



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

8th September 2017

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone! It has been lovely to see you all and find out all the amazing things you have been doing over the summer holidays. We are all glad the children were so happy to come back to school and they have all settled fabulously into their new classrooms with their new teachers. Congratulations and well done everyone!

Water Bottles

This year we are asking the children to take their water bottles home with them every night to be washed and returned the next day with fresh water. Please remind your child to take home their water bottle and bring it back in the next day. Remember that we do not have any water fountains in school so the only way for the children to get a drink is from their water bottles during the day.

Home School Link Worker Drop in Clinics

Michelle Talboys has already planned a drop in clinic for parents and carers to come and talk to her about any concerns they feel they might have about being a parent and helping children to grow. The first drop in clinic this year will be held on **WEDNESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 1pm – 3pm** here at our school.

Michelle is also running the 1-2- 3 Magic course for parents and carers on these dates:

- **Tues 26th Sept 2017** (4 weeks) 7.30pm-9.30pm at St Marys, Long Ditton
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More information can be found in the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Congratulations to Nicky, Sharon and Maria our serving staff; they have just received a 5* Food Hygiene Certificate. Well done!

Rainbow Class

This year we have the luxury of having a spare classroom – which we have called 'Rainbow Class'. Rainbow Classroom is the old Sapphire Classroom and is used for Breakfast Club and After School Club. To gain access parents and carers need to ring the bell on the gate and wait for assistance from the clubs. Rainbow Classroom is also being used during the day for a multitude of other learning needs and requirements!

Parent Helper Workshops

Mrs Emmett and I will be running these workshops over the coming weeks for any parents who would like to come into school to help. Even if you came to the workshops last year it is our school policy that you still need to come again to the ones this year. This is to make sure we keep you up to date with any safeguarding issues and expectations in school. This year we have split the library into two

and have created a designated ICT area. We will also need computer confident parents to help run these sessions too!

Term Dates and Diary Dates

Attached to the newsletter are the dates for your diary for the whole school year. The parent helper workshops are on this. Please take a moment to look at all of the dates and transfer them to your own calendars so that you have a clear overview of the exciting things we have planned so far for the children in school. Please note that some dates will need to change, some important dates will be added and some will have to be removed. We will put any changes in the newsletter each week. I hope that having the dates for the year well in advance helps all parents and carers.

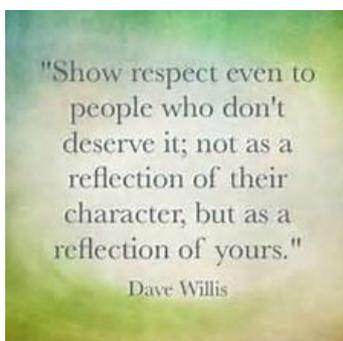
The Year Ahead

We have some very exciting things planned already for the coming year but I would also like to get the view point and ideas from parents and carers as well as pupils. Over the coming weeks I will be asking for your ideas about how to make our school even better. If you have any ideas about how to make our school remarkable will you let me know?

Birthday Books

Thank you to Oscar for the wonderful birthday book for his class!

Thought for the week:



Please make sure you have a wonderful weekend



Mrs Paines

Friends

WELCOME! WELCOME BACK!

Hope you all had a lovely summer, and the children are settling into the new classes and routines.

This new school year brings a new Friends team to bring you information and help raise money for our school, the new committee will be agreed at the AGM, but in the meantime let me introduce you to the class reps

Class reps:

Emerald - Zoe Holben

Jade - Sacha Craise

Topaz - Charlotte Barker

Ruby - Desiree Harris

Moonstone - Ruth Pingree/Kate Felton

Sapphire - Rebecca O'Shea/Ilse Bredenoord

Diamond - Rachel Russel/Nicole Matson

Amethyst - Sam Hooke/Salima Frigot

Some events we have coming soon are:

The AGM, date will be confirmed ASAP.

Saturday 24th is the Junior school DittON Yer Bike! A charity cycle ride, for the junior school and the Rainbow Trust. There will be a just giving page, if you'd like to donate we will send the link next week.

In October we are planning a Quiz Night, these are usually pretty epic, so do come along, more info soon and tickets will be sold via class reps. Make a team or just turn up and pick a table you like the look of.

Also in October will be the Breakfast Bounce, where children jump on a bouncy castle and the class with the most bounces wins, (or roughly something like that! Logistics TBC, it's the first week back!)

November brings the now traditional Christmas Shopping Event at the Junior school.

Following the success of last year's Christmas Shopping Event, this will be going ahead again this year on the evening of Thursday 23rd November.

The Shopping Event is held at St Mary's Junior School for the parents of both the Infant and Junior school children - a chance to get together for a festive drink and nibbles, while shopping for Christmas gifts from a wide range of stalls. Also the Beauty Room will be back with different stands offering relaxing treatments and Christmas glamour.

Do you have a business of your own or know someone who would like a stall (or beauty stand) at the Shopping Event? The stalls are £25 each and we're offering bookings to the parents of both schools before spreading the net to other local businesses. Please contact Sam Hooke on m.hooke@sky.com for further details and booking form.

The Christmas lights switch on for Long Ditton is the 7th December, and we will have a stall there. Please come along and get in to the festive spirit.

