



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

### NEWSLETTER

#### 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

As I write this today I can hear the sounds of all the children, parents and carers working together to get ready for Christmas! Music and laughter and fun ever after...thank you to everyone who has helped this afternoon. The children have loved it!

### **Christmas Fair 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

It's the Christmas Fair tomorrow! We are so excited about having a great time at the fair and seeing all the stalls, winning prizes and eating delicious food. Not to mention Mr Claus himself, who has promised to make an appearance! Hope to see you there ☺

### **Exceptional Leave of Absence – Penalty Notices**

Our school attendance policy states that 'pupils are expected to attend school 100% of the time' and that we must 'issue penalty notices for 5 or more days unauthorised leave of absence.' This means that **any absence request of 5 or more days**, regardless of the level of attendance, **will attract a penalty notice**. Holidays are not considered to be an 'exceptional circumstance' and if an absence is unauthorised due to a holiday the school has to refer the family for a penalty notice. Also, any unauthorised absence over a period of 6 weeks of 5 days or more will also be referred to Surrey for a Penalty notice. The amount payable will be £60 per parent, per child. Please note that the money for these fines does not come to the school but goes to Surrey County Council.

### **Christmas Post Box**

Our Christmas post box for the children to post their Christmas cards to their friends and teachers will be available from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. This will be located in the reception area outside the school office. Please ensure that envelopes are marked with both **name and class**. If you know the surname, please add this as well as we do have children with the same first name in a class.

### **Hats, Coats, Scarves, Gloves, Jumpers, Boots and Wellingtons**

As the weather gets even colder we will still be going outside to play – even if it snows or rains! All children must have the right clothes to keep them warm and dry in the playground. Please make sure that you label all of these with your child's name! Children may come to school in boots or wellies but they should bring their school shoes with them to change into while in school.

### **Christmas Discos**

This year the staff will be holding Christmas discos for all the children in school in order to raise money for glue sticks and white board pens. If you would like your child to go to the disco, please ensure you complete the reply slip attached to the letter sent out today and return this to the school office. The cost is £3 per child.

### **Mr Gumbrell's New Venture**

One of the exciting things Mr Gumbrell is going to do when he moves on from being headteacher is to promote his creation of his children's games. The first one of which is 'Lost My Mummy!' This is an educational game based on the Egyptians. More details are at the end of the newsletter.

## Birthday Books

Thank you to Natalie, Phillip and Autumn for the wonderful birthday books for their classes!

## Golden Manners Table

Joining me for lunch this week because of their excellent manners were Autumn, William, Nancy, Phillip, George, Aydin, and Isabella M. Superb!

## Thought for the week

Our Value of the month is 'Friendship'. 'Good friends help you to find the important things when you have lost them...your smile, your hope and your courage.'  
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See you at the fair!

Mrs Paines

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## Nursery

Wow! What a wonderful week! The children have been learning their two Christmas songs and are really singing their hearts out now! Please bring any younger siblings to the Monday dress rehearsal only. Our country is England and we are all dressed as characters linked to Christmas in England and the Nativity. Wonderful! Thank you parents for all the lovely costumes.

**Performance Times are:** 9.15am to 10.15am.

**Jade class:** 8.45am to 10.30am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only. Please bring and pick up your child from the Nursery door. Your child will come as normal to the afternoon session. 12pm to 3pm.

**Emerald class:** Monday to Friday normal times and your child will be taking part in the show every morning.

We have been learning about the properties of a square and looking at other 2D shapes. We learnt a rhyme about the square having 4 sides and 4 corners with sides the same.

We have been thinking about and writing our letters to Santa who will hopefully reply to us if we post them out to him on time, (we will be giving you a copy). With our phonics this week we learnt about writing a letter and putting it in an envelope.

Sounds learnt this week are e, f, l, r. Next week the children will be writing their own notes, letters, and cards to post in our post box. We will be learning about "what is Advent? What is a calendar?" and starting our countdown to Christmas as well as making our own calendars. Our sounds will be b, u, h, j so please do talk about these sounds and do an I-Spy game with all the sounds we have been talking about.

Thank you to Harry's mum and Edward's Mum for helping with the baking and Olly's Mum for soldiering on with the library when we had so many parent visitors on Tuesday. Well done to all of you. I must also say the children were a credit to you all, talking to the adults and carrying on with their work. We still need more volunteers for the baking and library especially in Jade class. Have fun this weekend and see you all at the Christmas Fair!

See if you can spot Miss Pearson and me! We will be disguised...

