



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

2nd February 2018

LATEST NEWS

Parents and Carers

Felicitations Sapphire Class

What a marvellous assembly we saw yesterday from Sapphire Class. It was great to learn all about love and how love can be and mean different things to different people. Did you know that 'love' is the most googled word in the world? Brilliant speaking, singing and dancing and what a lot you have all learned so far. Well done and a great job!

Ground Force Day



A massive thank you to every person involved in Ground Force day. I think you will agree that we made a massive difference to the whole school. All the cutting, trimming, blowing, sweeping, mending and throwing was impressive to see. I was humbled by the dedication of all the parents and carers who donated their time to help. Thank you ☺



Visit from Author Tim Knapman

Tim Knapman is coming next Friday!!! You will have all received letters to return if you would like a book which I am taking to the bookshop tomorrow so that they can be ordered. I know that the children will love hearing a true 'author' reading his books aloud to them in assembly and in the classes.



Finance Letter

I know you all received a finance letter on Wednesday and I hope you read it and understand the challenges that we are going to be facing. I also know you will help and support us through these challenges as difficult decisions are needed to be made.

NSPCC Sponsorship Assembly

Next week the children will be completing the NSPCC maths challenge in class. Please remember the most important thing about this challenge is knowing that children have the right to speak out and stay safe. Any money raised will be going to the NSPCC, and there are prizes for children who collect the most money and the school who collects the most money. But we are more interested in keeping children safe. Sponsorship is great but a small donation would work just as well!

Birthday Books

Thank you to Gabriel and Imogen for the wonderful birthday books for your classes!

Golden Manners Table

Joining me on the Golden Manners table on Monday will be Emily W, Theo S, Megan S, Betsy B (Topaz), Ethan P and Natalie – because they all demonstrated excellent manners this week!

Class with the most attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is with Ruby with 99.6% ☺

Thought for the week: 'When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.' Jimi Hendrix

Have a brilliant weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

What a great bird watching week we have had. Thank you to all families who completed the birdwatch and returned them to school. I shall send off the results. We have been going over our sounds and talking about what we do at night and in the day time, sequencing our day. We have been on our own birdwatch walks and talking about the vocabulary of a winter tree: trunk; bark; branches; twig; stick; and painting our winter trees in ink. We have been counting and recognising numbers 0-10 and singing 'Five Little Ducks' and 'Incey Wincey Spider' and 'Pat-a-Cake' to name a few nursery rhymes this week.

Next week we will be looking at Chinese New Year and the Year of the Dog. We will be tasting Chinese noodles and eating these with chopsticks'. In P.E, we will create a dragon dance and make our fans and lanterns. We will be looking at ordinal numbers and learning about 'The big Race' which includes the twelve animals of the Chinese zodiac. We will talk about 'Safer Internet Day' and possibly see Tim Knapman on Friday before we break up for Half term.

Would anyone like to look after our fish Barry and Shep for half term? I can drop them round in a small tank, but they will need a plug socket for the pump. Please let one of the team know if you can look after them.

Please think about helping with baking or library, if you have a DBS certificate, as it would be a lot more fun if more people applied. It seems at the moment that baking and library seems to revolve around the same four mums, which is a lot of work for them. Please sign up if you possibly can.

Have a great Weekend and thank you to the amazing ground force crew who worked in the

Nursery last weekend! You are real stars! The outside area looked so much brighter and tidy! We noticed it immediately. Thank you for giving up your time it was very much appreciated.

Please remember that your child must wear a coat and please name your child's gloves and hats.

Homework is the number 4, have fun with the activities.

The Nursery Team 😊😊😊😊😊😊

Reception

Dinosaurs came to reception this week! We came back from lunch on Monday to see giant footprints in the classroom, dinosaurs had come in and left their eggs in our classrooms. We put the eggs in water and soon baby dinosaurs appeared. It was very exciting! After a great start to the week we did lots of activities linked to dinosaurs. We made our own dinosaur eggs out of Modroc, we also wrote fantastic sentences about dinosaurs. Finally, we counted out dinosaur eggs into groups and added them together to find the total. We all had a great time!

Next week we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. We will be learning about what happens during Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. We will be making our own Chinese dragons and performing a Chinese dragon dance in PE. We will be learning about the Zodiac Calendar and the different animals that represent the different years. We will be ordering animals in maths and continue to focus on sentence writing in literacy. At the end of the week, we will be celebrating with a Chinese New Year party. Children will have the opportunity to try Chinese noodles, listen to Chinese music and perform their dragon dance.

Show and Tell: Rabbits

Theme: Chinese New Year/ celebration/ dragon dancing

Vocabulary: first, second, third, fourth, fifth, ordering, first, last, celebration, new year

The Reception Team 😊

Year 1

The children have had a great week. This week in Literacy we have been looking at adding prefix to words to change the meaning. We have been adding 's' to the end of words to change singular words to plural. We have also been adding 'ed' to words to change them into the past tense and we have been putting them into sentences.

