



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

12th January 2018

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy Friday everyone!

The next two weeks are going to be very busy and exciting weeks for us in school. Next week is a special 'Problem Solving' week. See below for more information. The following week we will be visited by the other head teachers from schools in the Ember Learning Trust. This is part of a project we are all working on together to help each school improve. They will be looking at the school environment, observing in lessons, talking to staff, parents and children before feeding back about their findings. We also have our regular Safeguarding Audit carried out by Liz Griffiths from Surrey CC. The findings and actions from both of these I will feed back to you all, so that you know what we are doing on our quest to be the best we can be!

Home School Link Worker

Michelle Talboys is our Home School Link Worker and she has a wealth of knowledge and experience in helping parents with lots of issues. If you are finding anything a worry or difficult, please contact Michelle and she will help! Michelle's email is HSLW@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk.

Police Notification

We have had a notification from Surrey police regarding an incident in the local area – around Cleves School.

"We are aware of the incident and all of the relevant enquiries have been carried out. The local team have increased their patrols around the area. If anyone sees anything or has any information, please call 101"

Our advice is to use this as a reminder and opportunity to talk to your children about ways to keep themselves safe, who they can talk to and about stranger awareness.

Staff Car Park and Parking

Please remember that the staff car park should not be used by parents at any time – including after school for pick-ups. The car park is private property, it is dangerous for the children and we are not insured if there was an accident by you or to you in the car park.

I have also received a letter from a very angry neighbour about the parking issue which I have copied below for you to read.

'I am writing this email because I am sick to death of the selfish parking of the parents whose children attend your school. Every single day a parent parks in front of my neighbour's driveway. Morning and afternoon. My neighbours are elderly and very ill. Their driveway needs to be accessible at all times. Yesterday morning their granddaughter could not turn into their driveway for a number of minutes. The parent saw her waiting and still did not move the car. My neighbours' granddaughter had to sound her horn before the parent moved. Yesterday afternoon a car was parked in front of my neighbour's driveway for nearly twenty minutes. This parent's behaviour is totally unacceptable. It saddens but does not surprise me, that people have no regard for their surroundings or other peoples' needs. If this situation is not dealt with in a timely fashion, I will have to escalate my complaint.'

I have advised the neighbour not to wait for another incident but to escalate her complaint to Surrey.

We are a Living Values school – one of those Values is Respect. We are teaching the children in our school to respect each other and the rules of our world. If parents cannot demonstrate this to others, how can they expect their children to do the same? Children sat in cars quietly will be watching and learning by your example. Do the right thing – and they will too.

I am setting a challenge to everyone - let's see if the next letter I get from a neighbour is about something positive!

Problem Solving Week

Next week is going to be a special maths, DT and science problem solving week. The children will be learning about what we need to do to work out problems on our own and individually. They will be designing and creating working gadgets. There will be a special maths puzzle day, problem solving assemblies, designing and making afternoons and a puzzle completion challenge. We do need your help to make it fabulous!

On Monday please could you send in any junk modelling boxes (nothing that contained nuts or seeds thank you), old pieces of fabric, plastic bottle lids, newspapers (vetted for appropriate images) and comics. Plus, any actual puzzles for the children to complete. Have a quick check to make sure all the pieces are there and then next week there will be a puzzle challenge in school to see if the children can complete different puzzles. On Friday we will be dressing up as superheroes. The children can come to school in superhero costumes but please remember that it will be cold so dressing appropriately will be important. (Please see email sent out earlier in the week for ideas). Thank you to Mrs Eaton, Mrs Cockle and Mrs Taylor for arranging and organising the week.

Ground Force Day

Next Saturday 20th January the Friends have organised a 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*). There is a very long

list of possibilities and if we could complete even half, it would be incredible!

Golden Manners Table

Congratulations to Amandine, Amelie O, Imogen, Jack Wh, Harry S, Natalie and Finn who all demonstrated excellent manners and joined me on the Golden Manners table this week. We had a lovely slice of pizza and talked about what they had done over the weekend.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Oscar F S and Bea for the wonderful birthday books for your classes!

Class with the most attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is Moonstone with 100% ☺ It was a very close battle this week with two classes having 100% for three days!

Thought for the week

'Resilience means never give up. Fall down seven times get up eight.' Japanese Proverb

Have a mighty weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Happy New Year 2018! Thank you for all your wonderful Christmas gifts and kind words.

