



# LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

## NEWSLETTER

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

### LATEST NEWS

#### **Parents and Carers**

Well this has been a very interesting and exciting week and has ended not quite how we imagined. You will see that there are not the usual contributions from the teachers about what learning has taken place or what homework to complete this week. That is because we were not expecting to close!

**Therefore, for homework this weekend:** Play some board games – Monopoly, Scrabble, Frustration, draughts or Ludo. Play cards with your children – snap, pairs, Go Fish or Rummy. Read several story books and ask questions about what you have read together. Go out for a walk and talk about the environment, what you see, what street furniture you can see, what's the difference between the street, the park, the fields and your homes.

Go sledging if you can and take different things to sledge with – a tray, a bag, some cardboard – which one makes the best sledge? Can they find things in the garden or outside to make a 'winter picture' with and talk to you about their choices and creation? Watch a movie together and talk about the characters and the story. Can they recognise why the baddie is a 'good baddie' or any other character traits. Watch the news or browse the internet together and look at what has happened because of 'The Beast from the East' and 'Storm Emma' and talk about snow times when you were little or better still when their grandparents were little.

If you complete these activities your children will have been learning about: Maths, Reading, PSHE (personal and social skills), Geography, Science,

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Art, Physical Education, History and Design and Technology. All the while having fun!!!

#### **Book Week**

This week has been jam packed with reading and learning all about books. Yesterday was wonderful especially in the afternoon when some Year 6 children and the parents and carers came to read to our children. The faces of our children just listening to the older people reading to them were inspiring. It was brilliant!

**Dressing Up as a Book Character – we will carry this on to MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH next week. We will also have a special Celebration Assembly that day too!**

#### **Parents' Evening Appointments – School and Nursery**

These have been planned and booked in. If you haven't yet booked a time you have until Monday when the booking system will be closed so that we can let the teachers know.

#### **School Snow Closure**

Making the decision to close the school is challenging and is never taken lightly. There are many aspects to completing the decision but the most important is the safety of the children and the staff. In considering closing heads have to take into account:

- The safety of the children and staff coming to and leaving from school. For some this includes travelling some distance.
- The safety of the children and staff in school.

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- What Surrey County Council advise.
- What the advice is from the Chair of Governors.
- The decision of other schools.

Yesterday was spent reviewing the playground, the pavements, the roads, the forecasts. I considered partial closures of the classes where teachers were not able to come to school and the option and impact of opening only for the morning or closing early.

Surrey sent this advice:

*'Dear Headteachers,*

*We have just had a conference call with the Met Office, Emergency Management Team and various Surrey agencies, we received the following information:*

*The snow has been worse than expected and they are therefore extending the Amber alert for Wind and Snow to cover all of Surrey. This will be in place until 08.00 tomorrow morning.*

*We can expect between 5 to 10 cm of snow tonight, heavy until midnight and then lighter, but another flurry mid-morning.*

*There is a small risk of freezing rain. '*

*We are sending this so that you can make an informed decision regarding your school tomorrow.'*

Over the course of the day the dust like snow compacted in the playground and became like an ice rink – ask the children how easy it was to slip and slide! The pavements outside had not been gritted and the condition of the side roads dreadful.

Following the advice from Surrey and in discussions with our Chair of Governors and other Heads I decided it would be in the best and safest interests of the children and staff to close.

In 8 years of being head I have only had to make the decision to close due to snow once. The decision to close this time was made jointly as part of the ELT and all of the head teachers took a great deal of time to consider whether to close or not. The weather this week has changed on a minute by minute basis and we did manage to stay open when other schools closed. We could have waited to see what the weather was like in the morning, but by allowing parents to know sooner we felt

made it a little easier to arrange childcare if needed. I know that you will be understanding of the dilemma facing us and of the decision we have made.

I apologise for the inconvenience it has caused to some of our families but hope you can in some way understand the difficulty I faced.

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

The class with the best attendance this week is Moonstone class with 98.3%. Well done!

**Thought for the week:** The new Value of the month is Appreciation and completing this week's newsletter on my own made me realise just how much time and effort goes into our weekly newsletter. The contributions from all the members of staff and the school community make it a vibrant and very informative piece of work.

So for my first thought of the week for this month's value – I am going to send my appreciation to everyone who puts the time in to completing this newsletter. Please know how grateful I am for all the time it takes and that I am grateful to each and every person who contributes. THANK YOU!

**Have an Oscar Winning weekend! (So looking forward to the Ball tomorrow!)**

**Mrs Paines**

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## Nursery

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The Nursery Team 😊😊😊😊😊😊

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## Reception

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The Reception Team 😊

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## Year 1

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## Year 2

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## School Office

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## Friends

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## ACHIEVEMENTS



### Golden Certificates:

### Credit Card:

### Birthdays:

### Outside Achievements:

On next week's newsletter

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Imogen

William Ba – 5  
Batoul – 7  
Maia – 5  
Monique - 7

Jack Wa was invested as a Beaver Scout in the 1<sup>st</sup> Hook 'Cheyenne' Beavers

## DIARY DATES

### **March 2018**

Monday 5 <sup>th</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.05am Ruby class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend</li> <li>• 4.00-6.00pm Parent Teacher Consultation appointments</li> </ul>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Living Eggs Arrive
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.05am Topaz class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend</li> <li>• 6.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting</li> </ul>
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Friends' Family Fun Run
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Sports Relief week
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 1 visit to The Discovery Centre
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.15pm Rocksteady concert
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicks depart</li> <li>• Sports Relief Day</li> </ul>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 2 Diamond class to Stokes Field
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr 2 Amethyst class to Stokes Field</li> <li>• Nursery finishes for Easter Holidays</li> </ul>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.15am Easter Assembly at St Mary's Church – all welcome</li> <li>• 1.30pm school finishes for Easter Holidays</li> </ul>

### **April 2018**

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school at 8.45am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ruby class to Pizza Express
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Yr 2 SATs information meeting
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of History week
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Class photographs by Imago Juniors

# EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / Adverts



**LONG DITTON**  
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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)

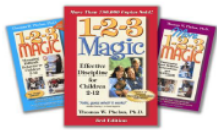
Applications are invited from enthusiastic persons to join our school. We can offer you a school with a friendly and supportive staff and opportunities for professional development.

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.



## 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:-

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 (4 weeks) 9.30am-11.30am at St Marys, Long Ditton  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2018 (4 weeks) 7.30-9.30pm at Cardinal Newman, Hersham  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr 2018 (4 weeks) 1pm-3pm at Cardinal Newman, Hersham  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> 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 [hslw@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:hslw@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk)

