



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

23rd February 2018

LATEST NEWS

Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone – it is clear you all had a lovely half term and either exciting adventures or a lovely rest. This half term is short but we have planned lots of fabulous learning into it. Keep an eye on the newsletter for all the important information.

Congratulations to the Year 1 Singers

This week half of the Year 1 took part in the Shrewsbury House Music Festival. They worked with Damian, the musical director, to learn two new songs and sang one of our songs. Firstly, I want to say that they sang beautifully and we were so very proud of each and every one of them for singing their hearts out. Secondly their behaviour was just impeccable and again we were so proud of each and every one of them. Thirdly the new songs they sang were literally incredible and very emotive. (I know I am probably biased but in my opinion we sang the best!) Well done to all of them!

Parents' Evening Appointments – School and Nursery

So far I have only heard positive things about the appointment booking system. I really hope that it is going to prove a success! Please let me know if it isn't so that we know if we need to make any changes.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Isla W, Martha, Sylvie and Louis B for the wonderful birthday books you have chosen for your classes!

NSPCC

Emma from the NSPCC came along to assembly on Wednesday and announced to the children that the total amount they raised was £724.40 - Fantastic!

Scooters and Bikes

It is brilliant that the scooters and bike racks are in full use. What would be even better now is if we could encourage the children to park their bikes and scooters a little more effectively? See if we can manage to park all the bikes in the bike rack and all the scooters to stand smartly upright against the walls – that would be perfect parking!

Thank you Mrs Harris

Have you seen all the wonderful flowers that Mrs Harris has planted at the front of the school, they look so beautiful don't they? Thank you to Mrs Harris for taking the time to go to Squires and actually get some plants donated and for planting them to make our school look wonderful. If you do visit Squires over the weekend, please make sure you thank them and let them know what a difference their donations have made! If you see Mrs Harris, please say thank you to her too! With your children you might like to talk about what each of the flowers/plants are called. Here is a list of their names:

Bellis Perennis

Pansies

Daffodils

Huechera

Sedum

Holly

Photinia Red Robin

Primroses

Cyclamen

I wonder if we can get the children to identify all of them? Head teacher sticker to any child who can 😊.

Book Week

Next week is book week! Each day there is a special 'book' theme.

Monday – Bring in your favourite book to read

Tuesday – Share a book. The classes will be mixing to share story books with each other.

Wednesday – We will be looking at the 'bad' characters in fairy-tale stories to help the children identify character descriptions.

Thursday – Bedtime stories – to celebrate the importance of bedtime stories the children can bring in their pyjamas to get changed into at 2pm and then they will be sharing a bedtime story with either some Year 5/6 children from St Mary's or a grown up. (Volunteers needed!)

Friday – Dress up as your favourite book character.

It will be very exciting and the children will get to read so many wonderful books over the week!

Golden Manners Table

Joining me on the Golden Manners table on Monday will be Isaac, Sophia, Dylan, Henry, Kaitlin, Aron and Connie. They also sat on the table on Monday but I was in a meeting and I would like to share a meal with them to say thank you for their excellent manners.

Class with the most attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is with Sapphire 96% 😊

Thought for the week: 'If you have good thoughts they will always shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.'

Roald Dahl

Have a dazzling weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a lovely half term and thank you to Rocco and his family for looking after the fish.

We have been learning some more nursery rhymes this week and counting and learning to add 1 more and take 1 away by playing a bus game.

Thank you to Emma Sims, Sarb Donin and Pippa McCosh who have been baking and doing library for us this week.

We have been learning '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.

Next week is a very exciting week - Book Week!

Monday: Please let your child bring in their favourite story book to share with the class. Please make sure your child's book has their name in it. Thank you.

Tuesday: We will be sharing more of their stories and Y2 children will be coming in to read stories to the Nursery children. We will have a go at making up a story and reading 'Little Red Riding Hood'. In phonics we will be focusing on the rhyme that goes with writing the initial sounds and whether the sound is a bouncy sound or a stretchy sound.

Wednesday: Wicked Wednesday - we will be looking at good baddie stories such as 'The Wolf's Story' and learning 'What's the time Mr Wolf?'

