



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER

#### 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## LATEST NEWS

### Dear Parents and Carers

Goodness me what a busy week this week has been. We have been mindful, thankful, learned how to stay safe and how to manage our worries, been to Bocketts Farm, experienced the Great Fire of London, taken part in yoga and had lollies in the sunshine. That's just the extra special things – not including all the usual work that goes on! Thank you to Miss Steer for teaching Yoga to all the children and to Miss Riches for the beautiful 'change' display.

### Sports Week

Next week is sports week and we have lots of super learning about being fit and healthy planned. The children should come in their PE KITS on MONDAY and TUESDAY and in wear a 'sports kit' on Friday. That could be their favourite football team, or favourite sport's kit – the choice is theirs.

### New Class Open Mornings

Following on from our survey of the usefulness of the new class meetings, this year we will be offering new class information mornings on **THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY**. This will be an opportunity for the new year 1 and new year 2 parents.carers to meet their teachers, find out about the expectations of the new year group and exciting things that will happen during the year. **The times will be:**

- **NEW Year 2: 9.00 – 10.00am**
- **NEW Year 1: 2.00-3.00pm.**

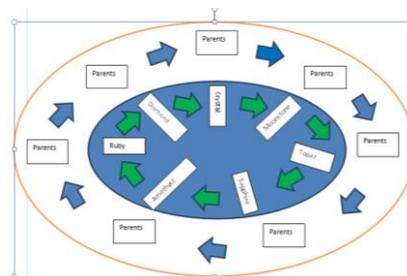
We will ask for feedback on the usefulness of these meetings to see if it helps parents to have the meetings before or after the summer holidays.

### Celebration of Work Open Evening Cancelled

Due to holding the new to year group parent information meetings I have decided to cancel the celebration of work open evening this term. I will be considering the feedback from the parents' information meetings to compare different feelings and views.

### Sports Morning: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 9.15 – 10.15am

Remember that Monday is our Sports Morning for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and this takes place 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. The children **SHOULD COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED IN THEIR PE KITS and with named water bottles** and sun hats on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Thank you

I would like to say thank you to everyone for making an extra effort to not park in our car park. I know it is extra hassle for parents and carers at

pick up time but it makes a massive difference. You are brilliant and I really appreciate it.

### Attendance

The Houses that had the best attendance this week are – Colin and Spike! Congratulations to all of the Caterpillars and Spiders ☺

### Birthday Books

Thank you to Sebastian T for his wonderful birthday book!

**Thought for the week:** 'Be thankful for what you have and you will end up with more.' Oprah Winfrey.

**I hope you have a very relaxing weekend – enjoy the sunshine!**

**Mrs Paines**

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## Nursery

This week was Feeling Good Week and we have done so many wonderful things and are all feeling very good!

On Mindful Monday we were busy colouring in our mindful butterflies and feathers for the beautiful new display outside the office. We also talked about what being mindful means, and how to be calm and thoughtful.

On Take Care Tuesday we talked about taking care of each other, and how important it is to take care of our toys and things in our nursery.

On Worry Free Wednesday we went outside and lay down on top of the parachute and let our worries drift away though the leaves and up to the sky!

On Thankful Thursday we talked about who we are thankful for in our lives, and made cards for our special people.

On Feeling Good Friday, we did a brilliant yoga session with Miss Steer. She told us the story of Little Red Riding Hood and we learned some yoga moves. Thank you Miss Steer, we loved it!

Next week we will be learning about some of the sports in the Olympics, and trying some out for ourselves! We will have lots of creative Olympic activities going on and on Tuesday we will have the Olympian Darius Knight, who plays table tennis for Team GB, coming into school.

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As next week will be very sporty, please make sure your child is wearing suitable shoes (trainers ideally) and that they bring a sunhat and have sun cream applied before they come into nursery.

### Diary Dates:

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery closed for new children visit.
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June – trip to the park (*more information to follow*)
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery last day
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July – Nursery closed

Have a lovely sunny weekend!

The Nursery Team ☺☺

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## Reception

What an exciting week and such amazing weather to go with it! We had such a great time at Bocketts Farm and all the children were so well behaved, we really did have the best day!

This week we have continued to learn about farms. We made up our own farm stories with farm animals and various small world objects and we had a look at how to film our stories with an iPad. In maths, we began taking away by counting back. We have also been continuing to practise our races for Sports day next Monday.

Next week is History of Olympics week, there will be no FRED next week but please continue to teach your child the sounds they have been learning.

Next Monday is sports morning, please remember to send your child into school in their PE kit. Please come and watch us take part on the field at St. Mary's Junior school and remember to follow your child's class so that you can cheer them on!

Next week the children will engage in a range of whole school activities to include, Olympic torch making, Olympic games in PE, learning all about the history of the Olympics and even making up an Olympic dance.

In our outdoor learning throughout the week we will be using non-standard measures (our hands and

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feet) to measure how far we can jump and throw for Olympic sports.

In literacy, the children will also be writing about what they would choose to do if they were in the Olympics, e.g. 'I would throw a javelin really far.'

### Key vocabular:

- Olympics, sports, race, medal, team work, javelin, shot put, high jump, torch, team player, length, measure.

### Show and tell group:

- Badgers, something you are proud of (could be a medal, trophy, certificate)

Here are some pictures of our fun at the farm!



