



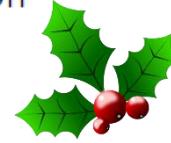
# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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# NEWSLETTER

## 21st December 2017

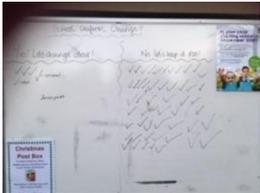


## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! I would like to relay something I heard on the radio this morning about present buying. A financial advisor to the rich was explaining that the only people who feel it is necessary to buy loads of presents for their families are those who are not millionaires. Very rich people, in his opinion, only buy one or two things because they understand that Christmas is not about the 'stuff' it's about time and being together. Let's be like millionaires this Christmas and not be worried about the amount of presents, just the amount of time we are spending with our family and friends!

### **CHANGE OF UNIFORM COLOUR**



Thank you for taking part in the uniform change survey! The final result was 36 for changing colour, and 91 to keep the uniform red. This means that we will be keeping our uniform red!

### **Christmas Discos**

The children all had a fabulous time at the Christmas disco – the teachers did too! We will be able to buy 300 glue sticks and 480 white board pens for the children to use in school. Thank you for helping to fund these resources and a massive thank you to these staff who gave up their time to organise and run the discos: Mrs Emmett, Mrs Healy, Mrs Bloor, Mrs Bradley, Mrs McQuillan, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Eaton, Mrs Measures, Mrs Burgess, Mrs Cockle, Miss Evangelos, Miss Sharp and Mrs Johnson – they are all wonderful for dedicating time at this very busy time of year.

### **Attendance**

Our whole school attendance for this term is 96%. This is slightly below the national average for attendance which is 96.1% in the Autumn term. While this may seem high, to have 'outstanding' attendance we need to be above 97%. Please bear that in mind when booking holidays because attendance can be a limiting factor in schools attaining an Outstanding Ofsted grade. The number of unauthorised absences has increased by 20 this term compared to this time last year. Any unauthorised absence may be subject to a penalty fine. It is also very important to remember that children have the right to an education, not the right to a holiday in term time. If a child missed two weeks of term time every year of their school life, it would mean they miss out on 3/4 of an academic school year in all. I will be completing attendance checks and anyone with attendance less than 90% will be receiving letters warning of low attendance.

### **Message for parents and guardians from Surrey ChildCare Services**

There is a measles outbreak in Surrey affecting unimmunised children and adults. Measles is highly infectious. It can cause serious illness and can sometimes be fatal. **Vaccination with two doses of MMR is the only way to protect children and young people.**

The first MMR vaccine is given to toddlers at the age of 13 months and the second injection at around 3 years and 4 months before your child goes to school. MMR can be given to older children, teenagers and young adults if they missed their injections when they were younger.

**Contact your GP practice if your child needs an MMR vaccine.** The vaccine is free. If you are not

sure if your child needs an MMR vaccine, you can contact the GP to ask.

### **Measles is not just a little kids' problem**

Teenagers, young adults and anyone who has missed their MMR vaccination can get measles. The first signs of measles are fever, cough, runny nose and red sore eyes. After a few days, a spotty rash will appear. It starts on the face and neck before spreading to the rest of the body.

If you think your child has measles, ring your GP practice for advice. Don't turn up to the surgery, walk in centre or to accident and emergency without calling ahead. The doctor will make special arrangements to see your child so that if your child has measles – they won't pass it on to others. Keep people with symptoms of measles away from others to avoid spreading measles, and stay away from school, nursery or work for 5 days after the onset of rash.

If you would like more information, see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

### **Birthday Books**

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

### **Class with the most attendance**

The class with the best attendance this week is Diamond Class with 92%.

### **Golden Manners Table**

Erin, Charlotte, Carmelle, Frankie, Florence, Alesha have all demonstrated excellent manners to everyone this week. Congratulations!

### **Congratulations Miss Sharp**

I am very excited and pleased to say that Miss Sharp is expecting a baby! I know you will all be wishing her well as she prepares for parenthood.

### **Thank you!**

Thank you very much all those who came to the church and who helped walk the children to the church. It is a wonderful way to end the term. Special thanks to Dr Kuhan for allowing us to spend some special time together in the beautiful St Mary's church ☺

### **Thought for the week**

'A season of blessings from heavens above,  
A season of sharing with all those we love,  
A season of caring, warmth and good cheer,  
A season of hope for the coming year'

**I hope you have a wonderful, marvellous and amazing Christmas and New Year. Remember this time is precious – they will never be this age again. Take one moment to just watch them enjoying the magic – it'll be gone before you know it!**

### **Mrs Paines**

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### **Nursery**

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Amazing! Wonderful! Exciting! These last three days with parties and discos and even for some, a visit to Reception! We learnt our last three sounds q, x, and z, and for some children we looked at "sh". We talked about the winter solstice that starts today and counted our last 5 sleeps to Christmas Eve.

The children have been resilient and kind to each other and are a real credit to all you parents.

We have loved your cards and gifts everyone. Thank you! Merci!, Shukriya!, Marhaba! so very much and have a very happy holidays everyone!