Next week is DT, Maths and Science Week. This will be a very exciting week with a lot of problem solving activities.

Monday: please could you bring in a comic to share, if you have one at home. We will be looking at characters and/or superheroes from the comics and comparing them to story books. We will also have a go at writing in comic bubbles. We will be looking at pictures of bridges and using our problem solving skills to find different materials to use for designing a bridge that will span across two tables, or hold a car.

Tuesday: your child may bring in a puzzle, with no more than 20 pieces. Please make sure your child's name is written on the puzzle box. With the

main school, we will be completing a puzzle piece to make one big puzzle in the entrance hall of the school.

Wednesday: 'Ditton Dynamo' superhero will be visiting the school. We will be using our designing, creative and problem solving skills when making a headband, wristband or mask. Any kitchen towel tubes or cardboard tubes would be welcome.

Thursday: we will be creating a super power smoothie in baking, using fruit which the children have chosen as a superfood!

Friday 19th January: we will finish with a celebration assembly wearing our superhero costumes. For this we suggest wearing bright colours and perhaps making a cape out of an old piece of sheet, pillow case or bin liner. We will be making a headband/wristband or mask in class should your child wish to wear one. There is no need to buy something special for this.

Thank you to Sophie and her family for looking after 'Barry' and 'Shep' so well and giving them a new pump. 😊

Please remember that your child must bring a coat to wear every day and please ensure that coats, hats and gloves are named.

We will also be learning about our New Year resolutions and number formation. All numbers start from the top. We are revising our initial sounds and learning 'sh' and 'th'.

This week's homework is number 2.

Our vocabulary is: Counting 1-10 and what comes before number 0 and after number 1. Winter words and signs of winter, and resilience.

Have fun this weekend!
The Nursery Team 😊😊

Reception

Well done to all of Ruby and Topaz class children for settling back into the routines straight away, and showing very good behaviour. Mrs Maclver started as the new teacher in Topaz class and is getting to know the children and routines. In Ruby class, for the next 8 weeks we have got another

teacher working with us called Miss Martinez, who has been learning the children's names.

This week in maths we have been recording on tally charts, asking the children in the class their eye colour and then recording this on the tally. We also developed our ICT skills by transferring our information onto a pictogram on the computer, focussing on moving the mouse carefully and typing our name. In literacy, we have been developing our reading and writing skills by segmenting the sounds in words (CVC – 3 letter e.g. map or CCVC – 4 letter e.g. flag). Some of us chose a word to write in a sentence.

Next week is a very exciting week! We will be doing lots of maths problem solving activities and working as a team to see who can make the longest, stable bridge, using maths words to describe the length. We will also be making superhero gadgets and writing about these. We will also be developing our creative and imaginative skills by seeing what other superhero items we can make.

Don't forget on Friday it is 'Dress up as a superhero' day – but please don't feel you have to go out and buy a costume. Bright clothes with a cape (any material/sack), and you can even make your own masks. On Tuesday, the children can each bring in a jigsaw. Please ensure these jigsaws are named and sent in in a named plastic bag. Please also ensure that these jigsaws are small enough for the children to complete (20-30 jigsaw pieces ideally – no more than 50!)

Please continue to send in junk modelling! (Remember: due to allergies, please do not send in any boxes, cartons, etc. that have contained nuts or seeds). The children have been very very creative with their junk modelling, and are also writing labels with their names on and writing what they have made.

Please also ensure your child has got their PE kit in school with the correct clothes (white top, red shorts, grey tracksuit bottoms/jumper and plimsolls/trainers) – all named please.

Vocabulary: long, short, longest, shortest, sentence, finger spaces, capital letters, full stops.

Year 1

What a great first full week back. The children have been eager to get straight back into their learning. In Literacy the children have been looking at Fiction and Non Fiction books and writing book reviews. They have been remembering to add their opinion when talking about parts of the book that they did and did not like.

In Maths the children have been solving number word problems. This has given them the opportunity to apply their Maths knowledge of addition and Subtraction. For example, *'If Katie had 5 pencils and Tom had 12 pencils, how many did they have all together?'* We have also been learning to find $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of shapes and numbers and have been focusing on the importance of having the same amount in each section.

In ICT the children have been using the Word program to type and edit their font. In gymnastics they have been learning how to use their body parts in different ways, focusing on the importance of stretching and warming up.

Home Learning:

Maths – Find $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of different shapes by folding them in half and half again.

