



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

25th May 2018

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

What an exciting and busy this half term has been. I know we are all ready for a well-earned break – but please make sure you read this week's newsletter thoroughly because there is lots of important information in it about the last half term – which is also exciting and busy!

Chatting After School

I know as the weather improves it is very tempting to 'hang around and chat' at the end of the school day in the playground. I would love to be able to say that this is absolutely fine and wonderful for parents to talk to each other on the school grounds while their children run around unsupervised in the playground and on the equipment. Unfortunately, because of health and safety and child protection issues I need to ensure that you pick up your child and leave the school grounds promptly so that we can close the gate to help keep after school club children safer, and to limit the possibility of a child being injured on the school grounds. The park is only a short walk away and that is a much better place to meet and chat – you could grab an ice lolly on the way. Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated in this matter.

Changes Ahead

The summer term finds teachers working out our new class lists and helping children to manage change. It is our policy to always mix the classes each year. This is to help the children create a wider number of friendships and to help them understand that change is a necessary part of life. (Our Value for the month in July is Change and we have lots of circle times and assemblies planned to help our children manage change). The teachers

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will look at a number of factors when deciding the new classes: special educational needs, behaviour, current academic ability, their friendships, pupil premium, boys/girls, personalities. The teachers spend many evenings working out the best fit for all the children. A few parents often become anxious about how their child will cope with this change of class but in our experience, because of our attention to detail and careful planning, once settled the children continue to flourish. They also have the opportunity to build new friendships while being able to maintain their old ones. Over the next term we will put some ideas for you to support your children in the newsletter as we all begin this transition period into new classes.

Quiz Night!

Thank you to all the Friends for arranging this and for all the parents and carers who came to support and play! Congratulations to the winning team – they thrashed us!

Good Luck Mrs Taylor!

Mrs Taylor has secured a wonderful teaching position in Beijing! Though we are very sad to lose her we can't help but all be a little bit inspired with such an exciting and brave move. I know you will all wish her well and good luck as she takes on this wonderful new challenge!

Staff Changes for Next Year

There will be a number of staff changes in September. Despite the fact that there is a recruitment crisis in teaching, we have been extremely fortunate this year to recruit some excellent teachers to our school. Mrs Cockle is

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retiring and Mrs Jocelyn Miller will be the new teacher in nursery. Mrs Taylor will be leaving us to teach in Beijing and Mrs Melanie Dawes will be the new teacher in Ruby Class. Miss Lucy Griffiths will be covering for Miss Evangelos' maternity leave and Miss Kirsten Moss will be covering for Miss Sharp's maternity leave. I know that all of our parents and carers will be warm and welcoming to the new teachers as they settle into our school routines and procedures.

Safe Scooter Parking

A child was injured this week because a scooter had been hung from the ledge in the bike shed and fell down on top of them. We must ensure that the scooters are parked correctly on the ground and not hung from the ledge as you can see because it is dangerous!



Plea for Plants

Have you got too many plants in your garden? Are your perennials multiplying too much? Fear not. We need your surplus unwanted healthy plants to enhance our school gardens. If you have anything you would like to donate or if you would like to purchase a new plant please contact Desiree on desireeharris@sky.com to arrange collection. We also need things like bark and mulch so if you have any surplus it will be gratefully received

Birthday Books

Thank you to Charlie H and Zach L for choosing a birthday book to give to their class.

Good Manners Table

On the Good Manners table this week were Iris T, Aira, Nancy, Parth and Immy. They were impeccably behaved.

Dojos

The school has temporarily suspended the use of class dojos until we are satisfied that the company hosting has become GDPR compliant. The teachers have asked the children what they would like to use instead and each class has come up with other systems while this is investigated.

Class with the most attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is Moonstone with 100% for the 2nd week in a row! Closely followed by Topaz class with 99.64% 😊

Our Attendance so far this year

Our attendance has improved this term an increase of 0.3% to 96%. Now I know this doesn't seem much but it is an entirely different category in Ofsted terms. Thank you to everyone who has made a real effort to get children into school, in on time and who hasn't chosen to take a term time holiday absence. I really appreciate you working hard for our school.

