



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

9th February 2018

LATEST NEWS

Parents and Carers

Felicitations Moonstone Class – and thank you for a marvellous assembly! It was very clever of you all to show how we can all be super heroes by being kind, caring and helpful to others. Super singing and such brilliant speaking to the audience. Very well done indeed 😊

Visit from Author Tim Knapman

Tim came to see us today and it was just splendid! The children absolutely loved listening to him talk about his writing and when he read the stories in class it was awe inspiring. Thank you to Tim for giving up his precious time to come to talk to us. And thank you too to The Regency Bookshop in Surbiton who did such a great deal on the books. What a way to spend the last day of term!

Parents' Evening Appointments – School and Nursery

We are going to trial an online booking system this time for parents' evening as requested by parents! The consultations take place on Wednesday 7th (3.30-8.00pm) and Thursday 8th (4.00-6.00pm) March. You will be able to book a 10-minute appointment slot with your child's class teacher via either your ParentMail account or app. You will receive notification from ParentMail when booking goes live at 10.00am on Monday 19th February. If you are not able to make an appointment using ParentMail, then please contact the school office for available times and they will be able to book you a convenient appointment. Good luck and please feed back to me if it was better/no good or fabulous because this is a service we are paying for.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Marcy, Amelie B, Sam, Jasmine, Joe, Alex and Aaron for the wonderful birthday books you have chosen for your classes!

Look at these pictures!



These are just two pictures of children getting to school in other parts of the world. They demonstrate how important school is to them and how much they are willing to go through in order to go to school every day to receive an education WHICH IS EVERY CHILD'S RIGHT! Think how disappointing it was for me to feed back to the governors today in the Children and Learning Committee Meeting that the number of parents taking their children out of school for a holiday during term time has actually increased by 20% since last year! I know family holidays are an important part of growing up but remember that holidays are not a right for children **and education is**. Please consider your holiday dates very carefully. Remember your child's rights are more important than financial gains.

NSPCC – Buddy's Speak out. Stay safe.

All the children completed Buddy's maths challenge for the NSPCC yesterday. Thank you to

all those who returned the envelopes and sponsored your child to do the maths challenge. The sum donated today to the NSPCC totalled £430.40 – simply brilliant. If you would still like to send in the sponsor form envelope with a donation, then there is still time but please return this by Tuesday 20th February. Thank you.



Bug Busting Head Lice

Half term is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to have a really good check of hair for head lice. Checking, treating and combing regularly over the week will help to reduce the number of infections we get in school. Wouldn't it be marvellous to have a nit free half term next half term? For more information about bug busting please see : <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx> or <http://www.national-awareness-days.com/national-bug-busting-day.html> for help and advice.

Golden Manners Table

Joining me on the Golden Manners table on Monday after half term will be Isaac, Sophia, Dylan, Henry M, Kaitlin, Aron and Connie – because they all demonstrated excellent manners this week!

Class with the most attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is Sapphire with 98.9% 😊

Thought for the week:

'Love. Love. Love. Love is all you need.' The Beatles

Have an awesome half term!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

"Kung Hei Fat Choi!" Happy Chinese New Year to everyone next week! The children have created some fabulous dragon puppets and lanterns and are really improving on their cutting skills! We have been learning how to use chopsticks and write some Chinese numerals and letters. We have been learning about ordinal numbers and ordering the 12 animals in the Big Chinese New Year Race. Chinese New Year start on the 16th February and in London there will be lots of activities going on including a big celebration on Sunday 18th

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February in Trafalgar Square with a dragon procession and all the things we have been talking about this week.

Thank you to a few very special Mums who have been trying hard to ensure your children get baking and library in the last few weeks. Please sign up if you can, and have a DBS certificate. Please let us know if you could help on another day, maybe we can sort something out.

Also thank you for your very generous donations for the NSPCC. The children did a dance-a-thon for over 5 minutes non-stop dancing and they were amazing! I have to say there are some very good dancers in the class! However, the most important thing is that the children know how to keep each other safe and know who they can go to, to be safe. After half term we will be learning about a few more nursery rhymes such as: The Wheels on the Bus; Humpty Dumpty; and One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Once I Caught a Fish Alive. We will be learning to count 1 more and 1 less and looking at numbers that come before and after.

