



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER

#### 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

First of all, this week I must offer my apologies about parents' evening! I genuinely thought that we had at least two weeks before parents' evening, giving us plenty of time to organise the sign-up sheets. I have been so busy enjoying work and spending time in the classrooms it came as a complete shock to realise that it is next week! Thank you to everyone who has been supportive of this oversight on my part and thank you to those who have been kind and considerate to the office staff. It is really great to know that we are all on the same team working together for the children 😊

### **Fabulous Job Reception!**

Well done to all the reception children for coming into school on their own. It is great to see them gaining their independence. And for those who may shed a tear I guarantee that two minutes into the classroom they are all settled and getting ready for their learning day.

### **Golden Table**

This week Frankie, Oscar F S, Theo, Alfie, Cynthia, Hattie and Keir all made it onto the Golden Manners Table for lunch on Monday. They showed beautiful manners all week – always saying please and thank you, using their knives and forks and (my Grandma's most important table manner) ate with their mouths closed. Brilliant 😊

### **Harvest Celebrations**

My goodness me, we already have an enormous amount of donated food items for the Elmbridge food bank thanks to the donations from Reception and Nursery. We held a very lovely but low key Harvest Assembly which was just right for the Early Years. They came and put all their tinned goods on the Harvest Table and we sang 'Thank you Lord for Harvest Time.' It was a pleasure to take part in such an assembly – thank you to all the EYFS.

Next Wednesday will be the Harvest Celebration for Years 1 and Years 2. They can bring in their food items and carry them to the Church. Elmbridge are asking for us to donate and bring in 'TINS OF MEAT, FISH, FRUIT, PUDDINGS, JAM, COFFEE and HOT CHOCOLATE'. Parents and carers are welcome to come to the church – but as I said before, because it is held jointly with the junior school space can get a little cramped. So bring your tolerant attitudes for standing and singing in confined areas.

### **Toilet Concerns**

Following the School Parliament results last month where children expressed some concerns about the toilets I have been monitoring the use of the children's toilets. Now we have the toilets cleaned 3 times a day – once at 11.30am, once at 1.30pm and once after all the children have left at 6.30pm. This week I wanted to see just how clean the children were keeping the toilets. I was quite shocked to find out that in the 15 minutes I monitored the toilets 8/10 children did not flush the toilets or wash their hands after they had been! We have spoken to the children and are encouraging them to make sure this is part of what they do when they go to the toilet. Please can you help by making

sure that at home every single time your child goes to the toilet they flush, wash and dry their hands. I would also like to ask parents of boys to gently speak to them about making sure they 'aim down the toilet' rather than anywhere else. One of the things the cleaners tell me is that there seems to be a lot of wee on the floor which might be attributed to poor aiming skills. I will be monitoring the children's use of the toilets over the next few terms to see if there is an improvement and all the help you provide at home will make a positive impact.

### **Birthday Treats**

As a healthy school we do not encourage children to bring in sweets to celebrate birthdays. This is because sometimes classes can end up having three or four sweet treats in a week and to achieve the Gold Standard for Healthy Schools, which we did in July last term, we have to show that we are educating children to know that sweet treats should only be every now and then. If you want to celebrate your child's birthday with the class please bring in a birthday book, we do have some for £3 in the office, and we will put a dedication in the book to say it is from your child. This then gets added to the class library. It is lovely when the children choose their birthday books to read to the class. It is also lovely to pick a birthday book from a former pupil because it keeps their memory alive in our school by saying they once came here. The books don't have to be new they can be an old book from home that your child may have read and enjoyed!

### **Birthday Books**

Thank you to Florence, Frankie O'B, Elena and Evie for the wonderful birthday books for their classes!

### **Thought for the week – Tolerance**

'Tolerance is giving to every other human being every right that you claim for yourself.' R. Ingersoll

Have a brilliant lovely weekend!

**Mrs Paines**

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## **Nursery**

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We had a lovely week and also a very "Whoops" week. (Ask your child what whoops means on our daily timetable!)

We learnt about our Timeline on the board and how to use it and we also learnt about our 1-2-3 Magic rules to keep us safe, respectful and tolerant of each other. We are learning to make new friend, share and look after our equipment, and talk about ourselves in circle times this week as well.

