



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

5th October 2018

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

This week I have begun our usual teaching and learning observations across the school. The very first thing I have noticed in all the classrooms is that the children seem so settled, and I think this is in part due to the transition work we worked on last year. Transition into something new is always a challenge and we listened to all the ideas from parents and carers, children and teachers. We might not have everything perfect for everyone but it is very clear that we definitely ensured the vast majority of children were able to manage change successfully. Superb and thank you 😊

School Development Plan

Please see below for the four main areas we want to improve over this academic year in our School Development Plan.

Improvement 1 Community

To work in genuine partnership with families, parents, staff, Governors and the wider community to ensure the best education for our children
That all staff will be given the training and development needed in order to deliver inclusive quality first teaching.

Improvement 2 Confidence

To ensure all our pupils develop into successful learners and achieve their full potential through high quality purposeful teaching
All children will make at least expected progress from their starting points.

Improvement 3 Nurture

To nurture & develop every child to be healthy, happy and to become responsible and caring members of the community
Children will know how to keep themselves safe physically and emotionally, will understand their feelings and how to express them appropriately.

Improvement 4 Love of Learning

To challenge, support and develop our staff to create an outstanding workforce that inspires each other and children to love learning, with specific focus this year on: Science, Computing, Music
Staff knowledge or teaching and learning in these areas will increase to ensure children's experiences of these subject areas are first class, hands on, exciting and fun.

There are obviously lots of actions that sit beneath these main headlines and the Governors monitor very closely how well we are achieving these aims. I know you will be supporting us to make sure we continue to be the best we can be for all of our children.

Harvest Festival

Year 1 and 2 will be walking to the church on Monday to celebrate the Harvest Festival with Long Ditton St Mary's. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Below is the list of items it would be great if the children could bring to celebrate and share:

Tinned Soup, meat, fish, fruit and vegetables (not baked beans or pulses) Custard, rice pudding, microwave puddings, instant mash, jam, honey and marmite.

Reception and Nursery Harvest celebrations will be in school on Tuesday 9th October and this is just for the children and staff. The children can bring in a non-perishable food item (tins/packets etc.) or £1 donation.

Year 1 and 2 Open Afternoon

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to this. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking the time to share with you their experiences and school! We have learned some important lessons which I will feed back to you. These are – no mobile phones are allowed in school while the children are here, things in school are the school's property and should be treated with respect, and it is much safer for parents and carers and our children if adults do not hang around the toilets waiting for their child to go.

Safeguarding Policy 2018

The new Safeguarding Policy for our school is now on our school website for you to read. This is in line with the new Working Together to Safeguard Children and Keeping Children Safe in Education

2018 Guidance and Surrey County Council direction. It is there for you to keep you informed of how we are consistently trying to ensure all the children in our school are safe. Please take a moment if you can to have a look – we do also have a copy in the Policy Folder in the foyer.

Change One Thing

Thank you very much to the parent/carer who gave in a change one thing concerning the colouring sheets that the children completed. This sparked a lot of debate in the staffroom! The outcome of which is that we feel there needs to be a balance of pre-printed colouring so that children can practise their fine motor control, develop their spatial awareness and mindfulness and plain paper so that children can have the choice. We do always ensure they have access to both for their independent learning but will make a concerted effort to ensure that we also promote plain paper drawing as well. This gave us lots to think about!

Ground Force Day

Saturday 13th October is a Friend organised Ground Force Day. If you do have some spare time, please volunteer – it makes a massive difference to the look of the school and the outside areas the children use. A massive thank you in advance to all the people who have organised, arranged and directed this. You are much appreciated 😊

Birthday Books

Class with the most attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Sapphire with 99%. Well done!

Thought for the week

Our new Value of the Month is Responsibility. I read this poem this week which made me think about mobile phones, children's perspectives and responsibility. I am not preaching or expecting anything from parents but I think it is worth a read and a few moments thinking about!

Mummy
Mummy did I tell you
I grazed me knee today?
Teacher gave me a plaster
I suppose I'll be ok!
Mummy I am so happy
I made a friend today
Mummy are you listening?
Don't look the other way
Mummy I want to show you
What I made today
It's just a little present
For you on Mother's day
Mummy can you hear me?
Do you know I'm here?
While you're holding my hand you seem to be
elsewhere
Mummy have I told you
That I wish I was a phone?
Then you could talk to me all day
And I wouldn't feel alone

Chris Peaskin

So my thought for the week is while it is great to have such awesome technology, it is our responsibility to ensure we use it wisely.

