



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

24th November 2017

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

We are just about to get ready for the build up to the 'Big C!' It is usually around this time of year that things get pretty hectic, demands on peoples' time is greater and the children become so excited they literally do not know what to do with themselves. This year it would be great if we could all remember to stop and take a breath, remember to be polite to everyone we speak to and to give the children lots of positive praise for the things they do well. (Not just threats of no presents if they are not following the rules!) As grown-ups get busier and the pressure increases for us it's easy to forget all the good practices we know work well for managing children's behaviour. Keep it positive if you can ☺

Parent Helper Safeguarding Issue

We really appreciate the parents who volunteer to come school and help the children learn. It is important that we try to keep our children safe at all times – please remember that we should know who is coming in to help and where they should be. Parent helpers should not invite other parent helpers in without letting the school know and they should not either feel it is ok to 'roam around the school' to see what the children are doing. This could be seen as a child protection issue for that parent or carer and the children they are looking at. Our children are very trusting and if you have a visitor badge on they believe that you are a safe person to interact with. Please do not abuse that trust or put yourselves in a compromising situation.

Year 1 Squires Competition

This year Year 1 children have all decorated a Christmas tree at Squires garden centre. This is to

take part in a competition to see which tree the public like the most. There are three schools that have taken part. To win is judged by how many likes or tokens each tree receives. So if you are visiting Squires over the next few days please remember to have a look at the trees – and vote for our Year 1's!!

PE Kit – grey tracksuit

Now that the weather is colder, please would you ensure that PE kits now include a grey tracksuit – joggers and sweatshirt. Although it will be cold, the children will still go outside to do PE.

Christmas Decoration Afternoon – Friday 1st December

“Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly”

Parents and carers are welcome to come in on Friday afternoon 1st December from 1.20-2.45pm to help make Christmas decorations with the children and decorate the school ready for the Friends' Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December. On this occasion you do not need to have a school DBS check, but please let the school office or your child's class teacher know if you will be coming in so that the necessary arrangements can be put in place. It's always a fun event and the more, the merrier!

Christmas Fair brochure - front cover design competition

Winner: Evie: Year 2 – HT for the day!!

Runner's up: Leo H – Nursery, Tuuli – Year R, Alana – Year 1, Cerys – Year 2. All their pictures appear in the Christmas fair brochure.

Parent Communications

Following on from the feedback from parents to the Governors last week I have met with the Chair of the Friends and discussed making sure that the communications between class reps, school and parents and carers is a little more select and purposeful. Let's remember that communication should be useful and to the point and also that those who receive the communications need to read and act on them. As a receiver of many 'reply to all' responses from over 300 schools in Surrey – believe me it is important to consider if everyone needs to know your response.

Christmas Fair 2nd December

It's the Christmas Fair next week! Already there have been lots of preparations behind the scenes to make this fair the best one yet! We are so looking forward to seeing you all next week!

Kidzania Idea

Thank you to the parents and carers who have come to me with ideas of what we could do and offers of help to organise and arrange. Please let me know if you could help or have any ideas, and then I will arrange a meeting next term for us all to get together and come up with a plan of action of what we can do.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Jasper, Parth, Ava D-F for the wonderful birthday books for their classes!

Golden Manners Table

Joining me for lunch this week because of their excellent manners were Olivia, Darcie, Wilf, Felix and Finlay. Superb!

Thought for the week

"We all do better when we work together. Our differences do matter, but our common humanity matters more." B Clinton
Have a brilliant weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

The children have been amazing in their learning. In PE we have thought about using words chosen by the children to create a story and moving our bodies to create that story. We focused on the Rainbow Fish story following our anti-bullying week and how to share and be kind helps you to make friends. The children have been learning to sequence two colour and three colour patterns, using peg boards and say 'what comes next?' We learnt the vocabulary linked to fish such as scales, fins, and tail.

In Baking I would like to say a huge thank you to George's Mum and Betsy's Mum for baking this week - cutting and making pizza rainbow fish. Also thank you to Betsy's Mum for providing all the dough. ☺

A very big thank you to Mrs Harris who came in on Wednesday to plant bulbs with the children in the nursery garden.

Next week we will focus on Elmer stories, the Jolly Postman, and writing our letters to Santa. We will also be talking about posting letters to a friend. In maths we will be looking at squares, the properties of a square and tessellating squares to make a patchwork pattern of our own. We will be continuing with our Christmas songs for the performance.

