



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

10th November 2017

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Friday everyone! This week has been one of those 'everyone working hard' weeks and the children have been showing me their great poems about Fireworks and The Gunpowder plot. In year 2 they included great 'conjunctions' to go with the 'adverbial phrases' describing the beautiful night sky filled with fireworks. Brilliant!

Walking Only Inside the School Gates

Please make sure that if your child comes to school on a bike or a scooter they walk with it once inside the school grounds. Riding bikes or scooters inside the school grounds is very dangerous and I would hate for anyone, child or adult, to be injured because of reckless riding or scooting on the school premises.

Anti-Bullying Week 13th - 17th November

Next week is Anti Bullying week and the children will be thinking and learning about making sure that our school remains 'bully free'. The **PARENT WORKSHOP** for Anti Bullying will be on **Wednesday 15th November** at 9.15. Please sign up if you would like to attend to find out what we do in school and some strategies for parents and carers to use at home to help prevent bullying. Also on Wednesday we will be wearing blue to demonstrate our commitment to raising awareness about bullying and to say we will not accept it.

Governor Monitoring Day

The first of this year's Governor Monitoring Day will be on Wednesday 15th November. This is a day when the Governors come into school to find out information. One of the things they will be doing is speaking to parents and carers on the gate in the

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morning and after school. They will be asking you to rate 'how good our school is' between 1 – 10 and to think of anything we could do to make it even better. Please think about where you would rate our school and if it isn't a 10/10 what we would need to do to make 10/10!

Children in Need

For Children in Need we are holding a 'no writing' day! The children will not be asked to do any writing in return for wearing something spotty/Pudsey Ears and a £1 donation which will go to the Children in Need charity. It will be a very interesting and creative day!

Safeguarding Forms

Mrs Nolan has brought to my attention that there are lots of people who attended the workshops and completed their DBS checks that haven't returned their Disqualification by Association forms. If you are a volunteer who is coming in to help please ensure you have completed this – if you need another form, please speak to the office.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Megan S, Keir, Eilidh, Scarlett and Ava (Topaz) for the wonderful birthday books for their classes!

Golden Manners Table

This week on my Golden Manners tables were Francesca, Amaya, Jack D, Alex, Kiara, Bronwyn, Sebastian and Rayaan. Thank you to these children for always showing and using excellent manners!

Thought for the week – 'Individually we are one drop – together we are an ocean!'

Have a magnificent weekend!

Mrs Paines

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Nursery

Another busy week, and the children have been learning their sounds of which some you have to practice for homework. Homework can be done any time and please do not do all at once just a little at a time when they feel happy to have a go: Play I-Spy with the sounds: s, a, t, m and i. We have been learning about Remembrance Day and why a poppy was chosen. We have learnt the parts of the poppy flower, made poppy seed biscuits and have been painting and looking for things that begin with the sounds we have been learning.

Next week we will be focusing on Anti-Bullying Week. On Wednesday your child may wear something blue to focus on Anti-bullying, and on Friday you can wear any clothes with spots. We will be talking about how to be a good friend, how to work together and be kind to each other. We will think about a recipe for a good friend and list the ingredients needed. We will also be looking at numerals 1 - 5 and recognising them. We will be matching the number of objects to the numeral. In baking we will be making fruit kebabs.

A huge 'Thank you' to Zoe, Leo H's Mum and Olly's mum for doing afternoon Library, and George's mum who is always here to help and co-ordinate everything. Merci! Please sign up for baking or library or your child will be missing out. Betsy's mum is emailing parents but there are still a few addresses missing. Please give her your email address if you haven't already done so, so that she can keep you in the loop about all the wonderful things the Friends do.

We will be planting our daffodil bulbs next week, any keen gardeners? We will also begin to learn our Christmas song as the Christmas performance is only three weeks away! Where does the time go?

Please remember to write your child's name in their coats, hats and gloves, thank you.

Thank you for all your support, have a great weekend!

The Nursery Team 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊

Reception

This week we learnt all about The Gunpowder Plot, who Guy Fawkes was and where bonfire night originated from. Importantly, we also learnt about how to stay safe on Bonfire Night or when around fireworks.

In Literacy we have been thinking about adjectives to describe the fireworks we have seen. We made firework pictures then wrote adjectives on labels which we stuck to our paintings. We loved using the scrubbing brushes to paint our fireworks and looking at the effect it had when we dipped the brushes in more than one colour. We have continued to practise blending the sounds we have learnt in FRED, e.g. v –a –n van. Thank you for supporting your child with their FRED learning at home.