Literacy – Write or discuss different fiction and non-fiction books that you have read, and talk about parts that you liked and did not like.

Show and Tell group - Elephants

Year 2

This term our new topic is **A Ticket to Anywhere**, which is Geography and PSHE based. We began by discussing, if we could travel anywhere where we would go and if our families have ever lived in a different country. We then designed our own island, remembering to include man-made and natural features, such as places people could buy food and areas for leisure and sporting activities, for example.

In Literacy and PSHE we have been learning to identify and think about a range of emotions, linked

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to the film **Inside Out** – joy, sadness, fear and anger. We discussed times when we have felt these emotions and who, how and when to ask for help with our feelings.

This week in Maths we have been continuing to learn about time. We have been reading quarter past and quarter to times and some of us can now read the time to 5 minutes! Please practise reading the time as often as possible at home. Why not see if you can tell the time with your family? What time do you need to leave the house to come to school? What time do you get home?

Reminders:

- **Diamond class** visit to Wagamama restaurant on Tuesday 16th January.
- **Amethyst class** look forward to seeing parents/carers on Thursday 18th January at 9.05 am for our assembly!

Homework: To use contractions (such as I'm) in different sentences.

Key vocabulary: minutes, hours, time, half past, quarter past, quarter to, o'clock, emotions

We would be grateful for any old **newspapers** we can use next week as part of our Maths/DT/Science problem solving week. We are going to use them to build a structure!

Also we are going to be creating our own superhero comic strips and if you have any examples of **comics** for us to look at that would be great. Thank you!

School Office

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

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

www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Observers at Full Governing Body Meetings

At a recent governors' meeting the governors agreed that anyone wishing to be an observer at a Full Governing Body meeting will need to apply to the clerk seven days before the meeting by

T: +44 (0)20 8398 4398

Info@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

emailing:- clerktogovs@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

you will then be able to receive a copy of the agenda. Observers are welcome to attend part 1, but they will not be able to take any part in the discussions.

- bag holders
- rubbish collector's
- sanders
- varnishers

Thanks, have a great weekend

Friends

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Ground Force Day!

To make the school event more lovely we are holding a Ground Force Day to tidy up and improve the garden areas and start that January health kick I've been putting off! It's got to count as two gym sessions surely!?

We are holding this on 20th January from 8.30am – 1.30pm, any time you can give is much appreciated. The children are not able to take part for safety reasons, so there will be supervised film screenings in the hall to occupy them. The pub is sending some bacon rolls over at 11am for the hungry workers, and there may be some left over cakes from the cake sale.

The jobs that need doing are; painting, sweeping, raking, moss removal. Fixing of nursery gate. Removal of weeds and shaping bushes.

If you can volunteer yourself or your equipment, please let Jessica know jessica2179@yahoo.co.uk

There are things we need to borrow.....

Hand forks, big forks, big spades, wheelbarrows, electric sanders, extension leads, hedge trimmers, wire brushes, brooms, rakes, leaf grabbers, leaf blowers, tape measures, mini chipper, big bags, paint brushes, gloves

.... and things we need volunteers for: -

- childcare providers - while they watch a movie
- gardeners
- rakers
- sweepers
- carpenters
- builders
- painters
- wheelbarrow pushers

ACHIEVEMENTS

**Value Stars:
Resilience**



Myka
 Rory
 Millie
 George R
 Jan
 Jihu

Golden Certificates:

Amelia
 Ava S
 Fraser
 Finn
 Frankie
 Rayaan
 Alfie R
 Agnes
 Michael
 Marley
 Harry
 Emerald Class
 Archie
 Leo P
 Amandine
 Louis

Credit Card:

Jack P
 Chaeyul

Birthdays:

Oscar F S - 5
 Beatrice - 5

**Outside
Achievements:**

Nancy was awarded Learn to Swim 2 badge and certificate from Swim England
 Natalie was awarded ASA Learn to Swim Stage 3 badge and certificate

DIARY DATES

January 2018

Monday 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of Problem Solving week – Maths/Science/DT Closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2018 entry
Tuesday 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Puzzle Day 9.00am-12.00pm Yr 2 Diamond class to Wagamama restaurant
Thursday 18 th	9.05am Amethyst class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend
Friday 19 th	Dress up as a Superhero day
Tuesday 23 rd	9.00am-12.00pm 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
Monday 12 th	Living Eggs Arrive
Thursday 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.05am Topaz class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend 6.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 19 th	Start of Sports Relief week

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.