Have a splendid weekend!
Mrs Paines

Nursery

Happy Friday everyone!

We've had a lovely week in Nursery. We have really enjoyed exploring the school on our number walks – we found numbers everywhere! We found them in the playground, in the carpark and even in the school office.

We have been very busy making our classroom look beautiful and working on our beautiful displays of work. Hopefully you will all enjoy seeing them at parents evening next week.

Next week we will be continuing with our All About Me topic, this week we have talked about the family that lives in our homes, we will continue this as we

discuss different types of family around the world. We hope the children will share more of their amazing perspectives about the world we live in.

We also plan to discover the season of Autumn and explore the changes we can observe around the school. Perhaps you will see signs of Autumn on your way to school?

The children are very keen to make some more “junk” models – so if you have any boxes in your recycling bins that you would like to bring to school we would be very happy to have them. Please don't bring in plastic bottles, we'd prefer paper and cardboard. Please do not bring in any boxes/cartons that may have contained nuts. We would also like old magazines or catalogues for cutting activities after half term.

Please let a member of the team or your class reps (Erin, Joe's mum and Sam, Iromi's mum) know if you attended the safeguarding training and are intending to volunteer to help in Nursery after half term.

Have a wonderful weekend

The Nursery Team ☺

Reception

Reception have been working hard this week to develop their listening and attention skills in preparation for starting FRED next week. We have practised tuning our ears to both indoor and outdoor sounds and the children have worked hard to listen, identify and compare the sounds in the world around them.

Thank you for helping the children put together their 'All About Me' boxes. They (and we) have been so excited and we have enjoyed spending time sharing the boxes in small groups. It has stimulated a wealth of questions and a rich opportunity for developing speaking skills.

Outdoors, the children have been demonstrating their physical abilities with obstacle courses challenging their climbing, hopping, skipping and running as well as their ball control. Towards the

end of the week, we went on a 2-D shape hunt around the classroom and talked about the properties of 2-D shapes.

Next week we start FRED, the children will be learning a different sound each day and practising the letter formation associated with it. If you would like to support your child at home the first 5 sounds will be m, a, s, d. These will come home in their FRED folders on Friday. The children will also be practising writing their names using the correct letter formation.

Our new topic will be Autumn also starts next week. If you would like to go on a conker and leaf hunt this weekend we would appreciate any donations on Monday, as we will be making leaf hedgehogs next week and comparing and sorting leaves into different size and shapes.

Ideas for the weekend:

- Hunt for 2-D shapes around your house. Talk about the number of sides and corners and whether the sides are the same or different lengths. We have been talking about hexagons, pentagons and octagons, so see if you can spot these.
- Go on an autumn walk and talk about the changes from summer to autumn.
- Go on a listening walk and identify all the different sounds you can hear.

Just a few reminders:

- Snacks in the afternoon should be fruit or vegetables only.
- Leaves and conkers for our autumn activities

Have a lovely weekend!

Reception Team

Year 1

Thank you for coming in to see your child's work, the children were very excited to show you their work and classroom. You would have seen your child's literacy book, maths book, topic folder as

well as their independent learning books which they are very proud of.

In Literacy this week we have focused on 'Instruction writing.' The children have been thinking about the steps we need to take to wash our hands. We thought about time connectives and numbered steps. We are all experts in hand washing now!

In Maths we have been focusing on forming our numbers correctly and ordering numbers. As well as this we have been learning to count in 2s, we have been singing Percy Parker x 2 song which can be found on Google.

The children have also been getting creative in art this week making Gruffalo's which look fantastic. They have also been creating a monster dance using freeze frames and mirroring.

Next week in Literacy we will be focusing on thinking about what we think the Gruffalo might say to describe how he looks. Next week in maths we will be focusing on addition using a number line. As well as this, we will be looking at repeating patterns and how to continue them.

Show and Tell group – **Elephants** (The children can choose what they bring in as long as it is not a toy and they can tell us two facts about it.) Show and Tell is on Friday. Please ask your child what animal group they are; if they are unsure then check with their class teacher.

Home Learning – Please can you read with your child as much as possible and record it in their reading diary.

Maths- Practise addition by putting one number in their head and then counting on an amount using their fingers.

Literacy- Get your child to write a descriptive sentence about their looks.

Vocabulary- Describing word (adjective), full stop, capital letter, add, equals, altogether and repeated pattern.

Year 2

This week in Literacy we have found out some good news about the creature, Something Else, by reading the end of the story. Ask your child to explain! We have created our own characters who could be a friend for Something Else and written a character description of them using interesting adjectives. We also wrote a book review of the story explaining what we liked about it and how we could change the plot to make it even more exciting.