We went and had our individual photos done and with our older siblings, and that was new leaving the classroom - sometimes twice in a session! We went to the hall to rehearse our Harvest assembly with Reception and to do a "Stop, look, listen and think" physical activity. We learnt some of our warm up "Bean" game. On Thursday we had our Harvest assembly in the hall with Reception and the afternoon children took their harvest food to the entrance hall. We also all learnt and sang "Thank you Lord for Harvest Time" and "Food to Eat." With Miss Pearson playing on the piano, Wonderful! So a lot of new challenges for your child this week which they all did brilliantly!

Next week we will continue to focus on Harvest and particularly Autumn, with our Autumn walks, listening walks, autumnal colours, and thinking about our senses and creating portraits of ourselves.

**Vocabulary:** I can hear, see, touch, taste. My hair is, my eyes are, naming parts of our face for our portraits and naming and selecting the right colour.

Please remember to bring back the sticky slip with your name and email on it by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, and your Christmas artwork - thank you.

If you wish to see me for parents' evening on Wednesday and Thursday next week please look for our clip board outside with all the other class clipboards. If you have any queries, please see one of the team.

Finally, there is some optional homework going out on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, please do this when you have time. There is no set date to bring it in, just enjoy talking to your child about the things you see and hear around Autumn time.

Have a brilliant weekend everyone and thank you for all your wonderful donations of food. 😊

The Nursery team. 😊😊😊😊😊😊



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## Reception

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The children have been doing such a good job coming in on their own. We are really proud of them!

We have had a lovely week in Reception – We have started our Fred phonics sessions and have been learning a new sound each day, look out for your child's folder in their book bag. Please practise saying the sound (remember the pure sound e.g. for 'm', say 'mmm' not 'muh'), saying the rhyme to help remember the sound and then writing it. In numeracy we have been practising writing numerals 1 – 10. We have also been learning about 2D shapes (circle, rectangle, triangle, star and square), making a tally chart of the 2D shapes we found in the classroom, singing shape songs, and making pictures out of 2D shapes. When you're out and about this weekend, maybe you could spot all the different shapes you see? In PE, we have been practising finding a space in the hall and moving in lots of different ways.

Next week in literacy we shall be writing the sounds we hear in words and practising writing our names in cursive script. In numeracy we shall be carefully counting objects then writing the number. We will also be talking about Autumn and making a leaf collage.

The Reception Team 😊

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## Year 1

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In Literacy this week we have focussed on 'Instruction writing.' The children have been thinking about the steps we need to take to wash our hands. We thought about time connectives and numbered steps. We are all experts in hand washing now!

In Maths we have been focusing on capacity, we have been measuring the volume of liquids using different sized jugs. We have been comparing amounts in each container and using language such as full, half full, empty. We have learnt that there are 1000ml in a litre. We have also been learning about place value for numbers and thinking about how 2 digit numbers are made up of tens and units, and some of us have been thinking that 3 digit numbers are made up of hundreds, tens and units. We have also learnt about number bonds to 10 using the Numicon.

**Show and Tell group – Lions** (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 record it in their reading diary.

Maths; talk about pairs of numbers that make 10, e.g.  $3 + 7 = 10$ ,  $5 + 5 = 10$

Literacy; At home with your child discuss the instructions for brushing your teeth, using time connectives E.g. First get your toothbrush. Next put on the toothpaste

### **Vocabulary**

**Maths** – capacity, half full, full, nearly full, empty, tens, units, number bonds

**Literacy** – instructions, time connectives, first, next, after that, then, finally

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## Year 2

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This week in Literacy and PSHE we have been thinking about what makes a good friend. We found out fascinating facts about children in our groups and created flags showing their favourite things. We read the ending of our book *Something Else* and designed a new friend for him so that he isn't lonely and sad anymore. We decided that the most important thing is that friends are kind to each other and that it doesn't matter what someone looks like or if they are different. At the end of the week, we discussed our opinions of the story and wrote book reviews using subheadings to organise our writing.

In Maths we have been using our knowledge of partitioning to help us write number sentences (i.e.  $26 = 20 + 6$ ). We have also been practising our number bonds to 10, 20 and 100.

In Science we discussed the suitability of materials for creating different objects. We thought about why plastic is a good material for a water bottle and why windows are made of glass. Next week in Art we will be making observational drawings of Autumn objects. We would be grateful if your child could bring in objects such as conkers, leaves, pine cones for our Autumn table.

Harvest Festival – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Can you help by walking to and from the church with the Year 2 children? Please let us know if you can. We will be leaving school after the morning register.