Thank you to Rocco and his family for looking after our fish Barry and Shep. Have fun everyone and a good rest with all your families.

Have a great half term week. We are all back on Monday 19th February.

There is some homework on developing our handwriting and pencil grip, should you have time, have fun.

The Nursery Team 😊😊😊😊😊😊



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Reception

What another busy, exciting week we've had in Reception! We have learnt about Chinese New Year this week – we learnt about how people celebrate it, and we have also made lots of creative things such as fans, lucky wallets, Chinese dragons and lanterns. We learnt about the Chinese story and then in maths we ordered the animals from 1st to 8th, focussing on ordering them correctly and using the language 'first', 'second' etc.

In literacy, we have been making posters about E-Safety and reminding ourselves about what we need to do to stay safe on the internet. We completed our Maths challenge for the NSPCC, by answering questions that was 1 more/less – well done all the children for taking part and trying your best! In PE, we moved around like different animals from the story of the Chinese new year, and then did Chinese dragon dancing. We ended the week with a Chinese New Year party, trying some noodles, prawn crackers and we did some Chinese dragon dancing.

After half term, we will be making hot chocolate and then writing instructions. Can you talk to your children about instructions – where they have seen instructions and what instructions are. We will also be starting our topic of 'Under the Sea' – we will be talking about what they already know and what they want to find out. We will be learning to take away/subtract in maths – maybe at home you could take away using objects to help you. In PE, we will be playing some 'Under the sea' games. In music, we will be learning to play the claves, trying to beat the claves in a rhythm.

Have a lovely half term – we bet the children will be exhausted!

Show and Tell: Badgers

Theme: Under the sea, instructions

Vocabulary: instructions, taking away, subtracting, equals, under the sea, ocean,

The Reception Team 😊

Year 1

The children have been so busy this week. In Literacy we have been working on writing our very own Superhero stories. We started off with some drama on Monday, then we wrote a plan and then we created our exciting stories! We made sure we included a beginning, middle and end to our stories and included exciting adjectives.

In Maths the children have been continuing to learn times on the clock. We thought about what the time would be an hour later than given times.

We also learnt about directional language such as forwards, backwards, left and right. We used our knowledge of turns to turn objects a quarter of a turn, half a turn, and a whole turn.

In Science, we thought about healthy foods, and which foods we should eat to stay healthy. We then made our own healthy fruit kebabs and ate them at story time.

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

Home Learning

Literacy: Write a story with a beginning, middle and end.

Maths: Can use directional language to direct a friend from one area to another. E.g. take 2 steps forwards, turn a quarter turn and take 3 steps right etc.

Key vocabulary:

Maths – direction, forwards, backwards, left, right, quarter turn, half turn, whole turn

Literacy – One dark night, one gloomy day, adjective, superhero, beginning, middle, end

Show and Tell group: Monkeys

Year 2

What another busy week in Year 2! In Literacy we have been looking at idioms (e.g. going the extra mile, barking up the wrong tree etc.). We then wrote a poem about a special person in our lives using some idioms based on the poem 'My Dad is amazing' by Ian Souter. We found the idioms quite tricky to understand at first but now they are a piece of cake! Also we were practicing using verbs in the past and present tense, checking if and how we had to change the spelling of each verb, e.g. **walk** becomes **walked** adding -ed, but **eat** becomes a new word **ate**.

In Maths we have been using the column method to subtract. This included borrowing numbers from the tens column. Also we completed Buddy's Maths Challenge for the NSPCC sponsored event.

We enjoyed looking at atlases again in Geography. This week we were naming and locating countries in Europe. In Art we have made some fabulous, bright, colourful self-portraits in the abstract style of Pablo Picasso. We have also created posters promoting staying safe on the internet as part of Safer Internet Day.

We hope you have a lovely and restful half term!

Home work: Times tables and division facts. It is important to learn these facts off by heart and so over the half term please spend some time improving your times tables and division fact knowledge. Please don't do them all in one day but do 1 a day as this will be more helpful.

Key vocabulary: idiom, poem, poet, subtract, column, tens, ones, countries, Europe, self-portrait, abstract, cubism

School Office

Do we have your correct contact details?