Thursday: Pyjama Day! The children may come in dressed in their pyjamas, with warm clothes underneath. Please make sure they will be warm as it will be cold. Please could we have some parents to come and read their favourite picture story or tell a story to a small group of children. This will be at 11.15am and at 2.30pm. Please see one of the team if you can come in or sign up on the door. Thank you. 😊

Friday: Dress up as a story book character. Again please make sure the children are wearing warm clothes underneath as they will be going outside. I am sure we will have great fun guessing which character they are!

There will be no baking next week but we would really appreciate some story tellers! Thank you! 😊 Please do not forget to sign up for parents evening on line or make an alternative time with us. Either go online, the office or arrange a meeting with one of the team. 😊

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

There is some homework this week on number 5 please look at the formation of number 5 and remember all numbers start from the top. Enjoy your weekend and look out that favourite story!

The Nursery Team 😊😊😊😊😊😊

Reception

We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term. We started the week with an introduction to our new topic 'Under the Sea'. We talked about what we already know and what we wanted to find out. We were very impressed that the children already know so many facts about the sea and underwater animals. In Maths, we started looking at subtraction. We learnt what a subtraction sign looks like and what it is used for. We worked out different subtraction sums using plastic fish to work out the answer. In PE, we thought about how different sea creatures moved. We crawled sideways like a crab, dived like a fish and stomped like a shark. We had a great time! We also started a new unit in music using different instruments to explore different beats in songs. We sang the song, 'I do like to be beside the seaside' and then beat the claves to the rhythm of the song.

Next week, it is Book Week and we have lots of exciting activities planned. On Monday, we will be sharing our favourite book with the class, explaining the story and why it is our favourite book. We will also be writing sentences about a character from a book, using adjectives to describe them. On Thursday, we have a special treat. Children will change into their pyjamas in the afternoon ready to read a bedtime story before home time. The week will end with dress up day on Friday, children can come dressed up as their favourite character from a book.

Please can each child bring in one shoe box ready for an art activity the following week, please can these be in by Friday.

Book Week Dates:

Monday: Bring in favourite book.

Thursday: Bring in pyjamas in a bag ready to change into in the afternoon.

Friday: Come to school dressed up as favourite book character.

Show and Tell: Mice

Theme: Book Week, coins, characters

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Vocabulary: character, story, 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, amount, equal, coin, beat, rhythm

The Reception Team 😊

Year 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely relaxing half term! We have started our new topic 'Growing' This is a Science based topic where we focus on life cycles, nature and keeping our bodies healthy.

In Maths the children have been learning all about arrays and multiplication and we will continue this learning into next week. We have been learning that number sentences such as $2+2+2+2 = 8$ is the same as 4×2 .

In Literacy we have been learning about what is right and wrong, we looked at a picture of a little girl stealing and debated 'is it ever ok to steal?' We all decided that it is definitely not ok. We then wrote some questions for the little girl to find out what she was doing and why she was doing it. We turned our questions into role play and acted out the scenario.

We have learnt that pronouns are the names of people and places and they need a capital letter. We used this rule in our writing and highlighted our successes.

Next week is book week; the children will be doing lots of exciting things.

Home Learning

Literacy – Bring in your favourite book ready for Monday.

Your child will have received some alien words on Friday. Please practise reading the 'Alien words' with your child as these are the kind of words they need to be able to decode for the phonics screening test.

Maths – Give your child some repeated addition sentences to turn into multiplications. E.g. $3+3+3+3$ is 4×3 or $5+5+5+5+5$ is 5×5

Key vocabulary

Maths – array, multiplication, multiply, count, tally, chart,

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Literacy – conjunction, description, book review, suffix,

Show and Tell group - elephants

Year 2

This week in Literacy we have been writing our own versions of “The Rainbow Fish” story. First we had to think of our own main character and decide where our story would be set. After discussing our ideas with a partner, we chose something that our character did not want to share and what the consequences of not being kind would be. We tried to use lots of interesting vocabulary including adjectives, adverbs and alliteration to make our stories exciting and a good read.

