



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

### NEWSLETTER

### 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Thank you to everyone for donating and giving so generously at our Harvest Service and Assemblies this week. All the food and donations have now been collected and taken to the food bank. In school we have been talking about how lucky we are and how sharing all that we have is important.

### **New Childline Website for Under 12's**

Childline has launched a website aimed at children under the age of 12. This provides age appropriate content on topics including: bullying, family, friends, feelings, school, abuse and staying safe. It also includes games and therapeutic tools for young visitors to play and express how they are feeling. It will be promoted through the NSPCC's Speak out Stay safe programme which we talk to the children about in school. You can access the site by following this link: [Childline website for under 12s](#)

### **Change One Thing**

Thank you for the Change One Thing idea about ensuring when we go on school trips we make our best efforts to use reusable lunchboxes and containers. This will mean a small change to our policy for taking food on trips, and we will all have to make more of an effort on the trip, to ensure nothing is left behind, and when packing food for the children to take. We will give you more information once the first trip has been arranged when a packed lunch will be needed. I know with the news this week it is important that we do all consciously think of ways we can make changes to help.

### **Spellings and Handwriting**

Over the past half term, we have had several teacher training courses that have developed our understanding of spellings and handwriting. Some of the courses have been held jointly with the ELT schools and they were inspirational. A result of our learning is that we will be changing the way spellings and handwriting are taught throughout the school. As usual with changes like these some people will like them and some people will think they are not right. As a staff team we have debated research alongside our own beliefs and practices and the decisions we have made will be in the best interests of the children's learning. I will provide more information about the changes in next week's newsletter with the intention of implementing the changes after half term. Thank you in advance for your support!

### **Ground Force Day**

Tomorrow will be another ground force day. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help garden, prune, chop, sweep, paint, dig and plant. You are all incredible 😊

### **Birthday Books**

Thank you to Robin, Emily, Rayaana and Isabelle for choosing birthday books for their classes.

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

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

## Thought for the week

'It's only when you take responsibility for your life that you discover how truly great you are.' A Hunt

## Have an impressive weekend!

Mrs Paines

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## Nursery

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Hello!

We've had another wonderful week in Nursery. The children have made us very proud as we have been identifying signs of Autumn all around the school and adding them to our Seasons display in the classroom.

We've also talked about different families and homes around the world and some of our families in different countries.

It was lovely to talk to so many of you at parents evening to catch up on all the amazing learning we have been doing so far. Thank you.

Next week we will be finishing our "All about me" topic with a look at our body and our bones. We will be talking about what makes us look different from each other, making skeleton pictures and doing the skeleton dance.

As we are nearing the end of term, we'd like to remind you that PE, baking and library will start after the holiday. On Wednesdays for PE, the children do not need a PE kit but please could you make sure that they are wearing trousers or leggings rather than skirts or dresses. If your child wears earrings, could you ensure that they are removed for Wednesdays too.

If you have volunteered to help in the Nursery and have completed your safeguarding training and DBS check, please let the team or your class reps know.

Please continue to bring in the cardboard boxes from your recycling for the children's amazing construction projects, we are running a bit low on junk modelling!

As the weather gets colder and the children start to wear more hats and gloves and scarves, could we remind you to PLEASE put your child's name into everything they bring in! It makes home time easier for everybody and helps to stop these things getting lost. Thank you.

Please keep looking for signs of Autumn when you are out and about!

Have a lovely weekend.

The Nursery Team ☺

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## Reception

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We have had a lovely week in Reception. The children have been working really hard and learning lots about Autumn. We have talked about the changes Autumn brings, the difference in the colour of the leaves and change in temperature. A big thank you for all the leaves and conkers donations. They have been very useful with our learning. The children have been using the conkers to count and using the leaves to make hedgehog pictures, leaf necklaces and crowns.

We also started our FRED lessons this week, focusing on the sounds m,a,s,d. A worksheet for each sound will come home with your child today, Friday 12<sup>th</sup>. Please go through each sheet with your child. Please can the FRED folders be returned to school every day in your child's book bag. Any questions please see us at the end of the school day.

