



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

14th September 2018

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy Friday everyone and welcome to all the new Reception and Nursery children. They have been fabulous this week learning the rules and routines of school and adapting to school life. Congratulations and well done all!

For all new parents and carers, this is our weekly newsletter which we use as one method of communicating with parents and carers. It is very important that you take some time each week to read the newsletter because in it you will find information about:

- Changes to the diary dates.
- Important upcoming events that may need some preparation such as dressing up days, mufti days, special visits or visitors.
- Reminders about our rules and Values.
- Guidance for parents and carers.
- Homework for the children.
- Celebrations and shout outs.

We always endeavour to ensure we keep it as succinct as possible and we value the newsletter as a way of communicating and take time to include as much as we can – so please take the time to read it.

Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Information Mornings

The Year 1 and Year 2 information meetings will be next week. Year 1 on Tuesday 19th at 9am in the hall and Year 2 at 9am on Wednesday 19th. I appreciate this is short notice but we want to get the information about the coming year out to parents so that they know more about what to

expect. There will be handouts given to those parents and carers who are unable to make the meeting.

Always push bikes and scooters in school

Please ensure that ALL CHILDREN, including younger siblings, push their bikes and scooters once they enter the school premises. This is to ensure the safety of everyone.

Parent Forum

The first Parent Forum will be next Thursday 20th September at 9am in Rainbow Class. The Parent Forum is one opportunity we provide for parents and carers to talk to me about any ideas or concerns/improvements they might have. There is no agenda but I would like to ask parents about how well we manage the transition between year groups. Everyone is welcome!

Keep to the Left!

While the Reception parents and carers are walking to the classrooms with their children can I ask everyone to try to walk on the left as they enter the school grounds and walk through the gates. People with buggys and pushchairs please try to be considerate of each other and the children. If you are in a hurry, barging past people with a pushchair is not the best way to exit school. As we say to the children 'use your words' to express your haste and I know the path will clear much faster for you. This will also be an excellent way to demonstrate this month's Value of the Month 'RESPECT' to each other. Remember your children are watching you all the time and will

mimic your behaviour. If we demonstrate excellent behaviour towards each other they will too.

Name Labels

Ensuring that your child has their name in their uniform, shoes and PE kit is very important. If you notice your child has someone else's jumper, please bring it back in to school so that it can be returned. As you can imagine keeping track of 30 sets of uniform has its challenges and teaching your child to remember to be responsible for their own property really helps.

123 Magic Courses with the Home School Link Worker

Michelle Talboys, our Home School Link Worker, is running 123 Magic Courses over the coming weeks. These courses are excellent to help with managing behaviour at home and link to the way we manage behaviour in school. They are useful not just when children are young but also as they grow. The dates are:

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Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter and contact Michelle if you would like to take part.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Esther, Jack Wh and Tuuli for the birthday books for their classes.

Leaving School Grounds and Trim Trail

Remember that the trim trail should not be used at the end of the day by any children. I know it is lovely to stay and chat together either after dropping children off or picking them up but for safety reasons all parents should ensure they leave the school grounds as promptly as possible. You can always chat outside the school or go to the park for a catch up!

Class with the most attendance

The classes with the best attendance this week were Sapphire and Diamond with 99%. Fabulous!

Thought for the week

'What you see in this world is a reflection of your thoughts. If you have ugly thoughts the world becomes ugly.'

Mike Dooley

This weekend please remember to count your blessings, spend time with your children and smile because of all the things you have to be thankful for.

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Welcome Back!

We hope that you have had a wonderful summer and are ready for an amazing year. We would like to give a very warm welcome to both our new parents and the parents who know us already. Lots of things are new this year, including our fabulous new outside area and climbing frame, it is all very exciting.

The children have been absolutely amazing this week. They have done so well adjusting to their new surroundings and learning the Nursery routines. You should be very proud of them – we certainly are!

We have spent our first week getting to know each other and making lots of new friends. The children were delighted to meet Gerald, the class dragon. They told him their names and gave him a big cuddle.

The children have created a paper plate face of themselves, after discussing their features and checking in the mirror. We will use these in our first display. We've been talking about ourselves and our favourite vegetables.