In Maths we have been learning about the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction. Did you know that inverse means opposite? We have learnt that 3 given numbers can make 4 different number sentences. E.g. 13, 7 and 20 can make the following number sentences: $13+7=20$, $7+13=20$, $20-13=7$ and $20-7=13$. We are learning more about this next week. We have also been using this to help practise the column method for subtraction. Please help us to practise this at home as often as possible.

In Science this week we've been learning about the 7 life processes. Did you know you can remember them using the anagram Mrs Gren, (movement, respiration, sensitivity, growth, reproduction, excretion, nutrition)? We thought about what we need to stay alive and drew pictures of the things that give us nutrition, oxygen and air, shelter and space for movement and growth. We've also been thinking about local habitats and the different living things that you find there.

Key vocabulary: inverse, column subtraction, life processes, habitat, alliteration, adverb

Home learning: Please find some super, interesting words in your home reading book or a story book from home. List them and write a sentence for each one.

Book week reminders:

Monday: Children to bring in their favourite book to school; it is important that the children remember because they will be writing a book review!

Wednesday am: Year 2 Visit to the Polka Theatre to see “Grandad’s Island”.

Thursday: PJ/ onesie afternoon - Children to bring in their pyjamas or onesie to school to wear in the afternoon. **Would you like to read a bedtime story to children in Diamond or Amethyst class? We will be sharing stories in groups from 2:15 – 3 pm. Please let Miss Sharp or Mrs Bradley know if you would like to take part.**

Friday: Dress up day - Children to dress up as their favourite book character. Please try to be as imaginative as possible.

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.

Reminder

Please could we remind parents to only come into the office in the mornings if absolutely necessary i.e. to drop off medicine for your child. Any envelopes or forms can be posted in the black box outside the office. If you need to speak to someone in the office please pop in after 9.15am or you can email us on info@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Friends

Welcome back! Hope you all had an enjoyable half term.

Firstly, a very special thank you to Desiree Harris for her amazing achievement of securing Squires as a sponsor and developing this great relationship with them. Also for all her efforts and enthusiasm for the Ground Force day and for doing the planting this week in the bitterly cold weather. I think we can all agree the gate garden areas look fabulous and the school looks as loved as it really is!

Only a week to go to the Oscars Ball! This year at the Holiday Inn on Portsmouth Road. Jessica
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needs to have your menu choices asap if you could email her back at jessica2179@yahoo.co.uk

See you on the Red carpet!

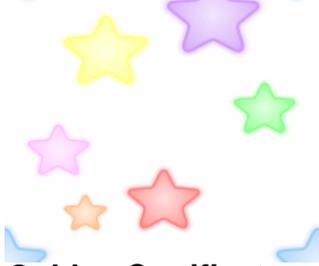
Following the Ball will be our Family Fun Run on Sunday 18th March around Giggs Hill Green, to promote a healthy lifestyle and kick off Sports Relief Week. Since this is our first time 'running' (running, gedit!?) this event we would really like to get an idea of numbers so that we can plan accordingly, and make sure that everyone taking part gets a goody bag. Hopefully you will have received a registration form before half term, so please can we ask you to return completed forms asap to the red Friends' post box on the wall outside the office if you would like to take part.

We will also be looking for volunteers to marshal the course, help with registration and sell coffee and flapjacks so if you are willing to help instead/as well as taking part then please let us know. Also we will hold a progress meeting on Monday 5th March at 8pm in the George Evelyn so please attend if you can. We are also looking for local businesses to sponsor items in the goody bags in return for including business cards/flyers inside, so if this is of interest to you then please contact Jessica: jessica2179@yahoo.co.uk

Have a great weekend.
Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Love



Charlie H
Kaitlin
Isla W
Myka
Maia
Amelie B

Golden Certificates:

Jan
Theo
Claudia
Harrison
Sophie C
Rocco
Zayn
Cade
Ava C
Lottie
Freddie
Imogen
Jack D
Darcey
Ava O'C
Henry
Anya

Credit Card:

Ava C

Birthdays:

Martha – 4
Isla W – 6
Avaan – 4
Sylvie - 4

Outside Achievements:

Anya has a trophy from Rainbows Aquafun
Alana made her Rainbow Guide Promise
George G was awarded his Learn to Swim 3 badge and certificate
Iris has been awarded a Distinction in her Primary ballet exam

DIARY DATES

February 2018

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