Thought for the week

"Honesty and integrity are absolutely essential for success in life – for ALL AREAS OF LIFE. The really good news is that anyone can develop both honesty and integrity." Z Ziglar

I hope you all have a wonderfully relaxing half term.

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Wow! Didn't the children do brilliantly at Sports Day? It was so lovely to see all the skills that they have been learning and to see them working together as part of a team. Amazing! Thank you so much for coming along to support your little sports-person. The children all had a great time, which was very clear to see.

Also this week we have been continuing to learn about space and our fantastic spaceship in the role play area is now complete. The children have done a really good job painting a space scene on the wall, and we have hung up the plants that we made.

After half term we will be learning about butterflies and insects. We will be thinking about rainforests and talking about what kind of small creatures you might find there. You might like to have a look at some of these things on the internet, or possibly even visit a museum over half term.

A very big thank you to Anna's mum, who very kindly came in and cleared our flower bed for us. It looks so nice and tidy and is ready for us to plant our vegetables, which we will harvest in the Autumn. Thank you also to Edward and his family for looking after our fish Barry and Shep.

Finally, a big thank you to George's mum and Olly's mum who always help us with our library and baking. These things wouldn't happen without your help, and we all really appreciate it.

We hope you have a wonderful sunny half term. Be safe and have fun, whatever you get up to!

The Nursery Team 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊

Reception

We have had a wonderful week in Reception! We have been reading the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and writing our own book based on the story. First, we sequenced the pictures and then we wrote sentences about what happens. We tried to include capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in our writing. In Maths, we have been learning about adding on. We counted out seeds and put them into a cup. We then added on from that number. We found this a bit tricky but we will continue to practise. On Thursday, we had a visit from an imaginary rat! Everyone in Reception was convinced they had seen it, but we could find no evidence after a good search. However, all the children worked really hard to make missing posters for the lost rat. Who knows if he might appear after the half term break? We have also been making some fantastic junk modelling and flower pictures using straws and tissue paper.

After half term, we will start the week learning about taking away. We will count backwards to work out a subtraction sum. We will also continue to practise for sports day, working as a team and learning the rules of each race. We will also talk

about our new school value peace. We will discuss what the word means and think about how the value is relevant at school and in the classroom. We will also be using cotton buds, leaves and twigs to make paintbrushes.

We hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing half term.

A big thank you to all the parents who have helped in Reception with library, ICT and baking this half term. You have been fantastic!

Vocabulary: sum, take away, subtract, backwards, peace, value, calm

Show and Tell: Badgers

Theme: Peace, subtraction, nature

If you have any junk modelling please can you bring it into school, thank you! Please remember not to send in anything that has contained nuts, sesame or seeds.

The Reception Team 😊

Year 1

This week has been a busy week and the children have all worked so hard!

In Literacy this week we have carried on with our Africa topic. We have worked in teams to think about as many facts as we could remember about Africa and things you can do there, and then we wrote these facts as sentences. The children are now experts on Africa, and the exciting things you can do there.

In Maths we have been learning about money and the value of different coins. We looked at coins and notes and made sure we knew the value of all of them. We added two different amounts together and decided which coins we would need to pay for them. We used our knowledge of the coins to double and half the amounts.

In dance this week we have continued our African dance sequences and we focused on changing the direction of our dance. We took turns to use the drums to play the beat for the dance.

On Tuesday we had the most amazing day at the activity centre. The children learnt so many outdoor skills such as how to make a fire, swinging

on a rope, climbing trees and cooking in a mud kitchen. We also used maps to navigate our way around a field during our orienteering session.

We hope you have a relaxing half term and look forward to seeing you when we get back!

Home learning:

Literacy – Can you write a list of all the things you can see in Africa?

Please continue to practice the alien words.

Maths – Show your child the coins you have in your purse or pocket and ask them to identify what they are. Ask them to add some different coins together.

Show and tell group - Lions

Year 2

In Literacy this week we watched a short film called Baboon on the Moon. We discussed how the character was feeling and what might happen next in his story. We then planned and wrote our own version of Baboon on the Moon. Some children decided that he'd stay on the moon and others got him safely home to Earth. We have also been using a variety of sentences starters, adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions to create super sentences.