In Maths the children have been learning to tell the time to o'clock and half past. We have been talking about how the minute hand is always longer and this stays on the 12 for o'clock and the 6 for half past. The children need to practise making and reading half past times and remembering that when a time is half past, the short hour hand must be past that number. For example, half past 1 – the hour hand must be past, not before the number 1. We have also been learning that there are 60 seconds in one minute and 60 minutes in one hour.

In ICT the children have been learning to edit their text using the italic, bold and underline icons.

Well done to Sapphire class for your super assembly on 'Love' – we hope you enjoyed it!

Home Learning

Literacy – adding 's' to words to make plurals, e.g. A cat sat on the wall – The cats sat on the wall.

Adding 'ed' to words to change the tense of words, e.g. I am going to play in the park. – I played in the park.

Maths – Can you tell the time to o'clock and half past?

Key vocabulary

Maths – o'clock, half past, seconds, minutes, hours

Literacy – Can you write a diary about what you did yesterday?

Show and Tell group - Giraffe

Year 2

This week in Literacy we have been looking at a very imaginative and descriptive poem by Kit Wright called 'The Magic Box'. We created a plan for our own poems in this style, thinking about memories, objects, people and places that are special to us to put into our own Magic Box. We enjoyed writing our own version of the poem using different adjectives to describe the things we have chosen as well as what the box would be made from and decorated with. What a fabulous job the children made writing their poems out in their best handwriting to go on display in the classrooms.

In Maths we have all learnt to solve addition problems using the column method. We also have column addition as our homework this week. Please let the children show you the way to do it because it may be slightly different to the way you learnt when you were at school.

In Geography we have been using atlases to label the continents and oceans of the world; we're really enjoying our Ticket to Anywhere topic! We have been very lucky to be visited by Kiara and Myka's mums, who gave us lots of information about life in a different country, Germany and India respectively. We noticed both similarities and differences with our lives in the United Kingdom. In Science we have been learning to classify and sort things that are living, non-living and have never lived. Did you know that a newspaper once lived because it was once a tree?

Home learning: Complete the column addition sheet.

Please let the children show you the way to do it because it may be slightly different to the way you learnt when you were at school.

Key vocabulary: column addition, partition, hundreds, tens, units, carrying, poem, poet, adjectives, continents, oceans.

School Office

Friends

A great big thank you to all of the volunteers who gave up their Saturday morning to help out with our Ground Force Day. It has made a big difference to the school and we hope that you have all noticed the improvement. We couldn't have fit any more material into the skip after we raked, swept, chopped, trimmed, weeded and pruned our way around the nursery and school.

We fixed a rotted gate, took down an old sign, cleared out the bin store, bike sheds and behind the huts, fitted the new bike racks and started to sand and paint the fences and benches, although we didn't get as far with that as we had hoped due to rain stopping play - so hopefully we can have a follow up planting and painting session sometime next term.

Thanks too to the children who behaved so well in the hall and those that entertained them, and for the cakes bought and baked by you, Starbucks for the coffee and the George Evelyn for the sausage and bacon rolls and chips. We hope that everyone enjoyed the day.

Plans are coming on for our Fun Run on Sunday 18th March at Giggs Hill Green. Registration forms will hopefully be sent home before half term, but in the meantime if anyone is available on the day to help with marshalling then please get in touch, jessica2179@yahoo.co.uk

The children and adults will run separately so adults can run and marshall!

Have a great weekend
Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Love



Isla C
Alfie R
Florence W-M
Tom H
Hattie
Joe
Nora

Golden Certificates:

Cynthia
Sapphire class
Alex
Frankie O'B
Natalia
Sebastian
Aira
Poppy H
Myka
Iris O
Megan C
Verity
Quentin
Georgina
Esther
George
Ryan

Credit Card:

Birthdays:

Gabriel – 4
Megan C – 4
Verity – 4
Wilf – 6
Sofia – 4
Imogen - 6

Outside Achievements:

Amandine was awarded the ASA Learn to Swim Stage 3 certificate and badge
Matthew was invested as a Beaver Scout in the Dittons (Toronto) Beaver Colony

DIARY DATES

February 2018

Thursday 8th 9.05am Moonstone class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend

Friday 9th

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

Monday 12th to Friday 16th School closed – half term break

Monday 19th Return to school at 8.45am

Monday 26th Start of Book Week

Wednesday 28th Yr 2 to Polka Theatre

March 2018

Thursday 1st World Book Day

Friday 2nd Dress up day – favourite character from a book

Wednesday 7th 3.30-8.00pm Parent Teacher Consultation appointments

Thursday 8th

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

Monday 12th Living Eggs Arrive

Thursday 15th

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

Monday 19th Start of Sports Relief week

Tuesday 20th Yr 1 visit to The Discovery Centre

Thursday 22nd 2.15pm Rocksteady concert

Friday 23rd

- Chicks depart
- Sports Relief Day

Tuesday 27th Yr 2 Diamond class to Stokes Field

Wednesday 28th

- Yr 2 Amethyst class to Stokes Field
- Nursery finishes for Easter Holidays

Thursday 29th

- 9.15am Easter Assembly at St Mary's Church – all welcome
- 1.30pm school finishes for Easter Holidays

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.

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