If you have moved house, changed your mobile number, email address, etc. since September and you have not yet informed the school office, please would you update us with your new contact details as soon as possible. It is important that we have

the correct details on record for your child in case of an emergency. Thank you.

Friends

Half term! Hurray!

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the activities we have had this half term, it's been so great to have so many helper, bakers, buyers, gardeners etc. we've made such a difference to the school already!

And we have lots planned for next term too, the Ball is coming up on the 3rd, the family fun run on the 18th March, the registration forms for the run will be sent out via ParentMail, so look for those if you or your children are interested in running, the parents and children are in different races so there will be opportunity to you to run AND marshall! We're too good to you!

We are making a steady income form the donations from the GivingMachine, this is little effort and all the little bits we receive add up, we made £50 in January! So if you are internet shopping for gifts or essentials, doing your weekly shop, all you have to do is access the site via the Shop & Give app and the school gets a donation, what could be simpler!
www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

Let's see if we can beat £50 for February!

Have a great week

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Love



Ryan
Phillip
Isla E
Finley
Jasper M
Roshan

Golden Certificates:

Mary
Olly
Daniel
Will
Isaac
Henry
Vrishti
Leo R
Stanley B
Isaac
Elena
Charlie H
Ellis
Charlie J-S
Zack
Charlotte
Moonstone Class

Credit Card:

Sebastian

Birthdays:

Marcy – 4
Sam – 7
Amelie B - 7
Aron – 7
Jasmine – 7
Alex F – 6
Freddie – 4
Ryan – 7
Louis B – 6
Joe - 7

Outside Achievements:

Robin was invested into the Ditton Beavers (Toronto Colony) and has been awarded his Animal Friend, Safety and Cook activity badges
Gabriel was awarded a certificate for entering the water safely from Swim England

DIARY DATES

February 2018

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 / 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

Visits welcome.



Wild at Play



Explore, build, create and experiment!

Equipment provided. Just turn up and choose what you want to do! Natural arts, crafts, den building and more...

Dress for mess and bring a picnic if you want to make a day of it

Sunday 25 February
drop in between
10.30am and 12.30pm

Follow signs from
Copsem Lane car park
Nearest postcode
KT10 9HQ

Activities for 3 to 11 year olds. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Contact us for more information
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Managing Behaviour Effectively for Parents & Carers

No one has ever said parenting was easy. Living with children can be one of life's most enjoyable experiences, but it can also be unbelievably frustrating. 123 Magic is a simple, precise and effective way of managing the behaviour of children. It's not magic but works like magic!

The aims of the programme are:-

- Job 1: Controlling Challenging Behaviour** – Learn an amazingly simple technique to get children to STOP doing what you don't want them to do (whining, arguing, tantrums, sibling rivalry etc.).
- Job 2: Encouraging Good Behaviour** – Learn several effective methods to get your children to START doing what you want them to do (picking up, eating, going to bed and staying there!, chores etc.).
- Job 3: Strengthening Your Relationship** – Learn powerful techniques that reinforce the bond between you and your children.

Will the programme work with children who have learning difficulties?
It certainly can. The program has been used successfully with Autistic, Asperger's, ADHD and ODC children. In fact when parents have children with these difficulties, the clarity of the 123 Magic warnings is especially helpful for the visual and auditory understanding.

The course is a 4 week programme and the following courses available are as follows:-

Tues 26th Sept 2017 (4 weeks) 7.30pm-9.30pm at St Marys, Long Ditton
Mon 6th Nov 2017 (4 weeks) 1pm-3pm at Cardinal Newman, Hersham
Mon 26th Feb 2018 (4 weeks) 9.30am-11.30am at St Marys, Long Ditton
Wed 21st Feb 2018 (4 weeks) 7.30-9.30pm at Cardinal Newman, Hersham
Mon 23rd Apr 2018 (4 weeks) 1pm-3pm at Cardinal Newman, Hersham
Mon 12th Jun 2018 (4 weeks) 7.30-9.30pm at St Marys Long Ditton

If you would like to book onto a course please contact Michelle Talboys - Home School Link Worker on 07703 322066 or email at hsiw@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk

