



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

15th September 2017

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to all the new Reception and Nursery children! You have all been super stars coming in to school and settling into your new classes. Well done to all of you ☺

The Newsletter

This is our weekly newsletter which we use as one method of communicating with parents and carers. It is very important that you take some time each week to read the newsletter because in it you will find information about:

- Changes to the diary dates.
- Important upcoming events that may need some preparation such as dressing up days, mufti days, special visits or visitors.
- Reminders about our rules and Values.
- Guidance for parents and carers.
- Homework for the children.
- Celebrations and shout outs.

We always endeavour to ensure we keep it as succinct as possible and we value the newsletter as a way of communicating and take time to include as much as we can – so please take the time to read it.

Moonstone Class

Mrs Laura Burgess will be teaching in Moonstone class on Thursdays and Fridays from next week. Mrs Burgess is a very experienced teacher who also has children in the school. I know that all of Moonstone class parents will welcome her to our school.

Allergies

Towards the end of this week's newsletter is information that we must all ensure we follow concerning our NUT FREE SCHOOL policy. We have several children this year who have severe allergies to nuts/seeds and it is essential that we make sure we are following our NUT FREE policy. Reading labels on packaging for school lunches will be important because nuts and seeds can be disguised in foods such as cereals, hummus and pesto. I know that some children do bring in these types of foods for lunch. We must have very strict rules about not allowing such products in school. We do also need to consider this when baking cakes for school bake sales and fairs, and bringing in empty boxes for junk modelling. Remember that we are not talking about food intolerance but severe and possible fatal allergies. I know that we will all be working together to ensure we keep all of our children as safe as we possibly can.

Parent Forum

The first Parent Forum will be next Wednesday at 9am in the staffroom. The Parent Forum is one opportunity we provide for parents and carers to talk to me about any ideas or concerns/improvements they might have. There is no agenda but I would like to ask parents about how inclusive our school is. Everyone is welcome!

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
- **Mon 6th Nov 2017** (4 weeks) 1pm-3pm at Cardinal Newman, Hersham
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More information can be found in the flyer attached to this newsletter.

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!

Change One Thing

Do you have any ideas about to make our school even better? Please complete a 'Change One Thing' slip. Last year several parents and carers wanted to increase the use of the outside areas in and around school. We have listened and included this on our school development plan for this year.

(We will be asking for volunteers to help!) I value everyone's opinion because I believe we are all working together for the children. So if you do have any ideas then please fill a slip in – I can't promise to make the change immediately but I do promise to read every single one.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Jake, Jack Wh and Issy for the wonderful birthday books for their classes!

Thought for the week: "The one person you'll be spending the rest of your life with is you. Treat yourself with love and respect." Elle Sommer

Finally, this week I am very sorry to say that there will be no staff pantomime this year. ☹️ As you know I love the panto but due to other commitments and time constraints we can't put one on this year. Please don't worry though – we will be back next year with Aladdin!

Have a super spectacular weekend!
Mrs Paines

Nursery

Welcome everyone to Emerald and Jade Class! 😊 We have had great fun in our first week getting to know each other and exploring what we have in our class as well as learning new routines and using our sharing and listening skills.

Please look at the photos we will be putting outside on the fence on Friday to see what your little 'munchkins' have been up to. 😊

Lunch Boxes:

Please remember not to include **any** chocolate, sweets or nuts, including pesto and hummus, as we are a healthy and nut free school. We are having to be extra careful with any seed or nut products this year due several children with severe allergies. Please remember not to put more in their lunch box than you know they can eat in half an hour! Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Please also include a water bottle as well as a juice as we find they are thirsty and a carton of juice is not quite enough. Please see Mrs Buckle or Mrs

Tanvir at home time (12.30 pm) if you have any queries, or one of the team at the end of the day, thank you. It is very important for lunch club staff and the Nursery team that we have photos of who will be picking up your child; this is for your child's safety. Most of you have been very good about this, thank you.

We will not be starting library until the week before or after half term. Mrs Emmett will be having a meeting with all parent helpers before this can happen. We will keep you informed of this, but please read the weekly newsletter for further information. There is a parent/helper safeguarding workshop meeting on Monday 18th September from 9.00 am to 9.45 am. You are all welcome to attend this meeting. It is essential to attend if you are signing up to help with baking/library or any other activities in the nursery.

Library for Jade class will now be on a Friday afternoon and not on Thursday afternoon. Emerald class will be on a Tuesday morning. Baking will be on a Thursday for both morning and afternoon. P.E. will be on a Wednesday.

Our class representatives are: Zoe Holben (Emerald) and Sacha Craise (Jade).

Our theme for this half term is: "All About Me" and we will be going on some walks to familiarise ourselves with our school environment.

Please remember to bring in your photos and Learning Journeys as we are already starting to put in our first paintings and drawings about ourselves.

Thank you all for a wonderful first week,
The Nursery Team 😊😊😊

Reception

A big well done to all the children for their very first week of Reception! They have all done a super job at coming in and settling. Thank you very much for saying goodbye to your children promptly in the mornings, it helps them to settle.

This week, the children have been getting used to the classrooms and routines and learning where things go. They have been super playing with all the toys in the classrooms, and they have also painted pictures of themselves by looking closely

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in the mirror to see the colour of their lips, hair and eyes. Next week, we will be singing number songs, developing our fine motor skills, such as cutting, sticking and making things. Most importantly, we will also be learning how to make new friends.

This year each child in Reception will have a Learning Journal. The Journal will contain examples of their best achievements in all areas of the EYFS during their time in Reception and will include written work, photos and art work. ***In order to cover the cost of this could you please send in £1 in an envelope labelled with your child's name and class.***

On Tuesday 19th September the photographer from the Surrey Advertiser will be coming in to take a photograph of all the new children (except for those who have elected not to be included in press photos).