Next week, we will continue our topic of Autumn. We will be going on an autumnal walk around the playground and looking for signs of Autumn. The children will also be painting their own leaves and making leaf prints. We will continue to focus on number formation from 0-3. We will also continue with our FRED lessons, focusing on the sounds t, i, n, p and g.

Finally, a big thank you to all the friends of Long Ditton school for their donations for the Reception area! It is very much appreciated.

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### Ideas for the weekend:

- Hunt for numbers outside. Find examples of numbers in everyday life, e.g. Bus number or house number?
- Think or find objects that start with the sounds m,a,s,d.
- Make an Autumn picture using leaves.

### Just a few reminders:

- Junk modelling donations
- Leaf donations for next week's learning
- Any WOW leaves bring into school to put on our WOW tree
- Please look in your child's book bag for their FRED folder and information

Have a lovely weekend!

Reception Team

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## Year 1

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It was great to meet with you all at parents evening this week, we hope you feel as proud of your children's work as we do!

In Literacy this week we have focused on imagining we are 'The Gruffalo' and what we might say if we were him. For example, I am big and scary and I have sharp claws.

In Maths we have been using number lines to add 2 numbers together. We learnt to put the biggest number first and circle the biggest number, then count on in jumps of the smallest number. We then wrote the number sentences into our books. We have also been continuing a set pattern, and saying what colour would come next.

The children have also been getting creative in art this week making the other animals for our Gruffalo display in the resource hall, which will be up soon!

The children continued with their monster dances ready to show to the other class next week. In outdoor games we used big balls with a partner and practiced different types of passes, e.g. over arm and chest pass.

Next week in Literacy we will be writing in Speech bubbles for our Gruffalo display and we will also be recapping on instruction writing and including a 'You will need' list. Next week in maths we will be sequencing days, months and events. We will also work on our number bonds.

**Show and Tell group – Lions** (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 number bonds to 10. 1+9 2+8  
3+7 4+6 5+5 6+4 7+3 8+2 9+1 10+0

Ext. to 20. e.g. 11+9 12 + 8 etc.

**Literacy-** Get your child to write a descriptive sentence about their favourite character from a book (as if they are the character)

**Vocabulary-** Describing word (adjective), full stop, capital letter, sequence, days of the week, months of the year

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## Year 2

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In Literacy this week we have been writing our own stories about Something Else and the new friends we created for him. We planned our stories first, thinking about what would happen at the beginning, middle and end. When we wrote our stories we tried to use lots of interesting adjectives and WOW words.

In Maths this week we have been learning to partition amounts of money to be able to pay with coins. For example, we split 13p into a 10p and 3p. Of course, there is no such thing as a 3p so we used a 1p and a 2p instead.

In Art we constructed our own rectangular frames using sticks and string and then chose a selection of natural Autumn resources, such as flowers, leaves and grasses to weave on to our frame.

Year 2 children did a fantastic job at the Harvest Festival on Monday, singing our songs beautifully. A particular well done to the children who wrote and read their prayers in such a clear and confident way. Thank you to the parents and carers who walked with us to St Mary's Church.

It was lovely to meet you all this week at Parents' Evening, thank you for coming. I hope that you found the meetings as useful as we did.

**Homework:** Maths Can you use different combinations of coins to make the different money totals?

**Key vocabulary:** tens, units, penny, pence, p, weave, natural, suitable, properties, strong, hard, transparent, opaque, heavy, light, waterproof.

**Next week** we will be using Autumn as an inspiration for our art work and to write poetry, including a variety of adjectives and adverbs. In Maths we will be doubling and halving numbers. In Science we will be carrying out an investigation to identify the most suitable material to use to make a toy boat.

**Reminder** – Diamond Class visit to Stokes Field on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October and Amethyst Class on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather!

