



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

22nd June 2018

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful Summer Fayre! My mum said to me 'Monica, how do you say thank you to everyone for organising something so great?' I said 'Mam (I am from Leicester) all I can do is say 'thank you' because I don't think there is a way to show appreciation to so many.' It was a very spectacular day and I hope if you came, you enjoyed everything that the Friends had arranged. Thank you to all of the Friends for their hard work to arrange the day - and – thank you, thank you, thank you!

Sports Week

I don't know about the children, but I know the teachers are thoroughly exhausted from all the sporting activities this week! A massive thank you to Mrs Taylor who has organised all the visitors to school and the timetable for us to follow. Today was the icing on the cake as the children met a real live Olympian, Peter Bakare. He worked through a



challenging circuit with the children, that they have been sponsored for, and then Peter led an inspirational assembly for the whole school. If you haven't

heard of Peter and his story, have a look at his website. One very impressive thing is that he can jump over a person! Now for a relaxing World Cup Weekend!

Sports Morning 18th June

Thank you to everyone involved in the sports morning and especially all the parents and carers for coming and listening and following our guidelines. The Winning Team were the Cricket Team with 295 points. Congratulations to all!

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Ice Pop Challenge Winners this week

The Ice Pop Challenge winners this week were Sapphire Class with 95 smiley faces. It was a very close competition and the children have been demonstrating such kindness and politeness to each other, it is wonderful to see!

Birthday Books

Thank you to Corelie, Ethan P and Kaitlin for choosing a birthday book to give to their classes.

Good Manners Table

On my Good Manners table this week I sat with Natalia who had demonstrated excellent manners all week. Well done Natalia.

Class with the most attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is Amethyst with 98.6%, closely followed by Topaz with 98.2% 😊

Governor Monitoring Day

Thank you for the Parent Questionnaires and the feedback to the Governors. They really appreciate the time you take to tell them what you think is working well and what you think could be improved about our school. One of the things suggested was a way to let parents know what the 'age related expectations' are for each year group. I will work on this over the summer to hopefully get some links on the website to the Government Guidelines. The Governors fed back that the children's behaviour was excellent and that the children were lucky to experience such a broad range of curriculum learning opportunities.

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Thought for the week

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.' John 14:27

Let's hope England do well! Have a great weekend.

Mrs Paines

Nursery

How truly 'Sporty' everyone has been this week. We had great fun trying really hard at gymnastics, skipping, fencing and athletics this week. Everyone did their very best, listened well and learnt so much. Great fun was had by all. Well done for coming dressed in sports gear all week as well.

Our vegetables are growing somehow, in spite of the slugs. Has anyone got some coffee dregs at home from drinking filter coffee? Please could you bring any in to put round our sunflowers and vegetables.

HELP! Could we please make a request for anyone (DBS checked if during school hours) who might be free to help clean out the wormery for the children? We will then be able to fill it again with new soil and sand. It could be any time that suits and can probably be done in under an hour. Please contact the school office if you can help.

Our independent challenges have been going well and the children are working more and more independently which is lovely to see. They are questioning and processing their thoughts with more and more confidence.

We selected and sequenced the sports we liked doing and trying this week. We talked about the longest day and the summer solstice and that it would be light even at 9.30pm today to which I got the reply: "Then I can watch the football!"

We brainstormed the word 'rainforest' in preparation for the zoo visiting us next Thursday 28th June and creating a rainforest in our role play area. There is no baking next week as instead we will be holding some rainforest animals.

Next week we will be explorers creating our rainforest area, as well as counting insects and animals, going on our summer walks around the school and looking for worms and insects along with their habitats. We all know now that insects have six legs.

The optional activity this week is 'f' for forest, and 't' for tree and the different handwriting groups to keep at home. 😊

Please remember that the nursery will be closed on Monday 25th June. Also, some children will be visiting Topaz and Ruby classes on Monday or Tuesday.

Have fun and relax this weekend, enjoy the sun, the football and talking to your child about the rainforest animals. Thank you again for all your support.

The Nursery Team 😊😊

Reminder: Nursery will be closed on Monday 25th June.

Reception

We started our week with a fantastic sports day. We were very proud of all the children in Reception for trying their best with each race and showing super teamwork, well done! A big thank you to all the parents, friends and carers who came to support the school. After an exciting start to the week, we continued with sports week. Each day children had a special lesson trying out a different sport with a coach. The different sports were skipping, gymnastics and fencing. Everyone tried really hard. We think Reception's favourite sport was fencing. Children had to wear a special mask and used foam swords to practise the sport. It was lots of fun. On Friday, we met the Olympic volleyball player Peter Bakare. He planned a special assembly for us and we got to ask him lots of interesting questions about volleyball.

Next week, we will be talking about new beginnings and next year at school. On Monday, we will have a special circle time to talk about the

changes that will be happening at school in the next few weeks. We will be talking to the children about their move from Reception to Year 1 and what is going to happen. Please start to talk to your children at home about this change. We will discuss any worries or fears the children have. In PE and maths, we will be practising the long jump and then recording how far we have jumped using our hands and feet as measurements.

Vocabulary: change, new beginnings, length, measure

Show and Tell: squirrels

Theme: Transition from Reception to Year 1, measurements using non-standard units

If you have any junk modelling please can you bring it into school, thank you! Please remember NOT to bring any packets/boxes that have contained nut/sesame or other seeds.

The Reception Team ☺

Year 1

What an exciting sports week we've had! I'm sure you'll all agree that the children did fantastically well at sports day on Monday! On Tuesday we all learnt some amazing skipping skills and learnt how easy it is to 'jump skip.' We also enjoyed learning the skill of fencing and gymnastics.

In Literacy this week we have been using our 5 senses to think about the seaside and things that we can hear, taste, touch, smell and see when we are there. We then turned our ideas into sentences and wrote descriptive sentences about the beach.

In Maths we have been focusing on let's Think Maths activities and working as part of a team to solve problems. We have also been practising number formation and which way round to write our numbers.

Home learning:

Literacy – Please describe a place you have visited using the 5 senses. Write about what you can see, hear, taste, smell and touch.

Maths – Recap with your children how to form numbers correctly, paying particular attention to the numbers 2, 3, 5 and 8.

Show and tell group - Elephants

Year 2

What a busy and active Sports Week we have had! We started the week with our Sports Morning taking part in a variety of races including the traditional egg and spoon but also demonstrating our skills using a hockey stick to dribble a ball. On Tuesday the teachers were astounded by the talents of the children using a skipping rope. Our week continued with gymnastics on Wednesday and fencing on Thursday. What a lot of skills we were able to learn! Watching the children participate with enthusiasm in all of these sports has been great. Our sporting week culminated with the visit of GB volleyball player, Peter Bakare.

We have continued learning about the Great Fire of London, using the topic as an inspiration for cross-curricular activities. We have compared London in 1666 with London now, focussing on buildings, transport and people. In Literacy we looked at different styles of poetry, focussing on the different types of vocabulary we could see, including adjectives, alliteration, similes and metaphors. We then wrote our own poems using these features to write a description of the fire in the shape of flames. We also wrote a narrative poem, retelling the effects of the fire from the point of view of a homeowner whose house burned down.

The children demonstrated their artistic skills creating Tudor buildings. We looked at pictures of Tudor homes and talked about their features. We noticed that the upper storeys of some Tudor houses were bigger than the ground floor and would overhang the bottom. Did you know this is called the jetty?

Next week we will be learning about the UK Parliament and Government, linked to our visit to the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday. Please remember that your child will need to **arrive at school at 8.20am** that day to be registered and

ready to leave at 8.30am. Children should wear full school uniform and bring a packed lunch in disposable containers/wrappers and all in a named carrier bag, which can then be thrown away after lunch. As there are a number of children in year 2 with severe allergies, NO nuts/ sesame/ seeds or foods containing these items should be included, eg. seedy bread, pesto, humus, some savoury snacks, etc. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Key vocabulary: alliteration, metaphors, adjectives, similes, sportsmanship, transport, thatched roof, wooden beams.

Home learning: Find a poem or rhyme that you enjoy reading and would like to share with the class. Copy your poem into your homework book using your best handwriting.

Please hold the date.

Wednesday 18th July at 9.15am is the Year 2 Leavers' Assembly and the parents / carers of Year 2 children will be receiving invitations from the children in July.

This year we will be holding a "party day" for the Year 2 children in school on Wednesday 18th July. This will replace the family picnic we have previously arranged, as we have become increasingly aware over the years that a number of parents have found it difficult to join us - which means some children have not been able to enjoy the celebration as much as others. We are hoping that this new format will be successful for ALL of the children. They will be able to enjoy a range of special activities with their past and present teachers and bring in a picnic to enjoy on the day.

School Office

Friends

Wow what a Summer Fair! A big, massive, ginormous thank you to everyone for their help and donations. Many hands make light work and thank you to all those who gathered rocks, baked/brought, parted with books, uniform,

sweets, toys, teddies, prizes, flags, bottles and loose change, to those who fetched, carried, set up, face painted, bbq'd, ran stalls, played games, zorbed, groomed ponies, first aided, MC'd, crafted, bounced, tombola'd, photographed, sang, paraded and cleared up.

Thanks too go to all our lovely sponsors and we are VERY pleased to announce that with your Matthew James advertising board money, sponsorship, plus takings on the day we raised an AMAZING £4,300!

Please let us know if you are missing anything that you lent us and please remember to collect your cake boxes from the shed and raffle prizes from the office, if you were one of our lucky winners.

