



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER

### 28th September 2018

## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

What a Safety Week it has been! The children have been learning about how to keep themselves safe in all sorts of different situations, including fire safety, stranger awareness, keeping themselves safe on the internet and how to keep their bodies safe from harm. One of the things this year we have noticed, which parents and carers can help at home with, is that only 16% of pupils knew their home telephone number and 30% of children knew their home address. In the extremely unlikely event that they were ever lost while you are out and about phone numbers and addresses are very important. Over the weekend and the next few weeks, you can practice both with your child at home until they know them off by heart.

The lock down procedure went smoothly and all the children and teachers managed this excellently.

### **Reception Saying Goodbye at the Gate**

WOW! Topaz and Ruby what superstars you are! We know that sometimes saying goodbye can make you feel anxious (I heard 'Save All Your Kisses for Me' on the radio this morning and it reminded me of my mum saying goodbye when I was 6 to go on a work trip). But Topaz and Ruby have all shown how independent they are and can be. Congratulations and well done to you 😊

### **Beep Beep Day**

We looked very bright this morning for Beep Beep Day. Thank you very much for the donations and the money raised will all go to the Brake charity which helps to educate children about staying safe on the roads, as well as helping victims of road accidents with support.

### **Harvest Festival**

Dr Kuhan has provided more information from the food bank on items they are in real need of which we could bring in for the Harvest Festival. The items include:

Tinned Soup, meat, fish, fruit and vegetables (not baked beans or pulses) Custard, rice pudding, microwave puddings, instant mash, jam, honey and marmite. One tin might not make a lot of difference to us but added together to the food bank will make a massive difference to the families they are helping.

Remember Year 1 and 2 Harvest celebrations will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at St. Mary's church. All parents and carers are welcome to come to the church to celebrate with us. Reception and Nursery Harvest celebrations will be in school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Siblings in School**

I apologise for the very short notice to Reception parents about not bringing in siblings to the Reception Parents meeting. I know this came as an unwelcome shock. While I would love to go back to the good old days where anyone could just stroll into school with bikes, Silver Cross prams, skates and unchecked, we can't and safety must come first.

The rule we have adopted is that siblings are not usually welcome to come to events such as group meetings, assemblies or workshops because these are things that lots of people gather in one place to listen carefully to information or speakers.

Babes in arms and even well behaved siblings can cry or be distracting to others. Pushchairs and buggies can cause a fire hazard – especially if there are 200 children to evacuate quickly.

There are times when siblings will be welcome in school such as Friends' events (probably not the quiz night though – they will definitely beat the teachers!) open afternoons and individual parent evenings.

We will do our utmost to inform parents about upcoming events and whether we can accept siblings or not.

For the Christmas production we will invite parents with younger siblings to attend the dress rehearsal and the Friends are looking into organising a crèche for the other performances.

I appreciate your despondency about this rule but we will try to include younger children where appropriate.

### **Parent Helpers**

If you love working with children, want to help us make a difference to the children's education and have some time to spare – why not come and be a parent helper! Mrs Emmett is running several workshops for anyone who would like to help us help the children. These include Baking, Library, Reading and the very important Safeguarding workshop which all helpers must attend.

The dates for the Safeguarding workshops are:

- 9.00 am Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> October
- 2.15 pm Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> October
- 9.00 am Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October

ALL volunteers (including those who have helped in school in previous years) must attend one of the Safeguarding workshops to receive up to date training from the Government. Please email the school office to book a place on one of the above workshops

### **Year 1 and 2 Open Afternoon**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October will be our first open afternoon for years 1 and 2. This takes place in school time 2.30 – 3.00pm and is an opportunity for parents and carers to come into school to see their child's work, the classrooms and some of what they have been learning so far. Younger siblings will be allowed in but we cannot allow pushchairs into the school so please leave these outside in the shelter.

Reception and Nursery will take part in the next open afternoon next term.