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## School Office

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### Reminder: Absent Notes

If your child has been absent from school due to illness, please remember to send an absent note to the school office once they return to school. This can be sent by email or a note posted in the black 'Office Post' box. Please include your child's name, class, dates they were absent from school and the reason for their absence. This is for their attendance records and without a note, their absence may be recorded as unauthorised. Thank you.

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## Friends

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Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all ready for the Ground Force day tomorrow! Plenty of chopping and digging to be done! Seriously though, the change to the area after last Ground Force day was staggering, a real sense of achievement.

Don't forget to get your tickets for the next Quiz Night, these are available from your class reps and can be paid for via bank transfer, please see the flyer that was sent out or message your reps for details. This is on Thursday 18th October at 7.30pm.

Also if you are planning to see some fireworks this year, Hinchley Wood school are selling tickets for their night on Thursday 1st November at the school, please remember to use the special 'Long Ditton Infants' link.

<http://buytickets.at/hwps/204568>

The Breakfast bounce this year is a fun event aimed to welcome the newer parents to the school and the Friends committee, the class that registers the most bouncers will win a popcorn afternoon! This will be held on the 3rd November, and there will be fun things to do when not bouncing too! More details to come.

The Friends are very excited to announce that we aim to produce a School Calendar in time for the Christmas Fair. Your children have been busy drawing their self-portraits for us which will be on the pages and we are also running a competition for the 12 main calendar pictures. Your child should have brought home today a blank template for their design. Please see below which season we would like their class to focus on. Maybe a picture of your garden in the Spring, your Summer holidays, the leaves falling off the trees in Long Ditton in Autumn or a snowball fight in the school playground in Winter for example. Please your child bring their entry to school in their book bag next week and hand to either their class teacher or

the school office. We will collect them all in on Friday morning.

- Nursery - Spring or Summer
- Topaz - Autumn
- Ruby - Winter
- Sapphire - Spring
- Moonstone - Summer
- Amethyst - Autumn
- Diamond - Winter

We are still collecting Autumn items, pine cones, conkers, pretty seed heads, acorns, etc. If you find any on a walk, please leave them in the Friends' tubs in the Bike shed area.

We are also still collecting wellies, if you didn't get time to dig them out in time for earlier this week.

Hope you all enjoyed a cake at pick up today, the leftovers will go to the workers on Saturday!

Have a great weekend

Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### ValueStars: Responsibility



Hattie  
Emilia F  
Harry  
Jake  
Betsy  
Sofia

### Golden Certificates:

Evelyn  
Jago  
Rory McC  
Miller  
Alfie W  
Isabelle H  
Christopher  
Ava O'C  
Freddie  
Isaac x 2  
Oliver B  
Harrison  
All the Playground Buddies

### Credit Card:

Jack H  
Erin  
Jihu  
Jennifer



Olivia C – 3  
Isabelle H – 7  
Robin – 7  
Millie W – 5  
Rayaan – 6  
Agnes – 7  
Emily – 6  
Carlos - 7

### Outside Achievements:

Millie and Hattie recently completed a 10km bike ride  
Nancy was awarded a certificate of awesomeness for taking part in Go Ape  
Toby stayed overnight at 1<sup>st</sup> Surbiton Beaver Camp and learnt lots of new skills  
Roshan was invested as a Beaver Scout in the Dittons (Montreal) Beaver Colony  
Nancy was awarded a trophy for 'Player of the Week' at Met Police Youth FC  
Finley has a medal from OC Mini Rugby for good listening and following instructions  
Jake has a medal from OC Mini Rugby it for his running and dodging skills  
Ava O'C was awarded Level 2 Learn to Swim



## EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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



HINCHLEY WOOD  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
(WITH THE LONG DITTONS SCHOOLS!)

# Fireworks

**Thursday 1st November**  
Gates open @ 5.30pm

Buy online at:  
<http://buytickets.at/hwps/204568>  
OR  
Tickets on  
the gate



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 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Telephone 020 8398 3039 for further information.

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

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LITTER  
PICKERS

2nd Sunday  
of every  
month



9.30am 14<sup>th</sup> October

Meet by the cafe

Victoria Recreation Ground

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