



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

7th July 2017

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

What another hot week! The children have been wonderful coping with the weather and sleepless nights. They all deserve a massive pat on the back! (As do all the staff!)

Message from Mr Gumbrell

Breakfast Club Provision for St. Mary's Juniors

I am pleased to say that we have now had some good, professional conversations with Pleiades. From a difficult start, we have made strong progress with negotiations in order to provide a Breakfast Club here at LDSM in time for September. Indeed, we are about to sign the contract in the next few days for this to happen. We have been promised a Breakfast Club that the children 'will want to come to', rather than 'have to come to' and this, like Acorns After-School club, will be our aim from the outset. Pleiades will send out further communications soon to sign your children up should you wish to take up the offer. I hope that having made the provision available, parents will support it and make it a viable, sustainable proposition.

Michelle Tallboys Home School Link Worker

Michelle is our Home School Link Worker and she is there to help parents and carers with lots of different issues concerning raising children. It might be dealing with anger, bed wetting, head lice or behaviour – Michelle has loads of ideas and information about how to help. If you would like to contact her please do so by using her email HSLW@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk She will be more than happy to help or just listen.

Leaving Car Engines Running

It has been brought to my attention that some parents are leaving their cars running while they drop off the children. This is very dangerous and not very good for the environment. Whilst it is not in our jurisdiction to take any action, as part of our Values I would hope that parents and carers would think about the environment they want for their children and limit the amount of pollution they are putting into the air. It will make a difference if we are all as careful as we can be!

Thank you

Stephen Ind, one of our Governors, would like to say thank you personally!

I'm a school governor, but I also work for a tiny charity which operates in Nicaragua: The Peace and Hope Trust. LDINS has given us a bundle of surplus school uniform - for which I'm writing to say, thank you. The lighter clothes will go out to Nicaragua; we have a deal with a Romanian charity to take the warmer clothes. School uniform is important because many families can't afford it, and in many poor countries, no uniform means no school. And some families can barely afford clothes at all - so nothing will be wasted. Thank you. Stephen

Multi-Cultural Week

Next week is multicultural week and the children will be learning about different countries chosen by their teachers. The week will end on Friday with a special multi-cultural day when the children can come to school dressed in either the colours of the flag from the country they have been learning about or that country's national dress. It is always a fabulous week, full of different tastes, songs, dances and traditions. We can't wait!

Attendance

The House which had the best attendance this week is Spike the Spider and Sophie the Squirrel both with 98% - it's getting very serious now 😊

Birthday Books

Thank you Ethan C, Sophie G and Mariella for the wonderful birthday books!

Thought for the week:

Peacefulness is an inner sense of calm - it comes from becoming still – in order to reflect and meditate on our inner wisdom and receive answers. A peaceful heart is one that is free from worry and trouble. It's becoming quiet so we can look at things quietly so we can more clearly understand them and thus come up with creative solutions. It is learning to live in the present.

This weekend is going to be brilliant – enjoy 😊
Mrs Paines

Nursery

The children are now confident with the Reception teachers they will be with in September as, apart from their visits on Monday and Tuesday, they have been seeing Mrs Taylor, Mrs McQuillan and Mrs Riordan during the Nursery for ten to fifteen minutes.

We have been learning about water safety; the life cycle of the butterfly and sequencing the life cycle on the computer. We used 'click' and 'drag' and we were finding letters and numbers on the keyboard. We learnt to use the 'return tab' and use the vocabulary of egg, caterpillar, cocoon/chrysalis and butterfly.

On Thursday in baking we baked teddy bear biscuits, and we let our butterflies go in the garden. It was wonderful to see them fly away and find new homes.

Next week is international week. The Nursery is travelling to India. We will be making a magic carpet in class to travel to the different countries on Friday 14th. On Friday the children can dress up in cool Indian clothes or wear the colours of the Indian flag. We will be tasting naan bread and a yoghurt /cucumber and mint dip. We will also taste mango chutney and poppadums, and will be making an Indian flag. We will also be doing some Bollywood dancing! An exciting week ahead!

Thursday 13th July is the last baking and library day. Please remember to return all your library books by then, thank you. Please also remember sun cream and sun hat every day Finally, we say goodbye to Hayat and her lovely family who are leaving for other countries and other schools. We wish them all the best.

Would anyone be able to look after our fish Nemo and Dory for the summer holidays? Please speak to Mrs Cockle if you can.

Have a great weekend,

The Nursery Team 😊

Diary Dates:

- Monday 17th – if they wish, children can wear their new school uniform to Nursery.
- Wednesday 19th July – Nursery last day (*normal day*).
- Thursday 20th and Friday 21st July – Nursery closed.
- Wednesday 13th September – start day for current Nursery children staying another year.

Reception

We have had a lovely week this week in the sunshine! We have had our water tray out playing with water and aqua beads (and watching them grow in size!) and we've been continuing to learn about capacity thinking about the words: full, empty, half full, nearly full etc. We had great fun making our playdoh adding in herbs, cinnamon,

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glitter etc. We then wrote independent sentences describing how the playdoh feels, what it looks like and what it smells like. We have also been thinking about what makes us have a good day and bad day.

Next week, is multi-cultural week. Ruby class will be learning all about Greece, and Topaz class will be learning about America. We will be learning all about the currency, food, famous landmarks, history of the country etc. In Literacy we will be writing passports and in Maths we will be paying for things using euros/dollars. We will be designing and making magic carpets because on Friday, we will be travelling on our magic carpets to go to all the different countries!

Please could you bring in junk modelling – we have completely run out so it is desperately needed! Including any large cardboard boxes you may have. Thank you!

