



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

NEWSLETTER

5th January 2018

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas, enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and enjoyed having time to yourselves! Thank you so much for all the Christmas cards and thoughtful gifts – I was very honoured and humbled. It was wonderful to see the children coming back to school full of tales of their Christmas adventures. Jake said that he couldn't wait to come back to school to 'learn something new!' This led all of us to think about our school New Year's Resolution which will be to try to learn something new each day until the end of January. So far I have learned that in 1918 women were encouraged to buy war bonds and that CD players really do need a rest sometimes! Ask your children one thing they have learned ☺

The Coming Term

This week's newsletter is not as jam packed as usual due to the short week, so I thought it would be a great opportunity to highlight some of the exciting things we have planned so far:

15th January – Maths, Science and DT week

This week will include a Puzzle day on the 16th, Meaningful Maths Assembly on the 17th and a Superhero Challenge on the 18th and 19th.

20th January – Ground Force day across the school – so if you have a few hours to spare and would like to help improve our grounds, please let the Friends know (*see Friends' section*).

Class Assemblies will begin – see the Diary Dates for when your child's class assembly will be. Parents / Carers are welcome to come and watch.

6th February – Safer Internet Day

9th February – Author Tim Knapman will be visiting and talking to the children

26th February – Book Week

2nd March – Dress up as a Book Character Day

18th March – 2K or 5K Fun Run

19th March – Sport Relief Week

Not to mention Year 2 trips to the theatre and Stokes Field, Ember Learning Trust Head teacher visits, Living Eggs arriving, Governor monitoring days, parent/teacher meetings, trips into the local community and our usual fabulous learning opportunities. It is quite a short term but it is jam packed with exciting learning opportunities!

Birthday Books

Thank you to Matthew and Amaya for the wonderful birthday books for your classes!

Class with the most attendance

The classes with the best attendance this week are Topaz and Moonstone with 94.8%.

Thought for the week

Our new Value of the month is Resilience. So this week's thought for the week is:

'Building resilience in children is not about making them tough. Resilience is the ability to recover from difficulties and manage how you feel.'
easypeasykid.com

Have a spectacular weekend!

Mrs Paines

School Office

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

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

www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Friends

Happy New Year! Does anyone else feel better being on an even number again?! (just me then!)

Some things coming up this term to look forward to:

- Friday 19th January – 1st Bake Sale of 2018!
- Saturday 20th January – Left over Cake eating day! But only if you have helped out at the Ground Force Day. Please contact Jessica2179@yahoo.co.uk or class reps if you are able to help out or you have any contacts or equipment. Details to follow.
- Saturday the 3rd March – Joint School Oscars Ball at the Holiday Inn Kingston. Tickets have been sent home and we are operating a waiting list, if you have tickets you can no longer use please let us know.
- Sunday the 18th March – Family Fun Run around Giggs Hill Green to start Sports Relief week.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars:

Resilience



Harry S
Anya
Summer
Dylan
William B
Alfie W

Golden Certificates:

Jasmine
Jasper B
Oscar P
Corelie
Erin
Chaeyul
Beatrice
Daisy
Elliot G
Connie
Zac T
Toby

Credit Card:

Wilf

Birthdays:

Jessie – 6
Matthew – 6
Amaya – 5
Georgia – 4
Sophie C – 4

Outside Achievements:

Kiara was awarded her Water Skills 3 certificate

DIARY DATES

January 2018

Thursday 11 th	2.30pm Parent Helper Safeguarding meeting (last one!)
Monday 15 th	Closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2018 entry
Tuesday 16 th	9.00-11.30am Yr 2 Diamond class to Wagamama restaurant (letter sent home today)
Thursday 18 th	9.05am Amethyst class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend
Tuesday 23 rd	Yr 2 Amethyst class to Wagamama restaurant
Thursday 25 th	9.05am Diamond class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend

February 2018

Thursday 1 st	9.05am Sapphire class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend
Thursday 8 th	9.05am Moonstone class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend
Friday 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Author Tim Knapman visiting school • Finish at 3.00pm for half term break
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th	School closed – half term break
Monday 19 th	Return to school at 8.45am
Monday 26 th	Start of Book Week
Wednesday 28 th	Yr 2 to Polka Theatre

March 2018

Thursday 1 st	World Book Day
Friday 2 nd	Dress up day – favourite character from a book
Wednesday 7 th	3.30-8.00pm Parent Teacher Consultation appointments
Thursday 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.05am Ruby class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend • 4.00-6.00pm Parent Teacher Consultation appointments
Thursday 15 th	9.05am Topaz class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend

EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / Adverts



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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

Visits welcome.