On Tuesday 26th September at 2pm, you are invited to come to a FRED (phonics) talk by Mrs Taylor and Mrs Riordan, explaining all about Fred – how we teach it and what your child will learn.

On Tuesday afternoons, the children in Ruby class will be dismissed by Mrs Healy, and Mrs McQuillan in Topaz class.

Please send in any interesting boxes that we can put in our junk modelling box (egg boxes, fruit boxes, kitchen roll tubes, yogurt pots etc.). Please could you also send in any hand soap dispensers so we can store our paint in so the children have easy access to it.

Please continue to help your child to get dressed and undressed independently (including buttons on cardigans and turning jumpers around the right way!) Please also show your child how to open and close their fruit pot and water bottle, and open any tricky bits of fruit e.g. bananas, oranges.

Have a lovely weekend – we expect the children will be very tired!

The Reception Team 😊

Year 1

The children are settling so well into the Year one environment; we are really pleased with the progress they have made already.

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You should have all found a reading journal and a reading book in your child's book bag today. We encourage independence and train the children to change their own books so please remind them to do this as well. In Year one the children read to their class teacher on a weekly basis during guided reading, so the reading record is for you to record what you have read at home in, and the class teacher will sign the book on the day your child has read.

In Literacy this week we have focused on the book 'The smartest Giant in town.' The children have been thinking about the story to include the main character and the setting, they have used describing words to describe the giant and where he lives.

In Maths we have been using the weighing scales to weigh various classroom objects and compare their weights. We also used cubes and estimated how many cubes would weigh the same as the various objects. We then checked to see if we were right.

Some children will have been given a FRED book to read at home and also some spellings to learn. Please ensure that your child brings back their FRED book on Monday. Spelling test will also be on a Monday.

Show and Tell group – Giraffes (The children can choose what they bring in as long as it is not a toy, and they can tell us two facts about it.) Show and Tell is on Friday. Please ask your child what animal group they are; if they are unsure then check with their class teacher.

Home Learning – Please can you read with your child as much as possible and recap all of the sounds that they have learnt so far. Learn your child's spellings with them.

Vocabulary

Maths – Weigh, weight, heavier, lighter, estimate,

Literacy - Capital letter, finger space, full stop, describing word,

Year 2

This week we have begun our topic, *Dead Famous!* We discussed what it means to be famous, and identified famous people and their

achievements. Using the book, "On a Beam of Light", we have learnt about Albert Einstein and used the information to create a fact file about his life and achievements.

In Literacy, we have been learning to plan for our writing, making notes about our perfect holiday destination and then writing our ideas in sentences.

In Maths we have been investigating sequences. In groups, we created caterpillars showing different number patterns, counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10.

Home Learning

Literacy – To write sentences using some of the Common Exception words we have been looking at this week.

Friends

Class reps:

Emerald - Zoe Holben

Jade - Sacha Craise

Topaz - Charlotte Barker

Ruby - Desiree Harris

Its Friday! Hurray we made it! Hopefully everyone is getting used to their new classes and routines.

There are some celebratory drinks coming up soon, we hope you can all pop along to your year's evening out, meet some new people and have a great night out with good friends

Reception is 22nd Sept at the George Evelyn pub

Year 1 the 29th Sept at the Limping Fox pub

Year 2 the 28th Sept at the George Evelyn pub

Nursery will be arranged shortly

As we mentioned last week, there is a Long Ditton cycle ride on the 24th Sept. riders are starting off at 7am and finishing at the Junior school in the afternoon. This is combined with the Junior School Summer Festival, see the flyer for details, but please come along and welcome the riders home! And of course donate generously!!

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/dittonyerbike>

The AGM will be on the evening of the 4th October, hopefully you can make it, more details will be confirmed soon, this is to have an official hand over for the new committee, see what events are planned and take suggestions for additional fund raisers. We can also find out what the school's needs are and what we can spend money on. There will be drinks and some nibbles, and may end up in the George Evelyn for the after party!

Have a great weekend

Friends

OFFICE

We have several children with nut, seed and sesame allergies. These are not food intolerances but *serious allergies* and in some cases reactions can be fatal. Due to the serious nature of this situation we must insist that no nut, seed or sesame products or derivatives of are brought into school. We appreciate that we are limiting your choices, however for some children even traces on clothing could cause anaphylactic shock. Please note that a popular lunchtime snack is hummus and we must ask that no children brings this in their lunchbox. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Respect



Tom S
Natalie
Vrishti
Keir

Golden Certificates:

Chaeyul
Elliot G
Oliver B
Anya
Tom H
Sebastian
Alfie
Mrs Healy
Issy
Honey
Jasper
Heidi
Mrs Bradley

Credit Card:

Birthdays:

Amandine – 6
Jake – 5
Tuuli – 5
Esther – 4
Sophia S – 5
Jack Wh - 6

Outside Achievements:

DIARY DATES

September 2017

Monday 18 th	9.00 am – 9.45 am Parent Helper / Safeguarding workshop
Tuesday 19 th	New to Reception photos for Trinity Newspaper
Wednesday 20 th	9.00 am – Parents' Forum in staffroom

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
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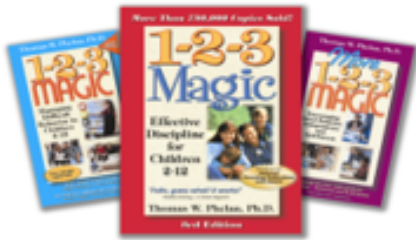
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Managing Behaviour Effectively for Parents & Carers

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:-

- Tues 26th Sept 2017 (4 weeks) 7.30pm-9.30pm at St Marys, Long Ditton
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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|