### **Birthday Books**

Thank you to Olivia G and Florence W-M for the birthday books they chose for their classes.

### **Head teachers' Petition to Downing Street**

Recently in my reports to governors I have shared my concerns about the funding of schools, and the effect that is having upon the education that we are able to provide for pupils at Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School. Although the Department for Education continue to say that schools are receiving more money than they ever have done before, this takes no account of increased costs (including greater pension contributions, pay increases for staff which are not fully funded and the removal of the Education Services Grant) and the expectation of schools to do more and more to address issues facing wider society.

We recognise, that like other public services we need to do everything possible to reduce costs and look for savings; we have done this; one example is the amount of money spent on resources for the curriculum (including resources, training for staff, etc., which we have reduced year on year). However, our deficit for this financial year will be over £15,000 and although we have savings from previous years that we can draw upon, this is clearly not sustainable over any significant period. This issue was confirmed by the independent Institute for Fiscal Studies which stated that despite increasing demands upon schools, in real terms, school budgets have been cut by 8% since 2010; the introduction of the National Funding Formula will be beneficial to us, but it is not

adequately resourced and so our budgets will remain in a precarious state.

Therefore, today I will be joining hundreds of head teachers who will gather at Downing Street to call for increased investment in our schools. The demonstration plans to bring one thousand head teachers together to secure fair and sufficient funding for all schools. We believe that in the short term, the Chancellor must ensure the major rising cost pressures on school budgets should be meaningfully addressed and improved. We are not radical hot heads; we have no political bias, but are a group of head teachers who are speaking up for pupils across the country. We want to present a reasonable, but determined argument to seek a fairer settlement for schools.

We expect there to be considerable publicity regarding the demonstration and there have been several articles in the national press – one example, where other head teachers talk about the way in which budget cuts have affected their schools is at:

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2018/sep/25/headteachers-petition-downing-street-budget-cuts>

I welcome the support that parents, teachers and governors have shown so far and will keep you informed of any further action.

### **Classes with the most attendance**

The classes with the best attendance this week were all with Topaz, Sapphire, Diamond, Amethyst all with 99.6%. Well done to these classes!

### **Freddie George Faux**

We have completed the collection for Freddie and will be sending it to SANDS in remembrance of Freddie George, we have raised £340. Thank you for all your support, kind words and wishes sent to Miss Evangelos. I know there are no words which can help but I know she appreciates all of them.

### **Thought for the week**

‘There is no respect for others without humility in oneself’. HF Amiel

### **Have a glorious weekend!**

**Mrs Paines**

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## **Nursery**

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Happy Friday Everybody!

We have had another fantastic week in Nursery. The children are really doing well with the routines and are settling down and forming strong friendships, which is so lovely to see. We were very happy to welcome back our fish, Barry and Shep, from their summer holidays. Thank you again to Elsie and her family for taking such good care of them.

A particular highlight of this week was a visit from Malcolm, who came to talk to us about crossing the road safely. The children practised how to cross the road in our playground.

Next week we will be continuing with our ‘All About Me’ topic and will be talking about our favourites. We will be discussing our likes and dislikes and sharing our favourite books. We will also be talking about the people who are special to us, our family and friends.

We will also be thinking about numbers and the numbers that we can see in the world around us. We shall be looking for numbers in our nursery and will also be going for ‘number walks’ around the school and the big school playground. We’ll be looking on the displays, on the floor of the playground and through the fence at the cars in the car park to see what numbers we can see, and talk about what they might be for. This will be exciting for the children not only to find the numbers, but also to explore the big school and see what happens beyond the nursery doors. Perhaps you will be able to spot some numbers at home and on the way to school.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Nursery Team ☺

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## **Reception**

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This week we have had a great time in Reception. A massive well done to all the children for coming into school by themselves. A big thank you to all

parents for your help and support with this, your children have been super!