The Nursery Team 😊😊😊😊😊😊

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## Reception

This week we loved developing our work on the Three Little Pigs. We have made houses from bricks, sticks and straw, and we enjoyed making predictions about which is the best house-building material. The children then measured the height of their house using multilink cubes, and talked about how high it would be if it measured 1 cube more or 1 cube less. We programmed the BeeBot to visit the different houses, predicting where our commands would take it!

In Literacy we have made books telling the story of the Three Little Pigs, segmenting the sounds we can hear in words in order to write them.

We have continued to practise blending the sounds we have learnt in FRED, e.g. s-i-ng, sing. 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.

## Reception cont'd

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In PE we have been learning to jump in a variety of ways. In 'Funky Fingers' we have completed lots of fun activities to strengthen our fingers and

develop our fine motor control, such as using clothes pegs to hang clothes on a washing line.

We have all been busy perfecting our songs and actions for the Christmas performance. We look forward to sharing them with you next week!

**Next week** we will be thinking about all things Christmas! We can't wait to perform our 'Christmas Around the World' show to you all.

We will be sharing the story of 'The Jolly Christmas Postman', and writing and posting our own letters to Santa!

In maths we be ordering strips of paper by length, and then sticking them in order to create a Christmas tree picture.

In RE we will be learning how and why Christians all around the world celebrate Christmas.

**Vocabulary:** short, shorter, shortest, long, longer, longest, length, height, measure, predict, Christmas, Christians, Jesus, Mary, Joseph.

**Show and Tell (Friday): Hedgehogs** – theme: Christmas e.g. a decoration, photo, story or card.

**We now need more junk modelling materials so please bring in boxes, plastic bottles, tubs and cardboard tubes if you have any. Please do not bring in anything that has contained nuts or sesame seeds. Thank you!**

The Reception Team ☺

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## Year 1

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This week we have been so busy practising for our Christmas show. We have learnt our songs and our dances are coming along as well.

Thanks for all the costumes that we have received so far, please remember to bring yours in first thing on Monday if you haven't already done so.

In Maths we have continued our learning about money and coin recognition, we still need more

practise with this so please help us at home. We have also been learning about 2D shapes and their properties.

In Literacy we have watched the John Lewis advert and focused our learning on Moz the Monster. We learnt how to use question marks at the end of a question and we used the question words where, what, when, why and how to start our questions. We also thought about the different types of punctuation including, full stops, exclamation marks and question marks. We wrote a diary entry as if we were the monster and included all the types of punctuation that we know.

**Show and Tell Group: Hippos** (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.

**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. Have a look for 2D shapes in the environment and ask your child to tell you how many sides and corners they have.
- **Literacy** - Play my turn/your turn game with your child asking questions using the how, why, what, when, who question words.

On Friday we had a very exciting day decorating the school ready for the Christmas fair. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Request.** In the lead up to Christmas we will be decorating gingerbread biscuits, the teachers will be providing the gingerbread biscuits. Can we kindly ask for you to donate any icing, sprinkles, icing tubes, or any other edible decorations for our biscuits? Thank you.

**Vocabulary:**

- **Maths** – money, coin, pence, pound, amount, 2D shape, circle, triangle, square, rectangle, pentagon, hexagon, quadrilateral sides, corners, properties
- **Literacy** – question, question mark, how, what, why, when, where, punctuation, full stop, exclamation mark,

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## Year 2

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This week we have been very creative! We followed our puppet designs to create our hand puppets using a variety of fabrics and materials. They look great! We had a lovely afternoon on Friday creating different Christmas decorations and cards, with support from some very helpful grown-ups! We have been practising our Christmas production performances. Our dances are really coming along well and we're so excited to show you all! Thank you for our costumes they look great! As part of our RE learning about symbols of Christmas, we designed our own symbols that could be used to show friendship.

In Literacy we have been thinking more about the Bog Baby and writing questions that we would like to ask them if we met them. We did some hot seating where children took on the role of the Bog Baby and answered the questions with some imaginative replies! Also, we have been learning about inverted commas (speech marks) and words instead of said. Please help us to remember that the inverted commas only go around direct speech; then outside of the commas is information about whose been speaking. E.g. "We are learning about inverted commas," said Mrs Bradley.

In Maths we continued using blank number lines to solve division problems, some with remainders. We were also adding in tens to make a set amount in different ways, e.g.  $40 = 20 + 20$  and  $40 = 30 + 10$ .

