



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

29th September 2017

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been very busy for the teachers and children learning all about how to keep themselves safe. They loved learning about Road Safety in the magic show on Wednesday, and I saw lots of the children using what they had learned in their play and in the classrooms. Thank you to everyone for coming into school on Beep Beep day dressed in bright clothes – the playground looked so colourful! We raised £183 and this will be sent to the Brake Charity. Well done!

Safety Week

During safety week the teachers made it clear that there are some aspects of safety parents and carers can help with at home.

1. *Medicine Safety* – We found that lots of children thought it was ok to take a tablet if it was grandad's or if it belonged to a parent. Please enforce the message that the children should only be taking medicines that are prescribed for them. All other tablets/medicines should be given to a grown up if found. It is also worth talking about how some tablets don't look like tablets – there were a few children who thought if a medicine was bright and colourful it was a sweet.
2. *Fire Safety* – Spend a quiet 5 minutes talking to your child about what they would do in the event of an emergency

at home. This is not to frighten them but to allow them to know what to do. Usually it will be come to mummy or daddy but what if they couldn't?

3. *E-Safety* – Talk to your child about what they can do if they see something they do not like on the internet (tell a grown-up/click on the x). Some children told us that they had seen things on 'mummy's phone' that made them feel worried or scared. Remember that we have a duty to protect them but also to help them to know what to do.
4. *Stranger Awareness* – Nearly all of the children think that a person dressed in a wedding dress or in a bear outfit is not a stranger even if they don't know them. It would be good for you to talk to your child about the fact that strangers are people we do not know, even if they look friendly, and they should treat them with respect but cautiously. Please also reinforce what to do if they get lost and who they can go to for help.
5. *Road Safety* – A few children said 'but Mrs Paines my mummy never crosses the road in the right place!' Please demonstrate to your children the perfect example of what we want. How can we expect them to follow the road safety rules if grown-ups don't?

Friends' Post Box

Did you spot the bright red post box on the wall opposite the office window? That is the Friends' post box and should be used for all Friends post and messages.

Hats and Handbags

Thank you very much for the donated hand bags and hats – if you are having a clear out and have any more please bring them in. The children love them!

In and Out the Gate

Believe it or not the congestion is much better this year, as parents and carers come in and out of the gate in the morning and afternoon. However, it will work even better if:

- We all walk on the left through the gates
- Parents with buggies let the children go first
- We are all polite and respectful to everyone using the gates

Reception Children say goodbye at the gate

From next week all reception children will say goodbye to their grown-ups from the gate where Mrs Emmett and I stand. I know the teachers have been preparing them for this responsibility and that most of the children are already saying goodbye at the gate. Having children only past that point radically increases independence, reduces congestion, reduces accidents, reduces separation anxiety and makes them feel very grown up. Mrs McQuillan and Mrs Johnson will be on hand to help anyone who might need an extra bit of TLC. Remember one kiss, one hug is ample as you hand them over to us. I have been in the playground every day, and watching all of reception navigate around the playground on their own makes me confident they can all do this. If, for whatever reason, you feel your child is not ready you can take them into the office and wait for a member of staff to take them over to reception. Any messages for the teachers should be written on the message boards. I know that some parents have promised to go into the car park to watch and wave. Please do not promise this because the car park is private property and off limits to parents and carers at all times during the school day. You will be making a promise you can't keep – and will be

breaking the rules. They are all ready for this and it is another small step in growing up.

Year 1 and Year 2 Open Afternoon

On Tuesday 3rd October Year 1 and Year 2 classes will have an 'open afternoon'. This is half an hour to enable parents and carers time in the classroom to look at their children's work so far, their books, the classrooms and just spend time with them in school. I am aware that lots of parents work, but if grandparents are able to come they are also more than welcome. For child protection reasons parents and carers are restricted to the classrooms and the resource area – they should not be taking their children or anyone else's to the toilet.

Individual Photographs

Tuesday 3rd October is our 'Individual' photograph day. On this day the children should come to school dressed in their uniforms ready for their photos. Sibling photos will also be taken for those children with brothers or sisters in school.

Golden Table

So far Cynthia and Oscar will be joining me on the Golden table for lunch on Monday. Lots of children do have their names in the Golden Book so I know there will be more joining me for this special Good Manners Golden Table lunch!

Birthday Books

Thank you to Heidi and Leo for the wonderful birthday books for their classes!