In maths we have been putting numbers in the right order, using a number line to help us if we are not sure. We have been practising the formation of 8 and 9 and have been singing counting songs.

In PE we have been moving in, under, over and around the apparatus, also giving us a chance to practise our positional vocabulary.

In Circle Time we have talked about ways to work together as a group or with friends. Our value this month is co-operation.

Next week is Anti-bullying week. We will be learning about what bullying means and the importance of valuing and including everyone in our school. We will be talking about what makes a good friend and why this is the case. In maths we will be finding the number that is before / after / one more / one less.

Vocabulary: Friend, respect, value, include, bully, feelings, happy, sad, upset, before, after.

Show and Tell (Friday): Rabbits - something to do with Autumn or Friendship.

We currently have enough materials for junk modelling, please don't bring in any more for now thank you!

The Reception Team 😊

Year 1

The children have been enjoying our space topic this week finding out lots of interesting facts and thinking about what it is like to be an astronaut. In Science we have been learning all about the planets.

In Literacy this week we have been thinking about story related language. We have tried to improve our sentences by using interesting language and lots of description.

In Maths we have been learning to take away. We used a number line to find the answers to subtraction number sentences.

On Friday 24th November some of the children will be taking part in a Christmas tree competition at Squires and we need a few helpers from each class to help walk the children up to the garden centre. Please see your class teacher if you are able to help.

Please also remember to bring in lots of wonderful junk modelling resources for us.

Show and Tell group – **Monkey** (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: Simple take away using different objects then write the number sentence.

Literacy: Write the beginning of a story with your child, encourage them to use a story starter such as, Long, long ago, Deep in the forest, Once upon a time

Vocabulary

Maths – addition, add, equals, altogether, subtract, take away, jump back.

Literacy – Story starter, Capital letter, full stop, conjunction, and, but, because, adjective

Year 2

This week in Literacy we thought about Bonfire night and discussed the things we see, hear, taste, feel and smell. Using our five senses we wrote some fantastic poems with lots of interesting adjectives and verbs. We have been learning more about Guy Fawkes and his involvement in the Gunpowder Plot. The children were able to share lots of their own interesting facts which they researched for their Homework. We enjoyed making masks of Guy Fawkes and the other plotters to support our learning.

In Maths we have been identifying 2D shapes and learning about their properties. We have described how many sides and corners they have and have also begun to look at their angles. We particularly enjoyed creating WANTED! posters to describe shapes. The shapes we have been looking at are: circles, triangles, squares, rectangles, pentagons and hexagons. Can the children remember the names of some 2D shapes with more than 6 sides?

In Art this week we have been using mixed media to create eye catching firework pictures. Thank you for the photos of fireworks displays which have been sent in.

Homework: Our Literacy homework this week is a comprehension activity about Remembrance Day, which will be commemorated this weekend.

Key vocabulary for this week: verb, adjective, alliteration, 2D shape, sides, corners, angles, Guy Fawkes, gunpowder, plot.

School Office

Student Photos: Please remember to order your photos by 22nd November for free delivery to school. To order go to:

<https://www.imagojuniors.com/login/CombinedLogin.aspx>

and use your unique login and password to access your child's photographs.

Friends

Thank you to everyone for baking and buying. We raised an amazing £200 from our bonfire cake and glow stick sale. Please pop along to the bike sheds to collect your cake tins and boxes as there are still rather a lot left behind.

Thank you to the elves who gave up their time wrapping, cutting and sticking this week. The next Christmas Fair prep session will be on Monday morning after drop off. Please contact jessica2179@yahoo.co.uk for her address if you are able to help. We are also still looking for further Posh Tombola prizes and gifts for our 'Elfridges' shop, these could be for Mum, Dad or siblings so please dig out any good quality unwanted gifts and leave them in our blue box in the bike sheds.

This week you will receive application forms for our Christmas Stocking workshops on Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and possibly Thursday 23rd November. The children love to get creative and they get to take home their lovely stockings, and could even bring them back to the fair to fill up with all their lovely winnings. Lucky cups and raffle tickets will also follow shortly and an order form for Christmas trees which will be sold at the Fair!

- ✚ Reception drinks tonight at the Limping Fox.
- ✚ There are still places on December's Wreath Workshop.
- ✚ Please save the date of Thursday 14th December for the whole school Friends' Christmas drinks. Venue TBC.
- ✚ Ball application forms went out in book bags this week and will be collected from Monday, with full payment.