Congratulations to the runners up, Rayaan from Ruby class, Adam from Amethyst, Gabriel from Emerald and to the winner of our Tote bag travels competition, Charlie from Ruby class. We still have some available from the school office, now all priced at £4 and we would still like to see your pictures from around the world, so please remember to take it with you on your summer holidays and wear it with pride.

We are in the process of sending new class lists to your reps, so if anyone still hasn't filled out their Friends GDPR forms please do so ASAP and if you need a new one there are some attached to the whiteboard or you can email longdittonfriends@outlook.com for a copy.

Please save the date for whole school Friends drinks on Thursday 5th July. Venue TBC.

Lastly, we have been asked by the organisers of the Harry Hawkes 10, a run taking place this Sunday, if anyone would be available to volunteer to marshal for a couple of hours from 8.30 am around the Giggs Hill Green area. This was the club that lent us all the kit for our Fun Run, remember that snowy day?!, So if anyone can, please email jessia2179@yahoo.co.uk.

Enjoy your weekend and Come on England!

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Peace



Joe E
Harry N
Ethan C
Christopher
Henry J
Nora

Golden Certificates:

Betsy (Nursery)
Annabelle
Mary
Archie
Harry D
Sophie C
Sophie S
Aron
Carmelle
Tom H
Miss Edwards
Isla W
Ethan P
Maia
Matthew
Tom S
Jake
Lottie
Autumn

Credit Card:

Felix C



Summer – 7
Jack – 7
Ava S - 7
Ethan P – 6
Kaitlin – 6
Emma - 4

Outside Achievements:

Hattie is Star Fencer this week
Natalia has completed 100 Junior Parkruns
Rory was awarded 'Golfer of the Week'
Finley was awarded a badge and certificate 'Learn to Swim 2'

DIARY DATES

June 2018	
Monday 25th	Nursery closed for new children to visit
Tuesday 26 th	Yr 2 visit to Houses of Parliament Yr 1 Parents/carer invited to lunch
Thursday 28th	Yr 1 trip to the beach Rainforest animals visiting Nursery
Friday 29th	2.00pm Parent helpers' Thank You Tea Party (by invitation – these were sent out today – please contact school office if you did not receive yours!)
July 2018	
Monday 2 nd	Yr 2 Amethyst Class summer visit to Stokes Field
Tuesday 3 rd	Yr 2 Diamond Class summer visit to Stokes Field
Wednesday 4 th	Yr 2 to Long Ditton St Mary's Juniors – induction visit (morning) New classes visit 4.30-6.00pm Open Evening – all welcome
Thursday 5 th	Yr 2 Pedals Course
Friday 6 th	Yr 2 Pedals Course 10.00am Languages Assembly (parents/carers whose children take part are invited to come and watch – please let the school office know if you will be attending)
Monday 9 th	Multi Cultural week Yr 2 trip to AirHop
Tuesday 10 th	Morning – Yr 2 visit to Surbiton Hockey Club Afternoon – Yr 1 visit to Surbiton Hockey Club Yr 2 to visit LDSM Juniors Yr 6 Leavers' Production (afternoon)
Thursday 12 th	Yr R Fire Engine visiting school 2.15pm Rocksteady Concert (parents/carers whose children take part are invited – please email the school office if you will be attending)
Tuesday 17 th	2.00-3.00pm Yr 2 Leavers' Disco
Wednesday 18 th	9.15am Yr 2 Leavers' Assembly Nursery last day
Thursday 19 th	Nursery closed
Friday 20 th	Nursery closed 9.15am Church Assembly at St. Mary's Church – all welcome School closes at 1.30pm for the Summer holidays

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts



You are warmly welcomed to join our local group to help make KT6 even nicer!



1st Meet
Sunday 24th
June, 9.30am

Please join us:

- By the big tree next to Manny's store
- Bring along a carrier bag & plastic gloves/litter picker (optional)
- Join us on Facebook to receive info on all our meets
- Litter pick will last 1 hour. **EVERYONE WELCOME!**



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Long Ditton Village Hall (annex)
2 Ewell Rd, KT6 5LE



Have a Go Day Surrey

FREE sports taster event for people with a visual impairment. Come along and enjoy tennis, cricket, football, gymnastics, goalball, dance and much more!

Sunday 15th July, 11am to 5pm
At Leatherhead Leisure Centre, Guildford Road, KT22 9BL

Open to all ages and abilities. Register online at:
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Contact Alex Pitts, Participation Officer
Tel: 07929 356 428 or email: Alex@britishblindsport.org.uk

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Countryside Events June 2018

Wild at Play

Sunday 24 June, drop in between 10.30 am and 12.00 pm

Explore, build, create and experiment. Just turn up and choose what you want to do!
Natural arts, crafts, den building and more.....

Oxshott sandpit (directional signs from Oxshott Heath car park too, near Oxshott station)



Children must be accompanied by an adult. Unless event is drop in please arrive at the meeting point at the start time. Our car parks don't have postcodes, the postcodes given are the nearest ones available.



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