**Roald Dahl Week** – please have a look at the letter sent home on Thursday for lots of information about the exciting events and activities that will take place in the week beginning the 11<sup>th</sup> December. This includes a Roald Dahl themed party on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15 pm.

**Homework:** Please solve the division problems activity.

**Key vocab for this week:** dividing, sharing, grouping, division, inverted commas, adjectives, noun phrases, symbol.

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## Friends

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I can hear the boys of the NYPD choir singing Galway bay!!!

Hope to see you all tomorrow in festive jumpers enjoying the fair.

A big thank you to everyone who has wrapped, baked, bought cakes and sweets etc. Thanks for all the donations towards the school Christmas Fair, without your kindness and generosity, we wouldn't have such lovely things

At the fair tomorrow there will be Santa! (I know hiiiiimm!!) we are trying a ticketed system this year to cut down on the queueing, so when you arrive please get your time slot ticket from the elves at the grotto

Then at 1.45pm there will be a Christmas fancy dress parade. Bring along your Christmas stocking that you made at the Stocking workshop too

A special thank you to the many elves who have been cutting, drawing, designing, ticketing, prepping, wrapping, laminating and glittering all the many things needed for the Christmas fair. You are amazing elves and I really appreciate it all. Mrs Christmas xx "

We still have space on the Christmas Wreath workshop on 5th December at the George Evelyn pub, also if you would like a Christmas tree ordered and delivered, please contact [desireeharris@sky.com](mailto:desireeharris@sky.com) for either of these.

As well as the fair, if that's not enough for you, Long Ditton Christmas lights are being switched on on 7th December, where we will be face painting and running the tombola. If anyone can help out, please let Jessica know [jessica2179@yahoo.com](mailto:jessica2179@yahoo.com)

Nursery are having a night out on 7th December, after the Christmas lights at the George Evelyn, and the whole school night out is on 14th December at Bosco's in Surbiton.

Please do come along tomorrow and join us at the Christmas fair.

Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Value Stars: Friendship



Zack  
Henry J (Co-operation)  
Lara  
Eilidh  
Zac  
Darcey  
Joseph R

### Golden Certificates:

Diamond Class  
Isla C  
Oscar P  
Felix C  
Oscar F S  
Charlie H  
Joseph F  
Wilf  
Vrishti  
Keir  
Joseph R  
Mrs Emmett  
Scarlett  
Betty

### Credit Card:

Hattie  
Isla W

### Birthdays:

Autumn – 5  
Natalie - 7

### Outside Achievements:

Sophie was awarded a trophy for 'Rainbow of the Week'  
Florence H was awarded a badge for swimming 50m  
Michael was awarded STANley 1 Award

## DIARY DATES

### December 2017

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Friends' Christmas Fair
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Whole School Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Each morning at 9.15am Whole School Christmas Production
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm all children to watch pantomime – Aladdin (Hurricane touring theatre coming to school)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr 2 Diamond class to Stokes Field (morning only)</li> <li>• Christmas Lunch</li> </ul>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm RockSteady Concert - ( <i>parents/carers of children who take part are invited to attend</i> )
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Save the Children Christmas Jumper day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	3.05-4.05pm Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Disco (pick up from classroom at 4.10pm)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr 2 Amethyst class to Stokes Field (morning only)</li> <li>• 3.05-4.05pm Nursery &amp; Reception Christmas Disco (pick up from classroom at 4.10pm)</li> <li>• Nursery finishes for Christmas holidays</li> </ul>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.15am Christmas Assembly at St Mary's Church – all welcome</li> <li>• 1.30pm school closes for Christmas holidays</li> </ul>
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	School closed – Christmas holidays

### January 2018

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.45am return to school for Spring Term
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## EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / Adverts

### **LOST MY MUMMY – A card (and themed dice) game about Egyptian Mummies!**



Looking for a Christmas present for a Junior-aged friend, or relative?



Do you have a '£10 Threshold Present' to buy, but don't know what to get?

If the answer is yes to either of these questions, then why don't you trust a local Headteacher to help you choose?

David Gumbrell, Headteacher of LDSM, has designed a game specially aimed at the age group he knows best, 7-12! It is a fun, family-friendly game that can be played in as little as 20 minutes. (Trouble is that once you have played the first game, you'll want to play another as you'll have worked out a better strategy to win)!

Copies of the game are on sale by contacting me through my website . . .

[www.lostmygames.co.uk](http://www.lostmygames.co.uk)

Also, until Christmas, the games will be available via the school office at LDSM, or, I will happily deliver them to your child's school (again in time before Xmas).



### 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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