Your child will be singing 'Away in a Manger' and the chorus of 'The First Christmas'. Your child's costume can be anything from the Nativity scene eg. shepherds, sheep, camels, donkeys, angels, kings, Mary, Joseph and stars. If you have any concerns about your child's costumes, please speak to one of the team. **Please could all costumes be in by Wednesday 29th November**, ready for the dress rehearsal is on Monday 4th December.

Reminder for Jade children: Please can all afternoon children come to nursery at 8.45 am and be collected at 10.30 am on Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th December and Wednesday 6th December ready to take in their Christmas performance. Please see a team member if you have any
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Nursery cont'd

concerns with this. Hopefully you have all returned your seat booking form for the day you wish to see the performance. Please see one of the team if not.

In creative arts we will be working on props for the Christmas performance and decorations for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December.

Friday 1st December is Christmas Decoration Day. Please could we have 3 parents to help in the morning from 9.30-10.30am, and 3 for the afternoon from 1.30-2.30pm. We will provide everything to make the decorations that will then be put up in the resources hall. On this occasion you do not need to have a school DBS check to come in and help. Please let one of the team know if you would like to come in and help.

In baking we will be making sandwiches and cutting our sandwiches into quarters and making our square sandwich into four small square sandwiches. 😊

Have a great weekend everyone and if you have time, why not play I-Spy phonics with your child. Please see the sounds we have been doing. 😊

The Nursery Team 😊😊

Reception

This week we loved sharing the story of The Three Little Pigs, focusing on the sequence of events that happen in the story. We used drama to act out the story in small groups, and joined in with repeated refrains e.g. "He huffed and he puffed...", "Little Pig, Little Pig, let me come in!". The children are beginning to use beautiful expression for the characters' voices, and they were proud to show their drama to the class.

In Literacy we have continued to practise blending the sounds we have learnt in FRED, e.g. b-a-nk, bank. Thank you for supporting your child with their FRED learning at home. Please make sure your child's FRED folder and reading book (if they have one) are brought to school every day in their book

bag, as we will be hearing them read and practising 'Word Box' words.

In maths we have learnt all about sequencing. We have created repeating patterns using a variety of resources. For example, we used paint to print caterpillars, choosing colours for the segments to create a repeating pattern.

In PE we have been lunging and leaping! We practised lunging in different directions and balancing in the lunge position.

We have all been using the technology in the classroom. As well as using programs and apps on the computers and ipads, we have learnt to program the Beebot. We spent time investigating what would happen when we gave it a sequence of commands.

We have all been busy practising our songs and actions for the Christmas performance. We look forward to sharing them with you in December!

Next week we will continue our learning on 'The Three Little Pigs'. We plan to make houses from bricks, sticks and straw, and we will be making predictions about which is the best house-building material. We will test our houses to see if our predictions are correct!

In maths we will then measure the height of our houses using multilink cubes. We will program the Beebot to visit the different houses, predicting where our commands will take it!

We will be creating pig and wolf masks, using a range of materials and tools to achieve a planned effect.

In Literacy we will also be learning about rhyming words, finding pairs of rhyming words and thinking of other words to rhyme with them.

We will continue to practise our Christmas Song for the Christmas performance, using a big voice and singing with a smile!

Vocabulary: tall, height, measure, predict, program, next, left, right, forward, backwards, rhyme, pair.

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Show and Tell (Friday): Mice – a favourite story.

Please send in your child's costume for the Christmas performance by Monday 27th November if possible. You should have received an email from your class rep giving you some ideas. Please see your child's class teacher if you need help to provide a costume. Thank you, we appreciate this is a busy time!

The Reception Team ☺

Year 1

We have had a very busy week this week, we have continued our learning on the space topic and started working on our Christmas song.

In Maths we have been learning all about Money and the value of different coins. We have been deciding which coins we would choose to pay for different things.

In Literacy we have been creating newspaper reports about Neil Armstrong and how he went to the moon. We included some spoken language of things that he said. We made sure that our newspaper report had a title and contained as much information as we could.

On Friday we had a very exciting day decorating the tree at squire's garden centre, don't forget to go and have a look at the final decorated tree at Squire's and cast your vote for your favourite tree.

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 - Give your child a selection of coins and ask them to tell you what the value of them is.

Pretend to sell various objects to your child and get them to give you the coins in certain amounts.

Literacy - Can you find out any more amazing facts about Neil Armstrong?

