



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

9th June 2017

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a very relaxing half term. Listening to all the wonderful tales of camping, holidays and visits to grandparents I would imagine you all need a rest to recover ☺

Miss Ruddick has a baby girl!

Congratulations to Miss Ruddick who gave birth to a beautiful girl on Saturday 3rd June. So far she has not named her bundle of joy but both mum and daughter are doing very well.

Feeling Good Week

Next week is Feeling Good week. The main theme of the week is Celebrating Difference and the Feeling Good activities will be focusing on this in several ways.

Mindfulness Monday

On Monday the children will be thinking about how it is ok not to be the same and how to manage their feelings and behaviours. They may even go outside to 'cloud watch' as a way to help themselves feel calm.

Take Care Tuesday

On Tuesday the children will be thinking about how to keep themselves safe both physically and mentally. We will be reminding them of who in our world can help them to be safe.

Worry Free Wednesday

On this day the children will be reflecting on what to do if they are worried about something and who they can talk to or go to for help. This will be a day for them to think about the fact everyone has things they worry about and we all deal with our worries in different ways. They will learn strategies that they could use to help them worry less.

Thank you Thursday

On Thursday the children will be thinking about saying thank you to themselves for all they can do, thank you to others for all they do for them and be set the challenge of who can be the most helpful person of the day.

Feel Good Friday

On Friday Miss Steer will be taking each class for a special Yoga session. There will also be lollies in the afternoon to relax and chill out with!

Over the week the children will be working together as a whole school to create a new display for the foyer. This will be made up of mindfulness colouring, butterflies and feathers. It should be a powerful way for us to remember that we are all different, unique and special.

Reception Parents in for Lunch

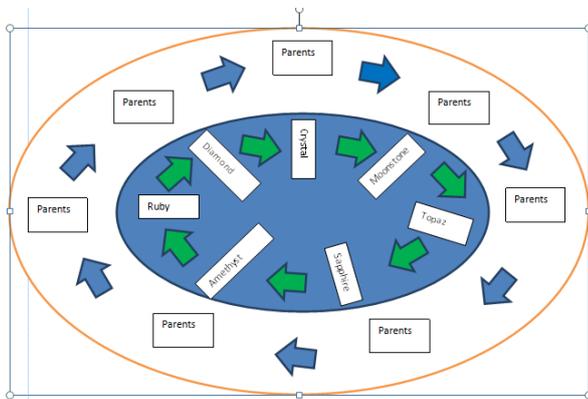
This is a lovely chance for parents and carers of Reception Children to come and enjoy a school lunch with their child. As you can imagine there are a lot of risk assessments and organisational challenges in order for us to do this. Therefore, if you would like to come to eat lunch with your child, you must book this in advance. A letter will be sent out by the office in the next couple of weeks and you must book by completing the reply slip and returning this to the office together with the lunch payment by the specified date. We will not be able to accommodate parents for lunch who just turn up on the day and you will be refused entry.

Sports Morning Monday 19th June 9.15 – 10.15

Monday 19th June will be our Sports Morning for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and this takes place

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at St Mary's Junior school. All the children will be walking to St Mary's for this event to start off our Sports week in school. Parents and carers are all welcome to come and support their children in their races. As in previous years, there will be 7 stations, one for each class. Each station will be a different race for the children to complete. After each station is finished the children will move around to the next station. (Please see diagram below) The children will be split into different teams and the teams can win points based on the position each team finishes in. The children **SHOULD COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED IN THEIR PE KITS and with named water bottles** on Monday 19th June ready to take part in the sports morning. I would ask parents and carers to stay outside the competing arena and to remain on the field at St Mary's until all the children have left to come back to school.



There is a word of warning to all – in the past I have had to cancel this day to adverse weather conditions that were both too hot or too wet. I take making these decisions very seriously and do not intend to cause disruption to plans, but my first concern is the safety and well-being of the children. I know that you will be understanding in the unlikely event that I have to cancel the sports morning due to inclement weather conditions.

Saying Farewell in July

It is with sadness that I have to let parents and carers know that Miss Steer and Miss Riches will be leaving us in July. Both Miss Steer and Miss Riches have taken up teaching posts closer to where they live. They have both been fantastic members of our school staff and will be sorely missed. I know you will wish them lots of luck as they move on in their careers.

We will be welcoming Mrs Christine Bradley to our school in September. Mrs Bradley is an excellent teacher who has been teaching in a Kingston school.

Attendance

The House that has the best attendance this week is Sophie the Squirrel - Congratulations to all of the Squirrels 😊

Birthday Books

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

Thought for the week: The new Value of the month is Change. This is one of my favourite quotes about change: 'If nothing ever changed there'd be no butterflies.'