We will see you all in the new year on the 4th January 2018!

We will be learning about Nursery Rhymes and talking about our New Year Resolutions!

On the 15<sup>th</sup> January we will be having a "Maths, DT and Science Week" with problem solving activities.

Happy Holidays everyone!

Happy Healthy New Year 2018!

The Nursery Team ☺☺☺☺☺☺

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### **Reception**

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What a short week it has been before the Christmas holidays! We started the week in our new FRED groups and learning our sounds. We also continued making lots of things ready for

Christmas. On Monday, we made snowman biscuits using icing sugar and marshmallows. We used our maths knowledge to think about how much money we would need to buy the ingredients. In literacy, we continued to learn about letter formation and practising writing each letter of the alphabet. We have also been busy practising for the talent show and getting ready to perform on Thursday after going to the church.

After the Christmas holidays, to start 2018 we have a busy few days. In literacy, we will be talking about what we did during the Christmas holidays. We will learn about writing simple sentences and when to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. In maths, we will be revisiting the topic of coins. We will be focusing on 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p. In class, we will be looking at the colour, shape and size of different coins. Over the Christmas holidays, please continue to help your child with their learning by showing them different coins and talking about their value. Please also be aware that the new coins do not have their amount written on them and therefore their value can be identified by their size and colour. We will also be showing children how to make masks, looking at using string to attach the mask. As a class, we will talk about how we can decorate a mask.

### **Just a few reminders:**

Please can you make sure all your child's personal items are labelled with their name as clothes are getting lost due to them not being labelled. This includes every item of their PE kit.

Please can you ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times.

The school PE kit comprises of:

- White T-shirt or polo shirt
- Red shorts
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Grey jogging bottoms and sweatshirt for outdoor PE

**Vocabulary:** 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, coins, money, cost, capital letters, full stops, finger spaces

Thank you

The Reception Team ☺

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## **Year 1**

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The children have had a very eventful, fun packed week. In Literacy we have been finding the answer to the Christmas jokes and sharing them with the rest of the class (lots of blending sounds to read the jokes ☺). They have also been writing a letter to Santa, not asking for gifts but telling him about their plans for Christmas day and asking him lots of exciting questions using question marks.

In Maths the children have continued learning about 3D shapes and their properties by applying their knowledge in a 'Guess my shape' game. They have also been using number lines when counting forwards for adding and counting back for subtracting numbers.

We have been getting in the Christmas spirit by playing lots of party games during our hall slot. The children have also loved designing their own Christmas jumpers.

**Home Learning** - Enjoying Christmas, laugh, smile, be kind and spend lots of time with family and friends.

**Show and Tell Group – Monkeys**

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## **Year 2**

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What a busy last week of term Year 2 have had! Amethyst Class had a super visit to a very muddy Stokes Field. Thank you to the lovely parents who came along. During Maths the children have been working hard to solve some tricky Christmas problems, these included designing as many different gingerbread men as possible. The children loved the challenge!

In Literacy we listened to, discussed and then rewrote the Christmas Story in our own words. Also we designed Christmas cards which included a symbol from the Nativity which showed what a special baby Jesus was.

On Tuesday, we had a special visit from Father Christmas! The children loved meeting him and were extremely thankful for the class gifts they received. We have practised singing our Christmas song, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, with some great actions and it is sounding fabulous.

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We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Homework (Sent home last week):** To write a diary telling us about all the different things you do during the Christmas holidays.

**Key vocab for this week:** Nativity, symbol, Magi, celebration.

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## School Office

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### ***Happy Christmas!***

Thank you for all your Christmas wishes and festive treats. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and are able to find some time to relax.

***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)

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## Friends

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Again thank you to all those who contributed this year, much appreciated!

To start the term there is a cake sale on 19th January, with the leftovers for the workers on our Ground force Day on 20th January. If you can help do some gardening, please see one of the Friends team.

Merry Christmas to all!

Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Value Stars: Friendship



### Golden Certificates:

### Credit Card:

### Birthdays:

### Outside Achievements:

Scarlett  
Jennifer  
Amelia  
Christopher  
Roshan  
Albie

Georgy  
Destiny  
Ethan C  
Alfie R  
Oscar P  
Aalia  
Isaac C  
Jack W (Yr 2)  
Corelie  
Eilidh  
Jack P  
Mrs Healy  
Leo R

Vrishti

Rufus – 5  
Nila – 4

Henry was awarded Duckling 3 certificate  
Iris achieved her 25 m distance award for swimming  
Matthew achieved Level 1 Swim Skills Award

## DIARY DATES

### **December 2017**

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

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

9.05am Amethyst class assembly

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

9.05am Diamond class assembly

## EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / Adverts



### **School Meals Supervisory Assistant Required**

**Start Date: As Soon As Possible**

**Monday to Friday (the school is willing to consider different working patterns)**

**12:00noon to 1:15pm (6.25 hrs per week)**

**Salary Range: £15,874 - £16,173 (Pro Rata)**

**Salary £2,289 per annum (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 3984398 or e-mail [knolan@longditton.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:knolan@longditton.surrey.sch.uk)

Visits welcome.

**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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