



# LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

## NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### LATEST NEWS



#### Parents and Carers



What a fabulous day today has been. Assembly this morning was a sight to behold with all the children in their super outfits. And Ditton Dynamo came to see us and find the help she needed to get her super hero powers back. Thank you to all the costume makers and to Mrs Eaton and Mrs Taylor for providing a really amazing week filled with problem solving, puzzle finishing, team working, cartoon writing and newspaper reporting. Phew! I am impressed 😊

#### Congratulations Amethyst Class

Well done to everyone in Amethyst Class for your assembly about kindness. I know it made me think about all the things I could do to show how kindness, small or large, makes a difference to our world. You all spoke with such clarity and understanding, information and humour! Thank you to Miss Sharp and Mrs Clark for organising and putting together the assembly. Amethyst you were all brilliant!

#### Ground Force Day – This has been postponed until next week due to the forecast of inclement weather!

#### Christingle Candles

A message from the church to say that we raised £207.90 with the Christingle Candles we took filled with coins to the church before Christmas. The money will be going to the Children's Society Charity. Thank you everyone and take one

moment to think how well we did raising money for all the charities before Christmas. Simply inspiring!

#### Penalty Notices

Just a little reminder that Surrey County Council issued all heads in Surrey guidance on term time absence. The important part of the guidance, that our school has agreed with, 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.' For us this means that **any absence request of 5 or more days**, regardless of the level of attendance, **may attract a penalty notice**. Holidays are not considered to be an 'exceptional circumstance'. Also any unauthorised absence over a period of 6 weeks of 5 days or more will also need to be referred to Surrey for a Penalty notice. Please note that the money for these fines does not come to the school but goes to Surrey County Council.

#### Safeguarding Audit

Lis Griffiths, from Surrey CC and Babcock 4S, came to carry out a Safeguarding Audit this week. The findings were very positive for everything we as a school are doing to ensure pupils are safe while in our care. As a school, the two things we need to action are:

- 1.To appoint an Esafety governor with responsibility to monitor online safety , and
- 2.To ensure Esafety posters are displayed where children are working on the internet. We will be actioning these both this term.

She did also highlight one thing which is parents' and carers' responsibility. She said that she noticed how brilliant the children were stopping

and crossing the road, scooting sensibly and walking when they should. She then went on to say that parents are not parking considerately and that one parent did a three point turn in the road near the crossing patrol. She stated that this is dangerous because you cannot see or predict where the children are outside the school and it only takes one moment for one child, or younger sibling, to run into the road and be hit. Now I know that if that did happen, the parent or carer who had been driving would have to live the rest of their life knowing it was their fault. Is it worth taking the risk when for a few moments extra you could drive to the triangle and turn around more easily? You can't undo something like that – but you can make a choice to not put others at risk.

### **Birthday Books**

Thank you to Toby, Ellis and Aira for the wonderful birthday books for your classes!

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

The class with the best attendance this week is Amethyst with 98.97% 😊

### **NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe**

The NSPCC's Speak Out Stay Safe programme is visiting our school next Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. Please see letter attached to this newsletter.

### **Thought for the week:**

'I believe that there is a super hero inside all of us – we just need to have the courage to put on the cape!'



### **Have a SUPERTASTIC weekend! Mrs Paines**

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### **Nursery**

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What an amazing problem solving week we have had! The children created some fabulous bridges and towers out of different materials and were thrilled by the visit of 'Ditton Dynamo' superhero who needed new gadgets to help her rescue people! We used our cutting and sticking skills to

create masks and wrist bands and discussed what kind of super hero we would be. The children were very resourceful and thoughtful in their replies. The children compared comics to picture story books and some had a go at writing in some comic strip frames. We will be making the 'super fruit smoothies' next Thursday. We also continued learning about our New Year resolutions and number formation; all numbers start from the top. We have been revising our initial sounds and learning 'sh'.