The Reception Team ☺

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## Year 1

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The children have continued to explore their new topic of 'The Seaside'. In Literacy, we have been looking at what you might find at a beach, and creating a spider diagram of ideas based around the 5 senses (what can you see, feel, touch, hear and smell at the beach?). In Maths, we have been looking at missing number problems and have also been practising their place value of numbers up to 100 by counting backwards and forwards in 1s and 10s.

In PE we have been practising for Sports Day next week. We practised several races: egg and spoon,

bean bag throwing, relay, jumping in a bag – and we emphasised working as a team. In RE we have introduced the new topic of Judaism, and the children have learnt about the Torah and its significance.

### Home Learning:

- *Literacy* – Continue to practice capital letters and full stops.
- *Maths* – Missing number problems e.g.
  - $60 = \underline{\quad} - 20$  and  $45 = 55 - \underline{\quad}$

### Show and Tell Group: Hippo

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## Year 2

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What an exciting week Year 2 have had during Feeling Good Week, it's certainly left us feeling good! We loved our Great Fire of London days and the children looked fantastic in their costumes. We had some people dressed as Samuel Pepys, Charles II, Thomas Farriner and lots of unfortunate people who were fleeing the fire. The children really enjoyed the workshop. They also had a great time creating houses to replicate Tudor houses with beams and straw roofs!

In Maths this week we've been practising our 2, 5, 10 and 3 times table. The children enjoyed playing a range of games to help them practise. Please keep practising these over the summer. The quicker the children can recall the multiplication and division facts the better!

To celebrate Thankful Thursday, we watched a short film called Sour about a girl who helps someone with his flying machine. We then discussed why the different characters felt thankful to one another. Using command sentences we wrote instructions teaching our friends how to make paper aeroplanes.

### Key vocabulary:

- multiplication, divide, times tables, commands, instructions

### Home learning:

- If you were a Prime Minister activity.

**Diary Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> July – 9.15am Leavers' Assembly/  
11.00am Rounders & picnic

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## School Office

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**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.

**School office/Office Post Box:** May we please remind you when returning forms, payments, etc to the school office to please post these in the black box labelled 'Office Post' on the brick wall outside the main school door on the steps. Please put money in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name and what the payment is for. You could alternatively use a small resealable plastic bag and put a note inside with your child's name, and reason for payment.

If you really need to bring something in to the office, it would be appreciated if you could please wait until after 9.15am to do this.

The office is very busy in the morning between 8.45-9.15am and our priority is making sure any children who are late are taken to their classroom to ensure they are in school safely, and helping children who come to the office once in school eg. to borrow a PE kit or water bottle, etc.

If you are bringing medicine in for your child, please do come to the school office to complete an Administration of Medicine form and to drop off the medicine.

If your child is injured on the way to school and needs first aid, then please come in to the school office and a member of office staff will help.

If you are a parent helper helping out in school, or have a meeting with a member of staff, then please come to the school office to sign in.

If you require an Exceptional Leave of Absence form, we would ask that you please either wait to collect this after 9.15am or alternatively email the school office and we can send a copy home with your child, or email a copy to you.

If your child has lost a cardigan/sweatshirt, please either write a note on your child's class message

board or email the school office – please do not come in to the school office to report this. Please ensure that all school uniform is named so that if something does go missing, it can be returned to the right child. For example, many cardigans/sweatshirts get taken off in the playground at this time of year and end up in the wrong class jumper box or are just left on a table in the playground. If the cardigan/sweatshirt is named, it can be returned to it's owner.

Thank you for cooperation with the above.

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## Friends

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Almost the end of term, and our attention turns to celebrating! We are arranging a parent/carers night out - the date is not yet confirmed, but is likely to be Friday 14th July, so save the date for a night out with Friends. More details and date confirmation to follow.

The Givingmachine.co.uk, so far we only have 39 people signed up, if you could please log on and register then any online shopping you do at specified retailers (including Amazon) will donate a percentage to the school, it costs you nothing extra, it's easy to register and the school get money. Please put aside a few minutes to do this before you make your next order, it really helps!

Have a great sunny weekend.

The Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Value Stars: Peace



Izzy  
Lily P  
Cerys  
Isaac  
Zac T  
David  
Rory

### Golden Certificates:

Ava A  
Sebastian B  
Harry N  
Rex  
Finley  
Georgina  
Finn  
Jasmine  
Kailan  
Jessie  
Bobby  
Joseph H  
Amandine  
Henry  
Aiden  
Lucy

### Credit Card:

### Birthdays:

Corelie – 4  
Isobel – 5  
Jack H – 4  
Summer – 6

### Outside Achievements:

Sophie S was Rainbow of the Week  
Dylan C won a 5k running medal

## DIARY DATES

### June 2017

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

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

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Wear Sports clothes to school eg. favourite sport's kit, football kit, etc.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

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

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

### July 2017

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

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

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

- Pupil reports sent home

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

- Yr 2 Diamond class visit Stokes Field
- 9.00-10.00am New Year 2 Parents' meeting
- 2.00-3.00pm New Year 1 Parents' meeting
- 6.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

- 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 10<sup>th</sup>

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

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Yr 2 Pedals course in morning

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Yr 2 Pedals course in morning

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

2.15pm RockSteady concert (*for parents/carers of those children who attend RockSteady sessions. Please let the school office know by email if you will be attending.*)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

10.00am – Languages Assembly (*for parents/carers of those children who attend French/Spanish clubs. Please let the school office know by email if you will be attending.*)

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**9.15am Yr 2 Leavers' Assembly / 11.00am Rounders/picnic**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

- 9.15am Church Assembly at St Mary's Church – all welcome
- Last day of term – school closes at 1.30pm for Summer holidays

## 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

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