Have a great weekend

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Co-operation



Jack D
Iris T
Isobel
Oliver B
Maia
Ava C

Golden Certificates:

Imogen
Cynthia
Declan
Amaya
Olivia G
Jihu
Roshan
Sophie G
Zack
Evie
Finley
Joseph F
Theo
Ruby Class
Mrs Clark

Credit Card:

Alesha

Birthdays During Half-Term:

Oliver B – 7
Louis G – 6
Finley A-C – 7
Erin – 5

Birthdays:

Eilidh – 5
Ava O'C – 5
Max P – 6
Scarlett C - 7

Outside Achievements:

DIARY DATES

November 2017

Monday 13th

National Anti-Bullying week

Wednesday 15th

- 9.15am Anti-Bullying workshop for parents – *please let the school office know if you would like to attend*
- Wear blue to school in support of National Anti-bullying week

Friday 17th

Children in Need / Pudsey Bear – No writing day and/or wear Pudsey Bear ears in return for a donation to Children in Need

Monday 20th

INSET Day – school closed

Tuesday 21st

Last date for ordering student photos from Imago for free delivery to school

Wednesday 22nd

9.15am Open Morning for Reception 2018 Prospective Parents/Carers

Tuesday 28th

9.15am Open Morning for Nursery Prospective Parents/Carers

December 2017

Friday 1st

Christmas Decoration afternoon

Saturday 2nd

Friends' Christmas Fair

Monday 4th

9.15am Whole School Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 5th to
Friday 8th

Each morning at 9.15am Whole School Christmas Production
*(an invitation to come and watch will be sent home next week when you can choose the performance you would like to attend. Due to the space in the hall, seats are limited to 2 per child. We also request that younger siblings **do not** attend the performances.)*

Wednesday 13th

- Yr 2 Diamond class to Stokes Field (morning only)
- Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14th
(Note: change of date)

2.15pm RockSteady Concert - (parents/carers of children who take part are invited to attend)

Friday 15th

Save the Children Christmas Jumper day

Wednesday 20th

- Yr 2 Amethyst class to Stokes Field (morning only)
- Nursery finishes for Christmas holidays

Thursday 21st

- 9.15am Christmas Assembly at St Mary's Church – all welcome
- 1.30pm school closes for Christmas holidays

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / Adverts

Saint Mary's Church, Long Ditton invites you to our
Messy Church
Saint Mary's Community Hall
Tuesday 14 November 3:30 - 5:30



Crafts suitable for all ages, from playdough for toddlers to colouring in for the grownups, and all that fits in between!

Messy Church includes:
after school snacks
craft
worship
bible stories
and a cooked tea!

Free session, donation only

For more information contact Faye Milne on:
07721080294, children@stmaryslongditton.org.uk



ST MARY'S CHURCH CHOIR

Do you enjoy singing?

Would you like to be part of a choir for Christmas?

Friday night practices 8 till 9.30pm (followed by a visit to the George Evelyn if you would like to!)

Sing with the choir for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 17th December and join us at Surbiton Station and The George Evelyn to raise funds for Shooting Star Chase Children's Hospice

contact Caroline Yalden on

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Preschool Dance Classes

TUESDAYS | 9 - 9:30am

Mini Movers (From Walking - 2 Years)

This is a fantastic class for introducing little ones to movement and dance. It develops creativity, rhythm and social skills whilst building on imagination. Drop in straight from school drop off and become part of a network.

Doors open from 8.45am. Come along and have a Tea/Coffee before we start (we like a good chat before we start!)



TUESDAYS | 9:30 - 10am

Imagine (2 - 3 Years)

This programme has been developed by the ATOD.

We are adding it to our timetable as an in between class for those that have mastered the skills required for Mini Movers but are not quite ready for our combo class or other after school classes. Free movement, creativity and mime are encouraged. This class incorporates lots of stimuli to aid learning.



TUESDAYS | 4 - 4:30pm

Combo Class

This new class is a great starting point for our younger students to explore the world of dance. Classes will incorporate Ballet, Theatre Craft and Tap- all core subjects with the IDTA. This class will draw on imagination and poise from ballet, expression from Theatre Craft as well as rhythm from Tap.



All Classes Take Place at:
The Sunray Community Centre, Knollmead, Tolworth, Surrey KT5 9QP