Harvest Celebrations

There will be two Harvest Celebrations over the coming weeks. One for Nursery and Reception and one for Year 1 and Year 2. This year we are collecting food for the local Elmbridge Food Bank. They have asked us to donate and bring in 'TINS OF MEAT, FISH, FRUIT, PUDDINGS, JAM, COFFEE and HOT CHOCOLATE'. The Nursery and Reception Harvest Celebration will be on Thursday 5th October. This is for children only. Please can they bring in the donated food items next Thursday. Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Celebration will be on Wednesday 11th October at St Mary's Church. This is in conjunction with the junior school. Parents and carers can come to this,

but please be aware that because of the amount of children in the church parents and carers may be asked to stand at the back. Year 1 and Year 2 children should bring in their food donations on Wednesday 11th October.

Thought for the week - Fabulous Fundraising

Did you know that the 20 parents who took part in the 100 mile sponsored bike ride raised a whopping £7300?!?! The BT donation page is open until next week if you would like to contribute. The money will be split between St Mary's and The Rainbow Trust. Massive congratulations to everyone who took part and supported them.

My thought for the week is just to give respect to all those who completed the 100miles. You are inspirational ☺

Have a very lovely weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Parents! please remember your photos of who is collecting your child! We still have lots missing! It is very important for lunch club staff and the Nursery team that we have photos of who will be picking up your child.

If your child would like to have milk, please remember to sign them up online at <http://www.coolmilk.com>

If you have said you would volunteer for helping with baking on a Thursday, library on a Tuesday am or Thursday pm please could you give your name and email to our class representatives - Zoe Holben (Emerald) and Sasha Craise (Jade) as soon as possible so they can set up a rota to start the Tuesday after half term. Please remember to attend a safeguarding meeting if you intend to do this as you have to be DBS checked as well.

	Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thursday	Friday
Baking				Emerald & Jade	
Library		Emerald		Jade	
PE			Emerald & Jade		

Please remember to include a water bottle as well as a juice as we find they are thirsty and a juice is not quite enough. Also please check if you have taken someone else's water bottle or school sweatshirt home by mistake, thank you for taking the time to do this.

We have had a superb safety week and learnt about road safety (with Malcom, our lollipop person, and Dave from St Mary's coming to talk to the children and show them the reflective and waterproof clothing they have to wear), (stop, look, listen, think and walk across the road). E-safety (being safe when using the computer or iPad with parents' permission), stranger safety (who/ what is a stranger?), when to dial 999 - please talk to your children again about this. Well done to everyone for their good listening skills! ☺

Next week, we are learning about ourselves and learning to share our thoughts and listen to each other during some circle times together in groups. We shall also be thinking of stories about ourselves, our families and tolerance which is our new value for this month. If you have any favourite stories on this theme, please let your child share it with us. We will start going on our autumn colour walks around the school and listening to the different sounds we can all hear. We will be talking about harvest time as a time for sharing the food we have.

Tuesday 3rd October is individual photo day. Your child will have their photo taken on their own and with a sibling in the school.

Lastly there is a homework sheet for you to do at home, thinking about the colours of autumn and the colours of the traffic lights and what they represent.

Thank you all for your wonderful and continued support and patience with all the staff at home times as we are letting your little ones safely out of the door! We are still getting to know all your faces!

The Nursery Team ☺☺☺

Reception

This week we have been learning how to keep ourselves safe. We have learned how to cross the road safely and know to hold an adults hand and to find a safe place to cross. A big thank you to all the parents who helped on our walk. In the outside classroom we have been riding the bikes and scooters, we made roadways and put up road signs. In PE we have been learning to listen carefully as we played the Traffic Light game. We have had lots of fun making our Christmas cards, which the children have brought home today. If you would like to place an order for Christmas cards please return your order to the office.

Next week we shall begin 'Fred' our phonics programme. In your child's book bag, next Friday, you will find the sounds we have covered. Please continue to learn the sounds at home. We will also begin looking at 2D shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle, star) and using them to make pictures on the computer and making a tally of shapes we can see in the classroom. In literacy we will be practising writing names with a focus on good pencil grip and letter formation.

Vocabulary: shape names (circle, square, triangle, rectangle, star), sides, corners, straight, curved, 2D, tally.

Please bring in donations for our Harvest festival assembly on Thursday. All donations will go to the Elmbridge Food bank. 'No thank you to tea bags, baked beans or pasta. Yes please to tins or jars of meat, fish, fruit or pudding, jam, coffee and hot chocolate'.

The Reception Team ☺

Year 1

In Literacy this week we have focussed on 'The Gruffalo.' The children have been thinking about exciting adjectives to describe him. We also thought about using the conjunctions 'and' and 'because' to join our sentences together to make them longer and more exciting!

In Maths we have been focusing on measures, we have been using rulers and metre sticks to measure classroom objects and larger objects in the classroom, such as the cupboards and the door.

Show and Tell group – **Elephants** (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.

Maths; get them to measure at home with a ruler or a tape measure. They could also use non-standard measures to measure such as 'How many buttons long is the book?' 'How many sticks long is the bench?'