In Maths we have been continuing to learn about place value. We have partitioned numbers into their tens and units in the form of an addition number sentence, e.g. $25 = 20 + 5$. We have continued to think about the greater than, less than and equal to symbols ($<$ $>$ $=$).

This week in Science we have been discussing the properties of materials and why they are chosen to make different objects. Some of the words we used are: dull, shiny, bendy, transparent, opaque and rigid. Next Monday we will be celebrating Harvest Festival at the church. We have been working hard to learn the song, "Cauliflowers Fluffy". Please help your child to practise at home.

Home Learning This week we have asked the children to look at objects in one room in their home and identify the materials they are made from. They then need to identify suitable properties to describe the materials.

Next week We will be planning and writing a new story about Something Else, thinking about the beginning, middle and end of the story. In Maths we will be learning to partition amounts of money to be able to pay with coins.

Next week in our Art lesson we will be using a variety of child friendly natural resources; these include twigs, weeds, flowers, leaves and vines. To ensure we can gather enough of each, it would be much appreciated if you could help source them. If you are able to help, then please send what you have gathered in on Monday with your child. Thank you.

Coming up

Year 2 will soon be visiting Stokes Field as part of our Science curriculum looking at the changes that take place in the different seasons. A separate letter about this will be sent home next week.

Vocabulary

Maths – tens, units, pence, p, total

Literacy – paragraph, comma, suffix, sentence starter, connective, adjective, exclamation mark

Science – properties, rigid, dull, shiny, bendy, transparent, opaque, smooth, rough

School Office

ICT Acceptable Use Policy

Please remember to read this with your child, sign and return it to the school office.

Photographs

This week all the children had their photograph taken by Imago. The photographs will be available to purchase online at the beginning of November when you will receive a leaflet (sent home with your child) and ParentMail with login details to view your child's photo on Imago's website and place an order if you wish.

Friends

Hi everyone! Things are really ramping up to Christmas now!

Thank you for all the toy donations this morning, the toy food and cars.

Next Wednesday we are looking for donations of wellies - any size. Please leave them in the bike shed area.

Next Friday we are asking for cake and biscuit donations for a bake sale on Friday afternoon and any leftovers will be for the workers on Ground Force day on Saturday 13th October.

We are also looking for conkers, dried pine cones and leaves that won't disintegrate! If these can be left on Wednesday too, please!

Ground Force Day – 13th October

Please use the website link to sign up to a time slot, we are basing the number of breakfast rolls, coffees and childcare on these numbers and we want to make sure there is enough for everyone. However, if you won't know until the night before, just come along anyway. On the link there is a list of jobs and tools we'll need, if you are able to help out with tools!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F48A8AC2CA1FE3-ground>

There will be a crèche for children and they can bring Logo cards swaps!

Remember to bring gloves and snacks/lunch for your own children (no nuts/seeds as per usual). There are no skills needed here and if you are not 'garden confident', don't worry there will be direction on the day. Last year's groundforce day was incredibly successful and the areas dealt with look so much better now and the children have really benefited!

The Friends will be selling coffees at the Harvest Festival at the church on Monday – there will be discounts for using the Keep Cups too!

Have a great weekend!

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Responsibility



Frankie M
Phillip
Megan C
Patrick
Ellis

Golden Certificates:

Ethan P
Millie
Zach
Isaac
Isabella
Amelie O'R-L
Freddie
Claudia
Theo
Poppy C
Quentin
Immy
Jack Wh

Credit Card:

Chaeyul
Charlotte
Arsad



William F – 4
Frankie O'B – 7
Elena – 7
Iromi - 4

Outside Achievements:

Alfie R took part in his first rugby tournament for OC's at Chobham Rugby club
Amaya was awarded star of the week at yoga
Lara was awarded a trophy for 'Rainbow of the Week'
Pizza making certificates were awarded to:- Mrs Eaton; Mrs Thorncroft; Mrs Johnson; Mrs Paines; Mrs Burgess; Mrs Maclver and Mrs Bradley

DIARY DATES

October 2018

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
Tuesday 16 th	Yr 2 Diamond to Stokes Field
Wednesday 17 th	Yr 2 Amethyst to Stokes Field
Friday 19 th	Finish at 3.05pm for half term break
22 nd -26 th	School closed
Monday 29 th	8.45am return to school Yrs R,1, 2 Nasal Flu Immunisations (information packs/consent forms sent home this week)

November 2018

EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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




Long Ditton St. Mary's CE Junior School
Open Morning
and
Open Evening
Tuesday 9th October
9.00am and 7.00pm

If you are unable to make these times, please contact the school office to arrange an alternative appointment to have a tour of the school.



www.longdittonstmarysschool.co.uk
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Thames Ditton
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Parents of Year 2 children are warmly invited to a
Prospective Parents' Evening
On Wednesday 17th October
Drinks from 6.30pm
Meeting starts at 7pm

Guided tours around our school are bookable via the
School Office and start from 30th October.