I hope you have a very interesting weekend!
Mrs Paines

Nursery

A great start to our last half term with the children brainstorming 'space' - what is it? where is it? what do you find in space? We learnt about why astronauts wear space suits and what rubbish can be found in space, as well as learning a song about the 8 planets. Our vocabulary for the next two weeks is related to space: the names of the eight planets, space, space suits, space shuttle, rocket, module, meteorite, satellite, space station to name a few.



Thank you to Charlie and Lottie for looking after our fish, wonderful! Nemo and Dorey even had a treat of their own in a paddling pool!

In baking next week we will be making 'moon rocks' and will be continuing to develop our space station role play, as well as watering our seeds and plants as they begin to grow.

Next week is Wellbeing feeling good week. Each day will have a theme: Mindful Monday; Take care Tuesday; Worry Free Wednesday; Thank you Thursday; Feeling Good Friday. Cont'd/...

Nursery (.../cont'd)

We will be following different activities for each day with a yoga PE session on Wednesday.

Please continue to make sure that your child comes wearing sun cream and has 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.

Please remember the New to Reception parents' evening is on Wednesday 14th June at 7.00pm.

On Monday 26th June Nursery will be closed for children going to Reception in September but open for those still coming to us in September. Please come at your normal time for a normal session to meet your new classmates!

Thank you for all your props for the space station, it is really taking shape now and the children have made some wonderful rockets, moon rocks, and oxygen back packs to go with their space suits.



On 29th of June we will be going to Balaclava Park for a 'Teddy Bears' Picnic', to include a nature trail as well. So, watch this space for more information!

Have a great sunny weekend everyone!

The Nursery Team 😊😊

Reception

What an exciting week it has been! The children were very excited about the Firefighters coming to visit us. We all got to have a look around their fire engine and even sit inside! They also talked to us about what they wear to protect themselves when putting out a fire, and how dangerous smoke is and to drop to the floor to put your nose to the floor to breathe the air at the bottom. The children then loved using their imagination in role-play to make a fire engine in our garden and put out pretend fires. We have also been talking about other

people who help us: doctors, nurses, dentists, paramedics, mountain rescuers, road workers etc.

In literacy, we have read the story 'What the Ladybird Heard', and retold the story to our learning partners. They then wrote what happened in the story, thinking about story language and how lots start with 'Once upon a time', or 'One day', (or Once upon a farm in this case!) We have also made firefighters out of our handprints in art, and we have looked at the cress that has grown in the different places (two inside – one on windowsill, one under the sink, two outside – one in shade, one in sun). All the seeds grew differently – talk to your child about which one grew the best. We have also been practising lots of different sports for sports day.

Next week, we will be continuing to learn about farms. We will be making our own story in Literacy with different farm animals, and we will be thinking about what might happen in our story and which characters we could include. In maths, we will be starting to try and take away by counting back. In our creative development, we will make animals out of paper plates.

Don't forget Bocketts Farm next Tuesday 13th June – your child should wear in tracksuit bottoms (do not have to be school uniform), trainers and a school t-shirt and school jumper/cardigan. Please also be aware that our weather is very temperamental – your child may need suncream on or/and a raincoat. The school will provide each children with a red sun hat for the trip. Please also remember to send your child in with a packed lunch and drink/water all in disposable wrappings in a named plastic carrier bag that can be disposed of when finished.

Key vocabulary:

- story language, beginning, middle, end, character, firefighters, protect, taking away.

Show and tell group:

- Rabbits – farm/animals/people who help us

The Reception Team 😊

Year 1

The children have had a super first week back. This week we have been learning about our new topic 'The Seaside'. In Literacy the children have been sequencing the story of 'The Rainbow Fish'. They have also been writing a list of what makes a good friend. In Maths they have been looking at missing number sentences and using a hundred square to find the missing number. The children have also been looking at fact families. They have been using their number bonds to 10, 20, 30 to make number sentences, e.g. $3 + 7 = 10$ so $3 + 17 = 20$.

In History the children have been looking at the seaside in the past and comparing the similarities and differences. In Dance they have been continuing their country dancing and performing this to the rest of the class.

Home Learning:

- **Literacy** – Please practise writing sentences with capital letters and full stops.
- **Maths** – Practise learning number bonds to 10, 20, 30 e.g. $7 + 3 = 10$; $8 + 2 = 10$

Show and Tell group - Monkey

Year 2

Welcome back after half term! We can't believe how quickly this year has gone! The children have come back full of enthusiasm for their final term in Year 2 and it's amazing to think about the progress each child has made since September!

In Maths this week we were learning to sort data into Carroll Diagrams. We learnt that it's important to read the Carroll Diagram carefully in order to be accurate. The children have a Carroll Diagram to complete for their homework. They can either copy the numbers onto the sheet or cut them out and stick them on.