Next week will be more of the same, settling in and welcoming some new friends. We will also be starting to talk about our topic for this half term "All About Me".

Finally, a big THANK YOU to the strong parents who brought our caravan back through to the playground for us. The children were very pleased.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and are looking forward to seeing you all next week!

The Nursery Team 😊

Reception

Wow, what a fantastic first week we have had in Reception. A massive well done to all the new children in Topaz and Ruby class, they have all been great. Everyone has been so impressed with how all the children have settled into school so quickly. A big thank you to all the parents and carers for your help and support. As the children have been so super at coming into school, next week please can you bring your child into the playground and encourage them to walk into the Reception cloakroom independently.

This week we have been focusing on introducing the children to school routines. We have been talking about the importance of listening and sharing. We have also been practising lining up, sitting on the carpet and putting things in the right places. We have been exploring different parts of the school and our outside area.

Next week we will start the topic 'All about me'. Children will be using a mirror to draw and paint a self-portrait of themselves. They will focus on adding details, for example choosing the right colour paint for their eyes. During learning time, we will talk about the similarities and differences between everyone in the class. We will also have lots of circle times throughout the week. In each circle time we will talk about a different topic, these include being respectful, politeness, kindness and the importance of being ready to learn. On Friday we will introduce 123 Magic, our behaviour system to the children. We will discuss why it is important to follow.

Just a few reminders:

- Please can children bring a waterproof coat to school for rainy days.
- Snacks in the afternoon should be fruit or vegetable only.
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school for next week.
- The trim trail next to the reception classrooms should **not** be used by children after school.

Have a lovely weekend!

Reception team 😊

Year 1

Welcome back to school after the summer break. The children have all settled in so well to their new classes and new routines in year 1.

The children have all been given an animal group; this is their special animal peg where they hang up their book bags each day independently. Every child knows which animal group they are in. Please ask your child which animal group they are in, as they will need to know this for show and tell. If they can't remember, please ask at the classroom door at the end of the day.

Due to GDPR regulations, we are no longer able to give out class lists.

The children are given responsibilities such as remembering to change their own books and remembering which animal groups they are in to encourage independence.

Our new topic for this half term is Monsters and Giants. This week we have been busy focusing on the story 'The Smartest Giant in Town.' The children have written about what their favourite part of the story is, remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In Maths this week the children have been identifying shapes, counting and adding, and counting in 2s.

Next week we will be focusing on weighing various objects.

We have been focusing on classroom rules and what we will promise to do to make our classroom a happy place.

In PE this week we have played various team games outside and in the hall.

Home Learning

Maths – Introduce your child to weighing and comparing objects and saying what is heavier and what is lighter.

Literacy – Write a sentence about anything you like using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Key Vocab

Maths: Heavy, light, scales, compare

Literacy: finger space, capital letter, full stop

Show and Tell group: Giraffes- something that is special to you/why?

Year 2

What a busy first full week back we have had! The children have settled into Year 2 so well and have already been working really hard. This week we have begun our topic, *Dead Famous!* We discussed what it means to be famous, and identified famous people and their achievements. Using the book, "On a Beam of Light", we have learnt about Albert Einstein and used the information to create a fact file about his life and achievements. Did you know Albert Einstein enjoyed playing the violin?

In Maths we have been investigating sequences. In groups, we created caterpillars showing different number patterns, counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10. We also had our first whole class 'Let's Think' Maths lesson where we investigated gathering and display data.

In Literacy, we have been learning to plan for our writing, making notes about our dream holiday destination and then writing our ideas in sentences. We used our better bubbles to add interesting adjectives.

Vocabulary: sequence, pattern, famous, achievements, adjectives, conjunctions

Next week we will be learning about more dead famous people and their lives. On Friday 21st in Golden Time we will have our amazing Dead Famous Disco. Your child can bring clothes into school in a named carrier bag to dress up as a dead famous person or if they prefer disco clothes.

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Homework: Please research a 'dead famous' person who has changed the world. Write your findings in full sentences in your homework book.

Reminder: Year 2 Parents' Meeting Wednesday 19th September at 9am.