In Maths this week we've been practising our 2, 5, 10 and 3 times table. Also we have been learning to simplify tricky multiplication sums by using partitioning. For example, when trying to solve 14×3 firstly we found out the answer to 10×3 and then 4×3 . Finally, we added the two answers together. We have also practised answering some addition word problems.

As part of our Amazing Animals topic we have been learning facts about turtles and creating our own turtles using paper plates, card and tissue paper. Did you know sea turtles can live for up to 80 years? Also in Science we used our knowledge of the food groups to create a balanced breakfast, lunch and dinner.

We are continuing to practice playing the recorder and are now able to play songs using the notes A, B and G. In PE we have begun to learn some

Country Dancing, enthusiastically following steps for the dance, Circassian circle.

A big thank you to the parents who came in to lead an Art Workshop helping the children to create self-portraits in the Pop Art style. They look fantastic!

Have a happy, safe and restful half term break. We look forward to hearing all about it when you return.

After Half-Term we will be investigating and predicting what a plant needs to remain healthy. Also, we will begin our new exciting topic, The Great Fire of London. Now the better weather should be with us, please ensure your child has a pair of trainers/plimsolls in school as we will be doing outdoor games every week.

Key vocabulary: multiply, partition, balanced plate, sentence starters, lifecycle

Home learning: In preparation for writing a book review, please read an old favourite book or a new book and explain to a member of your family why you enjoy it.

School Office

Class Photos

You should have received a contact sheet this week with login and password to view and order photographs from Imago Photographers. A ParentMail was also sent with the same details. For free delivery to the school, please order by Wednesday 6th June. If you need any help with ordering, please contact the school office.

Friends

To all those not at last night's quiz, please be gentle with some of us who were. Shhhhhh. It was, as always, a great night and lots of fun, thanks to those who came along and made it such a lovely atmosphere, well done to the winners 'Plastered Minds' (Ruby class).

Your child should have brought home a letter from us today about GDPR and we need you all to return the completed reply slip to us after half term, if you are happy for us to continue to email you about Friends events.

With half term coming up don't forget to pack your Tote bag and take it out on your travels. They are available from the school office and cost £6 for one, £10 for 2 and £4 each if you buy 3 or more. This week they have travelled to India - thanks to Rayaan, Milan thanks to Nora and Lepe in Spain thanks to Charlie, all in Ruby class.

World Cup Summer Fair, we are getting ready! And we need your help:

- We need your unwanted teddies for our Teddy Mascot Table. Please leave these in a bag in the blue box in the shed. We'd like to get them washed and dressed ready to mascot your favourite World Cup team.
- Please remember to save your loose change for our 'Guess the Amount' game. We will be collecting after half term.
- If you are going to the beach, or you have some rocks or pebbles (at least size of your palm), we will be having a fantastic Rock Painting stall at the summer fair - (rocks or pebbles please, lumps of concrete are not required). These rocks will then feature in our school rockery, or if you would like to, you can take your rocks home. Let's Rock our World Cup Summer Fair!
- Posh Tombola and Raffle: We're on the hunt for all your unwanted gifts for our Posh tombola. We'll leave the blue box in the shed for you to add these.
- Lucky Cups: We'll be doing these again so if anyone has any surplus paper cups that would really help PLEASE. Start collecting your unwanted party bag toys to fill them too.
- Raffle Tickets: These are ready and you should have got some in the book bags. If you haven't, you can ask your class reps or in the office.
- Match Funding: We are missing a trick here. There are companies that do match funding as tax relief. Hinchley Wood raised £7000 last year through match funding

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alone! Speak to your HR Department and ask them how you go about it. We have plenty of stalls at the fair and if your company can match the money raised at the stall then that's more money for the school.