There will be the Christmas Fair at school too, date TBC, we will have Santa and lots of fun things to do for the children.

Looking into 2018! The LDI & LDSM Ball will be on 3rd March, new venue and increased number of tickets will hopefully mean fewer disappointed grown-ups!

So that's a taster of what's to come, please do read to the end of the weekly newsletters to see what's going on and how you can get involved

Have a great weekend

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Respect



Julia
Matthew
Jessie
Issy

Golden Certificates:

Amandine
Ethan P
Rosie
Felix
Connie
Peter
Henry J
Lara
Mrs Eaton

Credit Card:

Birthdays:

Oscar - 6
Isabella – 7
Amelie – 6

Outside Achievements:

Iris has been awarded her 20 meters swimming certificate for front crawl, breaststroke and backstroke. She also has achieved Level 3 swim skills. Sophie S completed the Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge

DIARY DATES

September 2017

Tuesday 12th

New Yr R children start school

Wednesday 13th

- New Yr R children start school
- Current Nursery children start back to Nursery

Thursday 14th

New Yr R children start school

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / Adverts



School Meals Supervisory Assistant Required

Start Date: September 2017

Monday to Friday (the school are willing to consider different working patterns)
12:00 noon to 1:15pm (6.25 hrs per week)

Salary Range: £15,189 - £15,856 (Pro Rata) - Scale point placement based on experience.
Actual Salary: £2,190 approximately.

Applications are invited from enthusiastic persons to join our school. We can offer you a school with a friendly and supportive staff and opportunities for professional development.

The successful applicant will have:

- The ability to work constructively as part of a team.
- A good level of literacy and numeracy.

Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. It expects all staff to share this commitment and the successful applicant will be required to undertake a DBS check.

If you would like an application pack please contact Kellie Nolan on 0208 398 4398 or e-mail
knolan@longditton.surrey.sch.uk
Visits welcome.

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DITTON YER BIKE

join us for a charity
100K BIKE RIDE
Ditton to Ditton via Windsor

All monies raised will go to LDSM to furnish newly built classrooms and to Rainbow Trust
Event to be run in collaboration with The Friends Summer Social

**SUNDAY
24 SEPT 17**

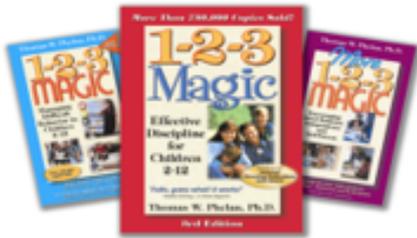
RAINBOW TRUST
CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Long Ditton St Mary's
Church of England (Aided) Junior School

Contact: lisa@humphreyandbrand.co.uk

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<http://longditton.surrey.sch.uk>

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Managing Behaviour Effectively for Parents & Carers

No one has ever said parenting was easy. Living with children can be one of life's most enjoyable experiences, but it can also be unbelievably frustrating. 123 Magic is a simple, precise and effective way of managing the behaviour of children. It's not magic but works like magic!

The aims of the programme are:-

- Job 1: Controlling Challenging Behaviour** – Learn an amazingly simple technique to get children to STOP doing what you don't want them to do (whining, arguing, tantrums, sibling rivalry etc.).
- Job 2: Encouraging Good Behaviour** – Learn several effective methods to get your children to START doing what you want them to do (picking up, eating, going to bed and staying there!, chores etc.).
- Job 3: Strengthening Your Relationship** – Learn powerful techniques that reinforce the bond between you and your children.

Will the programme work with children who have learning difficulties?

It certainly can. The program has been used successfully with Autistic, Asperger's, ADHD and ODC children. In fact when parents have children with these difficulties, the clarity of the 123 Magic warnings is especially helpful for the visual and auditory understanding.

The course is a 4 week programme and the following courses available are as follows:-

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If you would like to book onto a course please contact Michelle Talboys - Home School Link Worker on 07703 322066 or email at hslw@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk





Dear Parents and Carers

As you may be aware, we offer a Home School Link Worker service to families who may, from time to time, need additional support with difficulties they are experiencing. The HSLW also provides a vital link between home and school.

Our Home School Link Worker, Michelle Talboys, can support with a whole range of issues including:

- Support for families who are experiencing difficult times (e.g. illness separation or bereavement)
- Parents/carers experiencing difficulties with their child's behaviour
- Parents/carers whose children are reluctant to attend school or have been, or at risk of being excluded

Michelle can also:

- Help with links between home and school
- Support parents/carers at school meetings
- Help parents/carers find their way through the education system
Provide drawing and talking therapy for children with mild mental health issues such as anxiety, low self-esteem, anger management and building emotional intelligence
- Guide parents/carers towards other sources of help, advice and support
- Run specialist parenting courses including 1-2-3 Magic and other workshops

As Michelle is only able to work intensively with a small number of families at any one time, we also run a confidential drop-in clinic half termly. The next clinic will take place in **Long Ditton Infants** on **Wednesday 27th September** between 1pm-3pm. If you would like to make an appointment with Michelle, please could you email her directly at hslw@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk or call on 07703 322066 stating your preferred time. Appointments will last for approximately 20 minutes (although can be longer if needed).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the Home School Link Worker service.

Mrs Paines|