School Office

Up to date contact details

Please would you inform the school office either by email or note posted in the Office Post box of any change of address or contact details e.g. mobile number, email, so that we can update your child's records accordingly. Also if there is a change to the emergency contacts we hold on file for your child, please let us know. In the next couple of weeks we will be sending home Data Collection sheets showing the information we currently hold for your child.

Child Absence

May we please remind you that if your child is absent from school, due to illness or any other reason, to inform the school office as soon as possible either by email or telephone message giving the reason for their absence. Once your child has returned to school, in accordance with our Attendance Policy, please would you provide an absent note to the school office stating your child's name, the dates they were absent from school and the reason for their absence. This can either be by an email to the school office or a note posted in the Office Post box. Thank you.

Child Late

If your child is going to be late to school for any reason e.g. emergency Doctor's/dentist appointment, then please inform the school office by telephone or email.

After School Clubs

Places are still available for Little Musketeers (Yrs 1&2), Dance (Yrs R,1,2), Football (Yrs 1&2) and Rocksteady (Yrs R,1,2). Please contact the school office for more information.

Friends

Welcome Welcome everyone, now it's time to have some fun! (to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star!)

Lots to look forward to in this Autumn term, specifics TBC - but we have the Breakfast Bounce, the Epic QUIZ Night! Bonfire Night and then all things Christmas! Eek! Bake sales, workshops, staff panto and the Fair!

To kick off the year we are holding the AGM next Thursday, 20th September in the school hall starting at 7.30pm with drinks and nibbles then the meeting will start at 8pm. this is open to all, come along and say hello, share any ideas you may have or just listen to what we did last year and the plans we have and the review of the committee and other roles. Everybody is welcome.

In your child's book bag on Monday (copy also sent by ParentMail with this newsletter) you should find a welcome letter and a GDPR form, in case you haven't already completed one. If you don't provide us with an email address the class reps and the Friends will be unable to contact you.

Finally, a huge thank you to the people who helped lift the caravan back into the nursery this week

Have a great weekend

The Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Respect



Nancy
Sophia S
Jessie
Lara

Golden Certificates:

Hannah
George G
William S
Jennifer
Ryley
Lottie
Jack H
Jack W
Emily
Anya
Amelia

Credit Card:

Lottie
Georgina
Robin
Tom S



Tuuli – 6
Esther – 5
Sophia S – 6
Jack Wh -7
Amandine - 7

Outside Achievements:

Emily was awarded a 10m and Level 2 Swim England certificate and badge
Emilia was awarded a dance medal from Impact Dance Studios
Erin received a medal for attending a summer dance course and performing in a show; she has also learnt to ride her bike without stabilisers
Alana and Georgia were both awarded the ASA Stage 2 swimming award
Nora has learnt to swim this Summer!

DIARY DATES

September 2018

Tuesday 18 th	9.00am Yr 1 Parents' information meeting in hall
Wednesday 19 th	9.00am Yr 2 Parents' information meeting in hall
Thursday 20 th	9.00am Parents' Forum in Rainbow 7.30pm Friends' AGM in hall
Monday 24 th	Safety Week
Wednesday 26 th	2.00pm Yr R Parents' information meeting in hall
Thursday 27 th	6.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting – all welcome
Friday 28 th	9.00-9.45am Parent Helper/Safeguarding workshop in Rainbow Road Safety Beep Beep Day – wear bright clothes to school in return for a donation to Brake Road Safety Charity

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Tuesday 2 nd	Student photographs by Imago
Wednesday 3 rd	9.00-9.45am Parent Helper/Safeguarding workshop in Rainbow
Thursday 4 th	2.15-3.00pm Parent Helper/Safeguarding workshop in Rainbow
Friday 5 th	9.00-9.45am Parent Helper/Safeguarding workshop in Rainbow
Monday 8 th	9.15am Yrs 1 & 2 Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church
Wednesday 10 th	3.00-8.00pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments
Thursday 11 th	4.00-6.00pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments
Saturday 13 th	Ground Force Day
Friday 19 th	Finish at 3.05pm for half term break
22 nd -26 th	School closed
Monday 28 th	8.45am return to school
Tuesday 29 th	Yrs R,1, 2 Nasal Flu Immunisations (information packs/consent forms will be sent home by the end of September)

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

Please note the school does **not** promote or endorse any children's clubs or activities advertised.



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:-

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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

