who we love and what is important to us.

Key Vocabulary:

- shape, edge, vertices, face, opinion, discussion.

Friends

Howdy Pardners!

Hope you're all looking forward to the Spring Fair tomorrow. It should be great – let's hope the rain holds off.

Just a polite note, for the avoidance of doubt, the usual rules regarding not bringing guns (bows and arrows, tomahawks, etc.) still apply. Please DO NOT bring toy guns as part of the costume. Any guns will be confiscated by the Sheriff at the town limits! We don't want no trouble ma'am!

Have a great weekend pardners!

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Posh Tombola – tickets ending in a ZERO are winners.

A fantastic number of prizes have been donated for the Spring Fair, and we would like to say a HUGE thankyou to everyone who's donated, hassled, bought or wrapped. You know who you are. Here's a run-down on what you could win from the Posh Tombola Stall:

Little Gym Cobham - Annual membership and gymnastics classes for 6 months - worth £490

Dazzle and Fizz - 2-hour party entertainment for ages 4-7 - worth £300

Nuffield - 4 one-day passes worth £15 each

Headmasters - wash, cut and blow dry - worth £59

Boden - £50 voucher

Pleese Cakes – Big boy cheesecake – worth £45

Petruti's Restaurant - Lunch for 2 - £40 voucher

Natural Way Therapy (in Surbiton) - 1-hour reflexology massage - worth £40

Wagamama - £30 voucher

Waitrose/John Lewis - £25 gift card

Garson's Farm - £10 voucher

River Hut - a bottle of wine

The French Table – classic afternoon tea for two

Chessington Splash Pass

Go Fest Tickets

Pony Starter Ride

Click Studio Vouchers

Light Republic Gift Voucher

And as if all that wasn't enough, we also have:

- DVDs and Box sets including Scooby Doo, Batman, Harry Potter, The Hobbit, Fantastic Beasts, Lego Film, Justice League, The Best of Strictly, Storks, The Superman Collection
- Books
- Games and Toys including Table Talk Game, Magic Tricks Set, Art Set and more
- Food and Drink including Port Gift set, Tea Collection, Jam Pot Set and more
- Luxury Toiletries including Inika eye liner, REN Skincare set, L'Occitane hand cream and more.

We'll see you at the Fair!

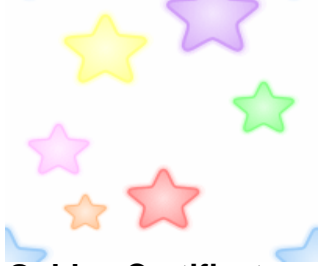
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ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Honesty



Ayşe
Natalia
Jack W
Robin
Stanley S
Julia
Jaya

Golden Certificates:

Louis G
George G
Mary
Florence W-M
Charlie
Jack P
Elliot B
Oliver R
Lucy S
Isobel
Rory
Fraser
Heidi
Dylan C
Callum
Oliver T
Yanis

Credit Card:

Issy M

Birthdays:

Zachary L – 4
Isaac C – 6
Alfie S – 5
Reuben - 7

Outside Achievements:

Louis G has successfully achieved ASA Water Skills Award Grade 1
Peyton took part in Just Walk 2017
Theo S has completed Level 1 in the Turtle Award Scheme
Ava A has achieved Stage 4 ASA Learn to Swim Award
Sam W, Alice, Jess, Alex, Ellie, Dylan C, Oliver L, Ethan, Martha, Oscar, Tommy, Izzy, Magnus, Max P, Emily S and Emma completed the Little Welly 3k obstacle course last Saturday
Jack P was invested into the Dittons Beavers, and even received his first badge yesterday for Disability Awareness
Lara made her Rainbow Promise on Wednesday
Leo has been awarded Beaver of the Week

DIARY DATES

May 2017

Saturday 20 th	Friends' Spring Fair
Wednesday 24 th	9.15-10.00am Nursery (Emerald & Jade) Sports event in playground
Friday 26 th	School finishes at 3.05pm for half term break
Monday 29 th to Friday 2 nd June	School closed – half term break

June 2017

Monday 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to school at 8.45am • Yr 2 visit to Aegon Trophy Tennis tournament • Yr 1 parents invited to lunch • Start of Golden Boot Challenge
Wednesday 7 th	7.00pm New Nursery Parents' Information Meeting
Thursday 8 th	School closed – polling day for General Election
Tuesday 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr R visit to Bockett's Farm • Yr 2 Great Fire of London drama workshop
Wednesday 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 2 Great Fire of London drama workshop • Whole school picnic lunch • 7.00pm New Year R Parents' Information Meeting
Thursday 15 th	Esher fire station visiting Yr R
Monday 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of Sports & History Week • 9.15am Yrs R, 1 & 2 Sports Event at St. Mary's Junior school
Friday 23 rd	Wear Sports clothes to school
Monday 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery closed – new children visit • New Yr R Ruby class visits
Tuesday 27 th	New Yr R Topaz class visits
Wednesday 28 th	Yr 2 Induction morning at LD St. Mary's Juniors
Friday 30 th	2.00pm Parent Helper Tea Party

EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school)