The children really enjoyed learning about onomatopoeia in Literacy this week. Onomatopoeia is word that mimics the sound of the object or action it refers to. When you

pronounce a word, it will mimic its sound. For example: snap, splash, pow, boom. We had fun using these words in different sentences.

Our new topic is The Great Fire of London. In ICT we used a program to draw a scene from The Great Fire of London, there were lots of flames! In Art we looked at a painting from the photographs and discussed how some art can represent real life events. We discussed how people might have been thinking during the event. We also talked about what we might have been able to see, hear, smell, taste and feel.

Thanks again to all the parents that helped with our tennis trip on Monday!

Reminder: Children should come to school in historical dress for The Great Fire of London workshop Tuesday and Wednesday. Please also provide a cereal box but due to nut allergies, we would ask that the cereal box has not contained cereals with nuts in – thank you.

Home Learning:

- Please complete the Carroll Diagram provided. Children can either stick or copy the numbers provided.

School Office

Summer dresses: we have a few nearly new summer dresses in sizes 5 and 6. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Sainsburys' ActiveKid Vouchers: we are still collecting these so if you still have some at home or in your bag, please bring them in. Thank you.

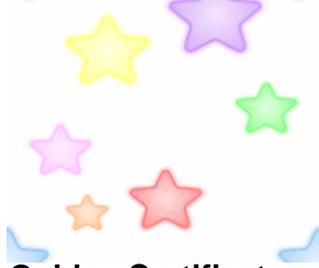
Friends

No news this week!

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Peace



Elena
Stanley S
Myka
Harriet
Lynn
Zarif
Alex F

Golden Certificates:

Louie
Jess P
Isaac
Diamond Class
Archie
Jack W
Finley
Nancy
Stanley W
James D
Bronwyn
Parth
Ava D-F
Lucy B
Isla C
Carlos

Credit Card:

Birthdays:

Quentin – 4
Anya – 5
Emilia - 5

Outside Achievements:

Emily S has been selected for Swim Squad

DIARY DATES

June 2017

Monday 12th

Start of Feeling Good week

Tuesday 13th

- Yr R visit to Bockett's Farm
- Yr 2 Great Fire of London drama workshop

Wednesday 14th

- Yr 2 Great Fire of London drama workshop
- Whole school picnic lunch
- 7.00pm New Year R Parents' Information Meeting

Monday 19th

- Start of Sports & History Week
- 9.15am Yrs R, 1 & 2 Sports Event at St. Mary's Junior school

Friday 23rd

Wear Sports clothes to school

Monday 26th

- Nursery closed – new children visit
- New Yr R Ruby class visits

Tuesday 27th

New Yr R Topaz class visits

Wednesday 28th

Yr 2 Induction morning at LD St. Mary's Juniors

Friday 30th

2.00pm Parent Helper Tea Party

July 2017

Monday 3rd

- Yr 2 Crystal class visit Stokes Field
- New Yr R Ruby class visit/coffee morning
- Book Fair – all week

Tuesday 4th

- Yr 2 Amethyst class visit Stokes Field
- New Yr R Topaz class visit/coffee morning

Wednesday 5th

- Pupil reports sent home
- 6.00-7.30pm Celebration Open Evening – all welcome

Thursday 6th

- Yr 2 Diamond class visit Stokes Field
- 6.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting

Friday 7th

- Yr 1 trip to the beach
- Yr R parents invited to school lunch with their child (*nb: this must be booked in advance and a letter will be sent home in due course*)

Monday 10th

- Start of Multi Cultural week
- Yr 2 Pedals course in morning

Tuesday 11th

Yr 2 Pedals course in morning

Wednesday 12th

Yr 2 Pedals course in morning

Thursday 13th

2.15pm RockSteady concert (*for parents/carers of those children who attend RockSteady sessions*)

EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school)



SUMMER CAMP

ROCK STEADY™

DATES AND VENUES

24th – 28th July

Edgware	Canons High School
Hounslow	Heathfield Junior School
Kingston	Cheam Common Infant School
Reading	Micklands Primary School
Guildford	Oclandon Primary School
Bristol	Emmersons Green Primary School
Chelmsford	TBC

31st July – 4th August

Edgware	Canons High School
Weybridge	Manby Lodge Infant School
Kingston	Green Wrythe Primary School
Bracknell	Warfield Primary School
Farnborough	Prior Heath Infant School
Southampton	Merdon Junior School
Portsmouth	Court Lane Infant School

7th August – 11th August

Southampton	TBC
Portsmouth	Court Lane Infant School

A WEEK OF..
 Band practice,
 Star in a music video,
 Record an MP3,
 End of week concert

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.ROCKSTEADYMUSICSCHOOL.COM