Key vocabulary – currency, food, passport, travelling, euros, dollars, mosaics, Native Americans, Greek Gods.

Show and tell group: Squirrels – something exciting from another country

The Reception Team ☺

Year 1

The children have had a great week. In Literacy they have been writing poems about Fantastic Mr Fox. They have been practising using adjectives and conjunctions to make their sentences exciting. In Maths the children have been applying their Maths skills in time, shapes and addition and subtraction.

The children have also been learning why the Qu'ran is important to Muslims in R.E. In ICT the children have been learning about different types of technology and learning what we use the internet for. The children also completed their moving pictures, assembling the moving part of their seaside pictures.

In P.E they have been learning how to develop their defending and attacking skills. They have also been continuing their Country Dancing.

The children have had a fantastic time at the beach and thank you so much to all of the parents that helped.

Home Learning:

- **Literacy** – Can you write a poem at home? Challenge! Can you make some of the words rhyme?
- **Maths** – Can you apply the Maths skills that you have learnt in Year1? Counting in 2s 5s 10s/ addition and subtraction/ telling the time to o'clock and half past

Show and Tell Group: Monkey (as went to beach this Friday)

Year 2

In Year 2 this week we've been thinking more about moving on to our Junior Schools. We've been taking time to think about what is important to us, how we like to learn and the things that we're good at. We wrote some important ideas down to give to our new Year 3 teachers so that they know a little bit about us. We've also been starting to practise our Leavers' Assembly. Please help us to learn our words off-by-heart at home. We're so excited for you all to come and see our assembly so please make sure you return the reply slip on the letter that has been sent home.

In Literacy this week we've continued with our Great Fire of London topic. We started to think about the similarities and differences between the fire brigade in 1666 and the amazing, brave men that are in our fire brigade today. We also wrote an interesting newspaper report about the event.

In History we thought about rebuilding London after the fire. We created a poster to show what we thought London should look like. We thought about what the buildings should be made of, how far apart they should be placed and why. In ICT we created our own PowerPoint slide with moving animations which was also based on The Great Fire of London.

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As always, we had a fantastic trip to Stokes Field! Thank you to all the parent helpers that helped this week and throughout the year, we couldn't have done it without you!

School Office

No longer needed PE Kits: If you have any PE kits that you no longer want – especially white t-shirts and shorts and PE bags, please would you donate these to the school office at the end of term. Spare PE kit is always in great demand throughout the school year and any donations would be appreciated. Thank you.

Friends

End of Year Drinks - George Evelyn pub:

Reserved for 8.00pm on Friday 14th July for anyone and everyone who'd like to join us for end of year drinks, please come along it will be a great night.

LDSM Karaoke and Disco - Football Social Club

Thursday the 20th July at 7.00pm. This is joint with the Juniors. A ParentMail was sent out with details and RSVP return slip, the cost is £7 if you return the slip as directed.

Finally - **Kingston Dragon Boat Race** – on the Thames at Canbury Gardens, Lower Ham Road, Kingston KT2 5AU on Sunday 16th July 9.30am - 4.30pm - all support welcome!

A crew of 17 parents are taking part in the Kingston Rotary Dragon Boat Race on Sunday 16th July to raise money for our wonderful school.

We as parents, carers, friends and grandparents try to support the school by raising money in various ways but this is the first time we've put a team into a dragon boat! The team is appropriately called 'Up Ditton Hill without a Paddle'.

Please support us in our endeavour to race along the Thames in our Dragon Boat and sponsor us, if you are able to - any amount will be amazing and will be going to a good and worthwhile cause.

Soon we will also be shaking buckets at the school gates – please donate any loose change you have.

After Race Celebration

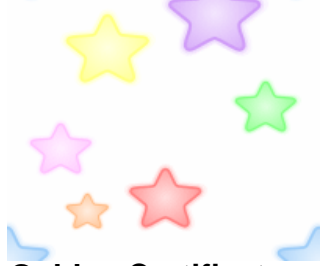
At around 4.30 we will be heading to the George Evelyn, who have kindly sponsored us, for an after race party and Jo Cox inspired Get Together.

It would be great to get as many of you as possible there to celebrate the race, our school and our community. (And one last hurrah!)

The Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: **Courage**



Anya
Dean
Rohan
Isla

Golden Certificates:

Joseph H
Alexandra
Stanley S
Phoebe B
Sophie L
Crystal Class
Jack Dineen
Poppy H
Hayat
Alfie R
Albie
Imogen

Credit Card:

Alice
Sophie L
Sam W
Shayaan
Ishaan

Birthdays:

Amelia - 6
Sabina - 7
Mariella - 7
Ethan C - 5
Poppy C - 4
Callum - 7

Outside Achievements:

Nancy swam 5m at Imberpool Swimming School

DIARY DATES

July 2017

Monday 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start of Multi Cultural week• Yr 2 Pedals course in morning
Tuesday 11 th	Yr 2 Pedals course in morning
Wednesday 12 th	Yr 2 Pedals course in morning
Thursday 13 th	2.15pm RockSteady concert <i>(for parents/carers of those children who attend RockSteady sessions. Please let the school office know by email if you will be attending.)</i>
Friday 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-Cultural dress up day• 10.00am – Languages Assembly <i>(for parents/carers of those children who attend French/Spanish clubs. Please let the school office know by email if you will be attending.)</i>
Tuesday 18 th	Yr 2 Leavers' disco – after lunch
Wednesday 19th	9.15am Yr 2 Leavers' Assembly / 11.15am Picnic
Friday 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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)

11 School Uniform
Order Deadline!
Friday 11th
August 2017

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Place your order by
Friday 11th August
2017 for back to
school delivery.

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