Next week we will be learning about penguins, polar bears and ice in winter. We will be following the RSPB bird survey observing birds in winter and we will be making a fat ball for the birds to eat. We will create a hide to watch the birds from with our binoculars and tick sheet to mark when we see a bird. Whilst looking at different birds, we will focus on 'The Owl Babies' story and writing about day and night time: 'At night I...' and 'In the morning I...' We will think about sequencing our day and what we do first, next and last. In phonics we will be focusing on words that begin with the initial sound and the digraph 'th'. We will be going on a sound walk looking for things that begin with certain sounds and creating a tally chart in maths of all the birds we see.

Have a great weekend, and thank you for supporting your children by sharing your old comics, bringing in puzzles, and creating their wonderful costumes! Wow, fabulous - thank you! Please remember that your child must wear a coat and please name your child's gloves and hats.

The Nursery Team 😊😊😊😊😊😊

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### **Reception**

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We have had a great week in reception! This week was maths and DT week, with the focus on problem solving. The whole school got involved with many activities around the theme. We started the week with a super assembly about superheroes and puzzles. In the assembly, we found out that there was going to be a special visitor coming to our school on Wednesday with a whole school challenge for everyone to complete. We were all very excited to see what the challenge would be.

During the week, we worked in groups to make a bridge out of different materials. We could decide how big or small we wanted the bridge to be. However, it had to be sturdy and not wobbly. We made fantastic bridges and luckily all of them did not wobble. We designed a puzzle piece for a new school display. We thought carefully about our features and how to draw our own faces. The puzzle pieces will be displayed at the front of the school, next to the office. On Wednesday, we were very excited to meet our visitor, Ditton Dynamo, she gave us the challenge to make a new superhero gadget. We designed our own superhero gadget and then used junk modelling to make it. We wrote sentences about our gadget and how a superhero would use it. To end the week, we made masks ready to wear on Friday for our superhero day.

Next week we have a very busy week in reception. The whole week's learning will be about Mini Me. We will be thinking what we could do if we were shrunk, where would we go and what would we do? In literacy, we will be writing sentences about what our mini me could do and where they could visit. In maths, we will be focusing on more or less. Children will be counting objects and deciding which number is more and which number is less. We will also be making furniture for our mini me out of junk modelling and different materials.

A big thank you to everyone who has brought in junk modelling recently, please can you continue to bring it in to school. *Please do not bring in any packets, carton, boxes, etc that have contained nuts or seeds. We do have children in school with severe nut and sesame allergies. Thank you.*

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, please can every child bring in a book or story that is special to them.

**Vocabulary:** more, less, big, small, tiny, capital letter, finger space, full stop.

The Reception Team 😊

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## Year 1

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The children have had such an exciting week. Our new topic is superheroes and the children have transformed into superheroes using lots of problem solving skills.

Thank you to all of the parents who brought puzzles in for the children to share with the rest of the children in their class. This really helped the children to work together and take turns when deciding where the puzzle pieces should go. They have also been creating portraits of themselves, which will slot together to form a large jigsaw display in our school. In PSHE we have been learning that we are all individual, but we make one school when we are all together, reflecting the importance of taking turns, working together and helping each other.

In Maths the children have continued to apply their skills of addition and subtraction, being superheroes to solve the different Maths word problems. They have also been taking part in a 'CAME' activity, where the children have been sorting and classifying animals. They needed to work together to decide what category they wanted to sort the animals into and then explain why.

In Literacy they have been writing Superhero acrostic poems, thinking of exciting adjectives to describe the superheroes. They have also been writing a newspaper report on our special Superhero visit in assembly. They children have really enjoyed designing and creating their own comics.