Vocabulary:

- **Maths** – money, coin, pence, pound, amount
- **Literacy** – newspaper, report, article, title, capital letter, full stop, spoken words, speech marks, Neil Armstrong, Astronaut, moon

You should now have received a letter (either by email or in book bags) about what your child will be wearing for our Christmas show. Please bring the costume to school in a labelled carrier bag by latest Thursday 30th November.

Thank you for all your junk modelling resources that you have given us, please continue to bring any more that you may have at home, as we still need more. **Note: Due to serious allergies in school, please do not send in boxes, packets etc. that have contained nuts or sesame.**

Year 2

This week in Literacy we have been reading the story The Bog Babies. What is a Bog Baby? Ask us to describe what a Bog Baby looks like! Unfortunately, we received a letter from Hannah and Hamish which told us that some children have been fishing Bog Babies out of the pond at boggy Stokes Field. So we helped Hannah and Hamish to write a persuasive letter asking them not to do it anymore. Also we have created Wanted posters to help find one of the Gunpowder plotters, Thomas Percy. We used adjectives to create a detailed description.

In Maths we have been learning about dividing. We have learnt that dividing means the same as sharing and grouping. We started by sharing using the plate method; ask us to show you how to solve $10 \div 2$ using plates. Then we began to learn how to divide using a blank number line.

We had a very creative time in DT this week designing a glove puppet. We looked at different

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types of materials we could use to make our puppets and how we could successfully join them together. Everybody enthusiastically completed their own very individual designs which we will begin to make next week.

In SPAG we have been learning to add the suffix 'ing' to verbs e.g. drinking (The cat is drinking).

Christmas Production Costumes – Please send in a costume for your child by Thursday 30th November, in a named carrier bag.

Amethyst – 1970s themed clothing (e.g. flares, patterned shirts).

Diamond – Country and Western clothing, Jeans, a checked shirt/plain T-shirt and a cowboy hat if possible. Thank you!

Homework: Please complete the SPAG activity – adding the suffix '–ing' to verbs.

Key vocab for this week: dividing, sharing, grouping, division, suffix, design, template

School Office

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all the children who bought a poppy this year. Your donations raised £192.60 for the Poppy Appeal.

Tea Towels for Baking

Some of the tea towels used in the baking area are in need of replacing. If you have any good condition tea towels at home that you no longer use (or want to get rid of), please could we have them? Please drop in to the school office. Thank you.

Friends

T minus 1 week to the fair! Excited!!!

We raised £135 from ticket sales from the fireworks night! Which is great, we are donating half to Children in Need and half to the school.

For the Christmas fair:

If you can volunteer, please let your class reps know.

We are looking for:

- Elfridges need more male orientated gifts, if you have spare aftershave, socks, sports stuff (all those things dads love!)

Huge thanks to everyone who has helped prep everything, there is one more session on Wednesday morning, let Jessica know if you can make it jessica2179@yahoo.co.uk

The empty lucky cups have all been sent home now, please fill these and wrap them and put them to the blue box in the shed by 29th November.

If you have raffle tickets to return, with the money, please put these in the Friends' red post box on the brick wall outside the school office.

There are a limited number of places left on the Christmas Stocking workshop, so please fill out the form if you're interested.

Have a great, chilly, weekend

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Co-operation



Nancy
Sebastian
Ava D-F
Charlotte
Isaac C
Autumn

Golden Certificates:

Mrs Riordan
Aydin
Ava S
Joe
George G
Alex
Jessie
Phillip
Jack H
Sophia
Natalie
Aira
Marley
Monique

Credit Card:

Birthdays:

Ava D-F – 6
Parth – 6
Jasper – 7
Carmelle – 7
Alesha – 7
Nathan - 4

Outside Achievements:

Kaitlin was awarded a medal for Gymnastics Club
Isla W passed Avondale Gymnastics club bronze award for the Beam and for Strength and Suppleness
Isabella A was awarded 'Star Player of the Day' by Pleiades
Natalie was awarded a trophy for 'Rainbow of the Week'

DIARY DATES

November 2017

Tuesday 28th

9.15am Open Morning for Nursery Prospective Parents/Carers

December 2017

Friday 1st

- Mufti day in return for a bottle donation to the Christmas Fair bottle tombola
- 1.20-2.45pm Christmas Decoration afternoon – parents/carers welcome to come and help – *please contact the school office if you would like to come and help*

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 (please return the seat booking form by Friday 24th November)

Wednesday 13th

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

Thursday 14th

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

22nd Dec to 3rd Jan

School closed – Christmas holidays

January 2018

Thursday 4th

8.45am return to school for Spring Term

EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / Adverts



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

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