



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

### NEWSLETTER

### 8th December 2017

## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Well the only way I could possibly start this week's newsletter is to say a tremendous WELL DONE to all of the children for the Christmas Production. Every single person sang, danced and spoke beautifully and every day was incredible. It was an absolute pleasure to watch! Congratulations to all the children. Thank you to all the parents and carers for your support and the supply of the wonderful costumes, thank you to all the staff for writing new words to old favourite songs and creating the dances. Finally, thank you to Malcolm for putting the chairs in and out of the cupboard! The closing collection will all go to Malawi and Mbangombe School, we raised just over **£400** – again, just thank you.

### **Christmas Fair Success!**

The Christmas fair was superb! I hope, if you came, you took a moment to appreciate all the hard work put in by everyone to make it happen. We really need to appreciate all the time and commitment offered by all the helpers and volunteers – if you see one please say thank! I know my cousin's school stopped putting on Christmas Fairs because they couldn't get the commitment from parents to help. We do need to say thank you for being part of such a caring community. It was great to see everyone there and the total raised will all go to the school. ☺

### **Christmas Discos**

There is still time to purchase a disco ticket for your child. Please ensure you send £3 to the office with the slip and your child will be given a ticket on the

day to come. All children must have a ticket to enter the disco and the money raised is going to buy glue sticks and white board pens.

### **Christmas Post Box**

Our Christmas post box for the children to post their Christmas cards to their friends and teachers is 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.

**Please do not include any chocolates or sweets in the envelope** – we are a healthy school.

### **Polling Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

It has now been confirmed that the school will be the local polling station on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. This will be an INSET day and the school will be closed.

### **Birthday Books**

Thank you to Rex for the wonderful birthday book for your class!

### **Space Station Passover!**

For those of you who might be interested tonight is a really great night to see the space station fly over! It will be making two passes right over head from west to east. One at 4.34pm the other at 6.10pm. It looks like a plane light but doesn't flash and makes no sound. Have a look – it is amazing ☺

### **Golden Manners Table**

This week these people all had excellent manners! Jennifer, Oscar, Isabella, Keir, Tuuli, Theresa and Freddie. Superb!

## Thought for the week

“7 colours make a rainbow, 7 days make a week, 7 chords make music, 7 continents make the world and 7 letters make us friends.”

Everyone has worked incredibly hard and we all deserve a good rest this weekend. Relax, put on a Christmas movie (or two), get to bed early and get up late! Have a delightful weekend!

**Mrs Paines**

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## Nursery

Fabulous! Amazing! The children have been so very resilient this week and real performers. We hope you enjoyed the show and a huge thank you parents for all the lovely costumes.

We have been learning about the Advent calendar and have revised our sounds and managed to learn about “b” and “u” as well.

We have finished writing our letters to Santa and have written a copy to you. Homework will go out, to be completed if you have the time. Next week the children will be writing their own notes, letters and cards to post in our post box. We will be learning about where the Christmas tree tradition came from and other Christmas traditions, and will also be making calendars. Our sounds will be: - h, j, w, v, q - so please do talk about these sounds and do an I-Spy game with all the sounds we have been talking about.

We will be having a Nursery Christmas party on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December for both Emerald and Jade classes. Please could we ask for £1 donation towards the party food. Also, please could the afternoon children (Jade class) and the children staying for lunch club, not have too much lunch that day as they will be having party food.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December it is our Christmas Disco for Nursery and Reception in the Hall. If you did not receive a letter about this, please contact the school office. The cost of the disco is £3. If your child is going to attend, please put the money and reply slip in an envelope and return it to the school office. Thank you. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

December is the last day of term for the Nursery children. Spring term starts on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Would anyone be able to look after the fish, Barry and Shep, for the Christmas holidays please? Please talk to one of the team.

Lastly, we would remind parents to please write in the yellow booklet (Emerald) or the green booklet (Jade) in the blue tray outside the classroom door if your child is going home with someone other than the regular people we know about. We will not allow a child to go with an adult we do not recognise or have not been informed about, and will ask the school office to contact you for confirmation if necessary. This is for the children’s safety.

We have a post box in the Nursery for the children to post their Christmas cards to their friends and this will be emptied each day by our post person.

In baking for our last week we will be making stained glass window star biscuits.

Have a great weekend and a super well done to everyone!

The Nursery Team 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊

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## Reception

Wow – what a super busy week it has been in Reception! The children all did a fabulous job in their Christmas production – you should all be very proud! This week in Reception (as well as doing the production every day), we have read ‘The Jolly Christmas Postman’, and made our own letters to Santa and then took a walk on Thursday afternoon to post them. We looked at the different letters and learnt that you need to put your letter in an envelope with an address and a stamp. The children have loved exploring the Christmas post offices in the role-play area, writing lots of Christmas cards, letters, and posting them in our Christmas post box. In maths, we have been learning about length, putting green card in order from longest to shortest (to make Christmas tree cards!), and using the words ‘short’, ‘shortest’, ‘middle-sized’, ‘long’, ‘longest’ to describe their

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length. We have also been very creative making something very special! We have also looked at how Christmas is celebrated around the world and what is different/the same about how people in our country celebrate Christmas.

Next week we will be writing Christmas cards in Literacy, and in Maths we will be learning prepositional language to decorate a house. Why not play a game with your child and see if they can hide their toys in different places (behind, in, on, under, next to)? We will also be developing our creative and fine motor skills by doing lots of different Christmassy activities such as making snowflakes, paper doll snowmen and wreaths. We

will also be continuing to blend (put sounds together to read words) and segment (say the word then hear the sounds – for writing) words in Fred. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to blend and segment – it does not just have to be sat down at a table. It can be anywhere: when you're in the shops, in the park etc. by saying "What sounds are in 't-r-ee', or 'sh-o-p'". We will also be talking about Winter and the different features of winter.