- Stall Sponsorship: This year at the Summer Fair each stall will also be sponsored by an outside company. For £20 a company can sponsor an activity or a stall and promote their business by handing out fliers, putting up a banner and speaking to people. If you think your business would like to be involved, please email Desirée on desireeharris@sky.com

We've already got sponsorship from: Nina's Paint Pod, Surbiton Sitters, and Bookable Trips

Thanks for your help

Friends

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Honesty



Dylan
Edward C
Roshan
Georgina
Immy
Elliot B

Golden Certificates:



Isaac
Jennifer
Ava O'C
Ellis
Lara
Arsad
Ava C
Cerys
Wilf
Ava D-F
Connie
Finn
Emerald Class
Freddie

Credit Card:

Scarlett
Anya
Felix



Charlie H – 5
Amelie O'R-L – 4
Sebastian – 7
Annabelle – 4
Theo S – 7
Alex B - 4

Outside Achievements:

Harry N was invested as a Beaver at 1st Hook group
Martha received a medal for completing the Little Welly obstacle course
George G received a medal for completing the Little Welly obstacle course
Henry M was a Superstar in gymnastics club this week
Kaitlin was a Superstar in gymnastics club this week
Emilia was a Superstar in gymnastics club last week and this week
Amelie O'S was a Superstar in gymnastics club this week
Isabelle was a Superstar in gymnastics club this week
Natalie was a Superstar in gymnastics club this week
Scarlett was a superstar in gymnastics club this week
Robin was Beavers' Champion Programme Seller for the Dittons Fair
Agnes was Star Fencer at Little Musketeers
Harry N was invested as a Beaver Scout in the 1st Hook Cheyenne Beaver Colony
Toby helped to make the breakfasts and wash up at Breakfast Club!
Chaeyul successfully investigated and solved the Claremont Fan Court mathematical mystery for Y1 pupils – The Pirate Quest
Max can ride his bike without stabilisers

DIARY DATES

June 2018

Monday 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to school at 8.45am Start of Golden Boot challenge
Wednesday 6 th	7.00pm New Nursery Parents' information meeting
Monday 11 th	Yr R trip to Surrey Outdoor Learning and Development Centre (SOLD)
Wednesday 13 th	7.00pm New Reception Parents' information meeting
Monday 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Week 9.15-10.15am All years (except Nursery) Sports Event at Long Ditton St Mary's Juniors – parent/carers invited to watch
Monday 25 th	Nursery closed for new children to visit
Tuesday 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 2 visit to Houses of Parliament Yr 1 Parents/carers invited to lunch
Thursday 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 1 trip to the beach Rainforest animals visiting Nursery
Friday 29 th	2.00pm Parent Helpers' Tea Party (by invitation)

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)
Thursday 5 th	Yr 2 Pedals Course
Friday 6 th	Yr 2 Pedals Course
Monday 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi Cultural week Yr 2 trip to AirHop
Tuesday 10 th	Yr 2 to watch LDSM Juniors Yr 6 Leavers' Production (afternoon)
Thursday 12 th	2.15pm Rocksteady Concert (for those parents/carers whose children take part)
Wednesday 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15am Yr 2 Leavers' Assembly Nursery last day

Friends' Dates

Saturday 16 th June	Summer Fair
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EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts



OPEN EVENING FOR PART TIME DEGREE COURSES

Mon 18 June 7.30pm - 9pm

Children now at school? Thinking about a new career or developing your skills? Study for a degree around your work & home life! Degree courses in **Counselling, Early Years, Care & Business.**

Unlike traditional universities we offer:

- Lower tuition fees
- Smaller class sizes
- Teaching rather than lecturing
- One-to-one support
- Excellent employment prospects

8.15pm Talk by David Hillier, Assistant Principal – Higher Education on Study Options Fees and Finance Support.

Register to attend at kingston-college.ac.uk

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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:-

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, Hershham
Mon 23rd Apr 2018 (4 weeks) 1pm-3pm at Cardinal Newman, Hershham
Tues 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 hslw@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk

Parent Magic Inc.
A 20th Anniversary Celebration

May Half-term Holiday Activities



Beautiful Butterfly Houses

Tuesday 29th May
11:00-12:30 or 2:00-3:30
Cost: £5

Colourful Windsocks

Thursday 31st May
11:00-12:00 or 2:00-3:00
Cost: £3

Please contact the museum for more information or to book.
Booking is essential.

www.chertseymuseum.org/events
Call 01932 565764 to book your place



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