### Home Learning

**Maths** – Can you use addition and subtraction to solve problems at home? E.g. If Emma has 12 grapes and she gives 4 to her sister, how many has she got left? (Remember not to tell the children if they need to use subtraction or addition, it is for them to work out 😊)

**Literacy** – Can you write all about your superhero week? What was your favourite part? Remember to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

**Show and Tell group** – Lions

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## Year 2

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What a fantastic and busy Maths and Design Technology week we have had! On Tuesday we took part in a Puzzle Workshop where we had to solve a range of puzzles, from a traditional jigsaw to balancing penguins on an iceberg! Our Design Technology challenge was to make a bridge strong enough to hold an object, e.g. a toy bus, using only newspaper and sticky tape. It was very tricky but we were extremely resilient and built some fantastic structures. In Maths we had decisions to make about different problems in our CAME activity. We worked with a partner and used our knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to decide on the best value sweet shop, for example. These problem solving activities have really shown us the importance of resilience and teamwork.

In assembly on Wednesday, we had a very exciting visitor, the superhero the Ditton Dynamo. Unfortunately, her superhero powers and gadgets had been destroyed by a dastardly villain and she asked us to design her a new superhero gadget. We created some imaginative gadgets, such as a watch that can turn you into any animal and a golden ring that enables you to be transparent! We also designed and made our own superhero masks that we can wear.

In Literacy and Art, we created our own superhero character and decided what super powers they had. We then thought of exciting stories for our character and recorded them in the form of a comic strip, using speech and thought bubbles.

Of course, for Diamond Class the highlight of the week was our trip to Wagamama! We had a great time! We learnt to weigh ingredients and how to be a waiter taking orders for food using the electronic machine. We also tasted some delicious fruit smoothies and ate our own noodle meal. Thanks so much to the parents who helped out.

### Reminders:

**Amethyst** class visit to Wagamamas on Tuesday 23rd January.

**Diamond class** look forward to seeing parents/carers on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 9.05am for our assembly!

**Homework:** To solve the Superhero Maths Challenges.

**Key vocabulary:** resilience, problem, solve, challenge, teamwork, structure, puzzle, create, decisions

We would be grateful for any old **magazines** we can use next week as part of our PSHE lesson. We are going to use them to create a collage to represent our feelings and emotions. Thank you!

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## School Office

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### 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 emailing:- [clerktogovs@longditton.surrey.sch.uk](mailto: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.



Has anyone lost this little grey bunny?

She's waiting patiently in the office for her owner. ☺

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## Friends

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Hi everyone,

Sorry to disappoint volunteers about cancelling the Ground Force Day tomorrow, after today's blue sky it's predicted to rain all day tomorrow, so we thought it would be better to change the date.

I hope the 27th is still good for most, and if this is better for you please get in touch with [Jessica2179@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Jessica2179@yahoo.co.uk)

Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Value Stars: Resilience



Peter  
Nancy  
Arsad  
Miller  
Aron  
Oscar FS

### Golden Certificates:

Jasper M  
Cerys  
Carlos  
Phillip  
George  
Kaitlin  
Declan  
Marcy  
Isabella  
Lachlan  
Amelie O  
Edward  
Amethyst Class  
Ryan  
Monique  
Zach  
Jihu

### Credit Card:

### Birthdays:

Ellis – 5  
Toby – 6  
Aira - 5

### Outside Achievements:

Emily W was awarded her 5m swimming badge and certificate

## DIARY DATES

### **January 2018**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

9.00am-12.00pm Yr 2 Amethyst class to Wagamama restaurant

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

9.05am Diamond class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend

### **February 2018**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

- 9.05am Sapphire class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend
- Yr 1 visit to St Mary's Church in the afternoon

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

9.05am Moonstone class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

- Author Tim Knapman visiting school
- Finish at 3.00pm for half term break

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

School closed – half term break

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Return to school at 8.45am

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

Start of Book Week

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Yr 2 to Polka Theatre

### **March 2018**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

World Book Day

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dress up day – favourite character from a book

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

3.30-8.00pm Parent Teacher Consultation appointments

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

- 9.05am Ruby class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend
- 4.00-6.00pm Parent Teacher Consultation appointments

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

Living Eggs Arrive

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

- 9.05am Topaz class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend
- 6.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:knolan@longditton.surrey.sch.uk)

Visits welcome.