**Maths homework:** Please complete the activities to help you learn your number bonds off by heart.

**Key vocab for this week:** opinion, subheading, partitioning, number bonds, materials, properties, suitability, transparent, opaque.

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## Friends

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Hello everyone

A huge thank you to those who made the time to come to the AGM on Wednesday evening, and share some really great ideas, it was so lovely to see new faces. The new committee is now official with the lovely Jessica Corkan taking the lead as Chair, Macarena Powell as Vice Chair, Kim Jones

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and Desiree Harris sharing 'the writing' (secretary) and Sarah Carvalho continuing to do the counting, with a various cast of helpers along the way!

So it's the run up to the Christmas Fair, this is the biggest event the Friends have and it's so awesome you need to save the date in your calendars!

There is, traditionally, constant communications regarding this event, and we can't make it great without the entire Friends team helping.

And so it begins. For the Raffle we need some great prizes, so if you or someone you know can donate a good prize then please let us know, in the past we've had vouchers for hair and beauty salons, iPads, theatre tickets, family passes for Chessington World of Adventures, dinners at fancy restaurants etc. SO if you work somewhere that might have a donation to make or you are good at twisting the arms of local businesses please let us know! [longdittonfriends@outlook.com](mailto:longdittonfriends@outlook.com)

If you would like to join our Christmas Fair organising committee, or just come and see what's going on there are a couple of meetings planned, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am at Squires Garden Centre and a following meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm at the George Evelyn pub.

Next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October we'll be collecting Chocolates and sweets for the Tombola, please drop these off in the box left in the bike shed. Any size chocolate bars and sweets are gratefully received; however, we do have severe nut allergies in the school so NO NUTS. Any chocolates with nuts in will be taken and eaten by the Friends committee - In secret. Late at night 😊

Next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October we are collecting cakes for the Spooky Bounce, all cakes are acceptable, whether made in your home or Mr Kipling's home! But again NO NUTS, any nutty cakes will again be eaten by the Friends committee! Also, don't forget to come to the Spooky bounce on 14<sup>th</sup> October too, 10 am -12.30 pm, a great way to burn up the kids' energy for a nice peaceful afternoon! There will be a BBQ and face painting too 😊

The tickets are on sale for the Quiz Night on the 19<sup>th</sup> October, your class reps should be in contact

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soon arranging tables and selling tickets. There is no rule on who you sit with - classes or friends, just to have a great night! You can also just turn up on the night and join a table; there will be a bar, but please do bring your own nibbles!

There will also be a Christmas Wreath workshop (for grown-ups) on 5th December at the George Evelyn pub as well, where you can make a wreath for your door! More details to follow.

Thanks

Friends

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## Office

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Please remember to return your child's Christmas card artwork to the class teacher as soon as possible as they are being collected from school next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

The last date to register on the Chameleon Create is Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Parents will receive an email from Chameleon Create on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, once all the artwork has been scanned, with an invitation to go back online to place any orders. The cut-off date for ordering is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

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We look forward to planning the development of our outside space over the coming months. A big thank you to the Friends.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Value Stars: Tolerance



Lucy B  
Honey  
Lara  
Megan  
Erin

### Golden Certificates:

Miss Evangelos  
Millie  
Arsad  
Dylan  
Nancy  
Cerys  
Sam W  
Frankie M  
Forrest  
Carlos  
Isla W

### Credit Card:

Elliot B  
Heidi  
Leo R

### Birthdays:

Lucy B – 7  
Evie – 7  
Frankie O'B – 6  
Elena - 6

### Outside Achievements:

Henry J won the medal at Kingston Juniors Cycling Club for good listening and good bike control  
Theo came 1<sup>st</sup> in The Teddy Bear Colouring Competition  
Cade was awarded a certificate for 20m front crawl and backstroke  
Adam was invested as a Beaver Scout

## DIARY DATES

### October 2017

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

9.15 am Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church – Y1 and Y2  
3.30 pm – 8.00 pm Parents' Evening (by appointment)

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:knolan@longditton.surrey.sch.uk).  
Visits welcome.

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### Thames Ditton Junior School

Thames Ditton Junior School is conducting daytime tours around the school for current Year 2 parents.

These small group tours are led by either the head or deputy, and offer the opportunity to ask questions about the school, accompanied by a member of the governing body.

Tours last around one hour and are bookable by contacting the school office on 0208 398 3039.

### Long Ditton St Mary's Open Evening

16<sup>th</sup> October @ 09:30am

16<sup>th</sup> October @ 7:00pm

No appointment required.