**Vocabulary:** behind, in, on, under, next to, Winter, temperature

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

**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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The children have had a great week. Well done to all of Sapphire and Moonstone class for your fantastic productions. Thank you to the parents that provided all of the costumes – they wouldn't have looked so fantastic without you!

In Literacy the children have been looking at rhyming words. They have been finding words that rhyme and then have been putting them into silly sentences. We have also been looking at how different countries celebrate Christmas around the world; ask your children what they have learnt – there are some really interesting facts.

In Maths we have been focusing on place value. We have been using a 100 square to jump down in tens and across in ones. We have also been using dienes to help us to find out how many tens and how many units in each number.

This week we have also been talking to the children about different parts of our bodies and which parts are private. Please ask your child what we have been learning about and the language that we have been using for special parts of our body.

### **Vocabulary:**

- **Maths** – Tens, Units
- **Literacy** – Rhyming words

### **Home Learning:**

- **Maths** - Please use your 100 square to talk about how many tens and how many units in a number. You could play the 'Guess my number' game. E.g. '*I am thinking of a number that have 5 tens and 2 units, what is my number?.....52*'
- **Literacy** – rhyming words. Can you think of a word that rhymes with fox? Etc.

**Show and Tell group** - Giraffe

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## Year 2

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We are so proud of the effort and enthusiasm the children have put into our Christmas Production this week. They have sung and danced beautifully with huge smiles on their faces. The speakers worked hard to learn their lines and spoke confidently and clearly. Well done to all!

We have now completed our fantastic hand puppets! We evaluated our finished puppets thinking about what went well, what was tricky and what we would change if we made our puppets again. As part of our RE learning we looked at a

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picture of the Nativity scene and identified clues which tell us that Jesus was a special baby. In Literacy we all worked extremely hard to re-write the story of the Princess and the Pea.

In Science we investigated how the shape of objects can be changed. We looked at a variety of different objects and tried to change their shape by twisting, bending, squashing or stretching them.

**Reminder** – Diamond Class visit to Stokes Field on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather!

**Homework:** Please read the information about Roald Dahl and answer the comprehension questions in your book.

**Key vocab for this week:** twisting, squashing, bending, stretching, evaluate, method, investigate

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## School Office

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**School Milk:** Over the past few weeks, we have noted that there has been a lot of milk cartons left over at the end of the week which can only mean that the children on the milk lists are not drinking the milk provided. As you have to pay for milk once your child has turned 5, and because we are having to throw so much away, please would you check with your child that they still want to have school milk. If they do not, then we ask that you please cancel your account with CoolMilk. Thank you.

**Reminder: closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2018 entry is 15 January 2018.**

To apply online and for information on how to apply, please visit

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

If you are unable to apply online, you can request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004).

Please note that applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may

jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

**Silver Angel Charm/coin:** this was found in the collection bucket from the Christmas performance on Wednesday. Please contact the school office if it belongs to you.

**New bike rack – request for help to install:** we have now purchased a new bike rack and it is waiting to be installed. However, in order for the rack to be fixed securely to the ground, it requires a heavy duty drill to drill holes into the tarmac for the bolts. If there is a parent/carer who would be able to help us with this, or if you know of someone who might be able to help, please contact the school office. Thank you.

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## Friends

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WOW what fun we had at the fair!

A massive thank you to everyone who attended and helped out for the Christmas stocking workshops, the fair, wreath workshops and Christmas lights switch on last night! Thank you to the bakers and buyers who provided the cakes and sweets (check the bike shed for your boxes!). The Friends are taking a well-earned break, and although final pennies are to be counted, early indications are that we raised about **£6000!** That is amazing!!! THANK YOU!!

We can now commit to resurfacing the playground! There will be a ground force day next term to clear up some of the areas in preparation for this, so please save 20th January if you can help out, more details to follow.

Please use the Just Giving Machine (Shop and give), when you do your online shopping, we can get cash back for the school from Amazon, M&S, John Lewis etc. it costs nothing and you can get the app on your phone, its super easy and the school get the donations once it's set up.

Ball tickets are being printed and will be sent in book bags next week.

Don't forget the whole school and St. Mary's drinks at Bosco's on 14th December at 7.30pm.

Have a great weekend!

Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Value Stars: Friendship



### Golden Certificates:

### Credit Card:

### Birthdays:

### Outside Achievements:

Sophia  
Oscar P  
Alana  
Rex  
Cade  
Ava O'C

Amelie B  
Amethyst Class  
Max  
Elena  
Jack (Moonstone)  
Iris T  
James S  
Wilf  
Amelie O'S  
Lucy  
Will  
Topaz Class  
Felix C

Joseph R  
Agnes

Jacob – 4  
Kailan – 6  
Rex – 7  
Destiny – 6  
Harrison - 4

Agnes achieved Duckling 2 swimming award  
Lara achieved Duckling 2 swimming award  
Natalie was awarded a 10m Rainbow Distance Swimming certificate and badge  
Elliot B was awarded a KeyNotes Music certificate  
Beatrice was awarded a KeyNotes Music certificate

## DIARY DATES

### December 2017

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 2 Choir to sing at St. Mary's Church Hall 1.30pm Yr 2 to watch Christmas performance at St. Mary's Junior school
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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