Telephone 020 8398 3039 for further information.

Thames Ditton Junior School
Mercer Close, Thames Ditton, KT7 0BS

**KT6
LITTER
PICKERS**



2nd Sunday
of every
month

9.30am 14th October
Meet by the cafe
Victoria Recreation Ground

DON'T HANG ABOUT
this Autumn



Book
5 places
& get 10%
off!

Activities may include:
● Den building ● Tracking & trailing ● Survival skills ● Story telling
● Wild art ● Killer frisbee ● Craft skills ● Did we mention dens?

Wild Play holiday club
at **Claremont Landscape Garden**
October half term 10.30-4.15. Ages 5 and over £45/day
Portsmouth Road, Esher, Surrey, KT10 9JG

For more details or to book a place visit
www.wild-learning.net

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OCTOBER HALF TERM Hype CAMP

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Activities include:
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FREE PLAY
HYPE
Record Challenges

St Paul's Catholic Primary School
Hampton Ct Way, Thames Ditton, KT7 0LP

from Monday 22nd OCT to Friday 26th OCT

10% sibling discount

Who is it for?
• Girls and Boys aged 4 to 12 years old
• Children are split into relevant age groups
• Suitable for children of all abilities

Standard Day 9:30am - 4:30pm	£26	Full Week (standard day)	£104	1 Day FREE
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Activities include:
360 World Cup Tournaments
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Specific Skills Sessions (e.g. Dribbling and Free Kicks)
Football Camp Record Challenges
Fun Football Related Games (e.g. Football Cricket)

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FUNSPORT & SKILLZONE HOLIDAY CAMPS
OCTOBER & XMAS 2018

What to bring:
• Suitable clothing for the weather
• Light waterproof jacket
• Packed lunch (extra snack for extended day & no nuts)
• Plenty of non fizzy drink
• Trainers and indoor shoes
• Bouncy aids (dependent on ability)
All medication to be clearly named, handed to the head coach on arrival & consent form to be completed.

Recognition & Awards
Throughout the week FunSport Reward Cards will be awarded for effort and achievement. Collect 5 to receive a prize. Trophies and medals are presented after the final day tournaments. Parents are welcome to attend on presentation day from 3.00pm to support their child.

Discounts & Payment
50% SNU/Leisure Platform Centre 25% Family Members 10% Single, St Matthew's Pupils 10% Working Team, W&A Youth

Step 1: Complete personal details for child below
Step 2: Select days and times required
Step 3: Calculate total cost (including any discounts)
Step 4: Post form and payment to secure your place
Please make cheques payable to "Pleades Leisure Ltd, 3 Anchor Crescent, Kew Hill, Woking, GU24 2PR.

	What it Costs	Pre-pay	On Day	
Full Day - 5-12 years only	9:00am - 4:00pm	£25	£28	per day
Half Day - 4&5 years	9:00am - 12:00pm	£15	£16	per day
Half Day - 4&5 years	1:00pm - 4:00pm	£15	£16	per day
Early Start	8:00am - 9:00am	-£5	-£5	per day
Extended Day	4:00pm - 5:00pm	-£5	-£5	per day

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OCTOBER & XMAS 2018

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INFLATABLE FUN
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TRI-GOLF

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Our four new popular activities will be returning to camp. Have a go at our Inflatable Fun, Nerf Gun Wars, Laser Lions and Tri-Golf.

A typical FunSport day will include fun games such as Medicine Man, Ultimate Frisbee, Capture The Flag and Shark Island. We will also have sports such as Tag Rugby, Tennis and Basketball.

A typical SkillZone day will include technical work aimed at improving players skills and decision making. They will also play small sided games and fun tournaments throughout the day.

Our camps are for children aged 4 to 12 years. Children from 5 years of age may stay a full day, 4 year olds may attend half days only.

Choose from one of our FIVE exciting holiday camp venues:

- Foxhills (Ottershaw)
- Hinchley Wood (Esher)
- St Matthew's (Surbiton)
- Surrey Hills (Dorking)
- The Queen's (Kew)

You can find the address of our venues and further information on the reverse of this page.

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