Literacy; Can you describe your clothes using adjectives? E.g. my jumper is soft and red. My shoes are shiny and white.

Vocabulary

Maths – length, short, long, shortest, longest, centimetres, metre, ruler

Literacy – adjective, describing word, conjunction, and, because

Year 2

We had a huge surprise when we arrived in school on Monday. We found that a book had been left for us by the creature we discovered in the playground last week! Reading the book, we found out his name was Something Else and that he found it hard to make friends. In Literacy we wrote a character description of Something Else and thought about whether we would like to be his friend.

In Maths this week we have been thinking about greater than, less than and equal to symbols ($<$ $>$ $=$). We imagined the symbols were greedy crocodile's mouths and made sure they always faced the largest number e.g. $99 > 1$.

This week in Science we have been identifying and discussing the properties of materials. Next week we will be thinking about why objects are made of certain materials.

Home Learning: This week we have asked the children to write about their favourite book character.

Vocabulary

Maths – greater than, less than, equal to, number bonds

Literacy – sentence starter, connective, adjective, noun phrase, exclamation mark

Science – rigid, dull, shiny, bendy, transparent, opaque and hard

Homework: Maths: Literacy:

Friends

Hi everyone, I hope the Y2 parents are not feeling too sore after last night, and the Y1 parents are getting their glad rags ready for a going 'out out' tonight!

All Nursery parents, don't forget about the 11th (meet and greet @ the George and Evelyn from 7.30pm).

Big thanks to all those who came and enjoyed the DittON Yer Bike summer festival, we lucked out with the weather and it was a lovely day cheering all the riders as they crossed the finish line with relief and elation!

Thanks also to everyone who donated school uniform yesterday, much appreciated! Keep saving it and passing it on to us! If you have a full bag you're ready to donate just let one of us know and leave it in the bike sheds longdittonfriends@outlook.com

Next week (Wednesday 4th October) is our AGM, please do come along, there will be drinks and nibbles from 7pm in the school hall, it's all very relaxed and friendly and you'll get to hear what plans are ahead for the children and school, and if you can make some suggestions, all the better!

Again this year we are linking up with Hinchley Wood Primary school and selling tickets for their Fireworks night on 2nd November, we get a share of the ticket sales for the school and to boost this we will also be having a glow sticks and cake sale, straight after school before the evening. As a heads up to all our lovely kind bakers, we will be asking for cake donations to sell! Also to our new parents, don't worry if you'd never win Bake Off, we are not precious, Mr Kipling and Mrs Supermarket cakes are gratefully received too!

For tickets to the Fireworks please use this link so we get our share of the tickets sales, <http://buytickets.at/hinchleywoodprimaryschoolassociation/118243>

Don't forget, if you'd like a table to sell your crafts at the Christmas Shopping Event please contact Sam Hooke m.hooke@sky.com

These are nearly sold out now so act fast!

Some extra dates looking ahead, we have the Breakfast Bounce on the 14th October and a Quiz Night on the 19th October More to come on these!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Look at our lovely red post box!! Anything that is Friends related you can pop in here, reply slips, questions, little notes!

Friends



ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Respect



Bronwyn
Wilf
Ellis
Corelie
Hope
Aydin

Golden Certificates:

Isabelle
Louis B
Finley
Iris O
Aron
Theresa
Mrs Burgess
Isaac L
Darcey
Daisy
Rory
Zac
Elliot B
Carmelle

Credit Card:

Joe

Birthdays:

Heidi – 7
Leo R – 7
Olivia – 5
Isabella A - 5

Outside Achievements:

Cade was awarded a 10m Rainbow Swimming Award certificate
Kaitlin made her Rainbow Promise and she also received the trophy for rainbow of the week
Emelia made her Rainbow Promise this week

DIARY DATES

October 2017

Tuesday 3 rd	Individual Student Photos by Imago KS1 Open Afternoon 2.30 pm – 3.00 pm
Wednesday 4 th	Parent Helper/Safeguarding Workshop 2.15 pm – 3.00 pm
Thursday 5 th	Harvest Festival for Nursery, YR and Y1 (children only)
Wednesday 11 th	9.15 am Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church - Y2 3.30 pm – 8.00 pm Parents' Evening (by appointment)
Thursday 12 th	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm Parents' Evening (by appointment)

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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Hinchley Wood Primary School is a happy and successful school committed to the highest of standards of teaching and learning.

We require the following to join our team.

Education Support Assistants

To work with a child/children with special educational needs

We have vacancies for

Education Support Assistants

30 hours per week

Mon-Fri

Surrey Pay Grade S3

£15,308 (full time equivalent)

Actual Salary £10,763

Please contact Mrs D Poole, School Business Manager for further details and an application form.

Hinchley Wood Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake a criminal record check via the DBS