We have been continuing to focus on routines this week and getting the children used to the school timetable. We have also been learning about keeping safe. The children have learnt how to keep safe when crossing the road, at home and in school. Malcolm, our school lollypop man, came into Reception and talked to us about keeping safe when outside. We had lots of fun in our outdoor area making our own zebra crossing and cutting out stop and go signs to use.

Next week, we have another busy week. We will be starting our 'All about me' topic. Children will be showing their own 'All about me' box to a small group of children and explaining why the items they have chosen are important to them. We have sent home a letter today to explain what the 'All about me' box is and a timetable for which day your child needs to bring in their box. Please find the letter in your child's book bag. Any questions please see us on Monday.

This week, we have also been talking about 2D shapes. If you have time this weekend, please take your child on a 2D shape hunt. Can they find an object in the shape of a circle, triangle, rectangle and square? For an extra challenge, can they find a pentagon or hexagon?

Just a few reminders:

- Please bring in any recyclable containers, newspapers and cardboard for junk modelling (please remember no items that have contained nuts or raw egg. Please ensure all plastic containers are thoroughly washed. Thank you.)
- Please see the 'All about me' sheet for information and timetable for next week

Have a lovely weekend!

Reception Team

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## Year 1

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Well done to all the children who have been independently changing their books this week. We feel that the children are getting much better at doing this!

This week has been safety week. We have been learning about so many different aspects of safety to include fire safety, internet safety and stranger awareness.

In Literacy this week we have been focusing on the book 'The Gruffalo'. The children have been using describing words to describe him.

In Maths we have been focusing on measures, we have been using cubes to measure and also sorting objects of length from longest to shortest. We have begun to look at rulers and how to use them accurately. We have been measuring classroom objects in centimetres and recording how many CM long they are. We have also compared metres and centimetres and what would be the best way to measure a selection of different things.

**Show and Tell group – Monkeys** (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.

Next week in maths we will be focusing on number formation, ordering numbers to 20 and one more/one less than a given number. We will be introducing number lines.

In Literacy we will be focusing on instruction writing.

### Home Learning:

- **Maths:** Practise ordering numbers from 0-10 and 0-20. Count in 2s to 20 with your child.
- **Literacy:** Play some games and focus on the vocabulary used when giving instructions. E.g. first, next after that,

### Vocabulary

*Maths* – number, order, one more, one less, number line.

*Literacy* – First, next after that

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## Year 2

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What a busy week learning all about how to keep ourselves safe! We learnt about keeping safe when using the internet, road safety, stranger danger and how to keep ourselves healthy. We now all know when and how to call 999 by role playing different emergency situations. Designing our own pants was great fun and helped us learn the pants rule – that our bodies belong to us and parts of it are private. The teachers were very impressed with how grown up and sensible we were discussing these issues.

We had a huge surprise when we arrived in school on Monday. We found that a book had been left for us by the creature we discovered in the playground last week! Reading the book, we found out its name was Something Else and that he found it hard to make friends. In Literacy we wrote about how Something Else was feeling and why. We thought about whether we would like to be its friend.

In Maths we have been continuing to learn about place value, deciding how much each ten and unit is worth in a number. We have also begun thinking about greater than, less than and equal to symbols ( $<$   $>$   $=$ ). We imagined the symbols were greedy crocodile's mouths and made sure they always faced the largest number e.g.  $99 > 1$ .

On Thursday we went for our first coaching session at Surbiton Hockey Club. The children were all very focussed and participated in learning the hockey skills demonstrated with great enthusiasm. What a great opportunity to use these fantastic facilities and benefit from the skills of the coaches.

**Homework:** This week we have asked the children to write about their favourite book character. Please return homework by **Wednesday**.

**Next week** in Literacy we will be creating a new friend for Something Else and writing a character description. In Maths we will be partitioning numbers into addition number sentences, e.g.  $76 = 70 + 6$ . We will continue our investigation into the properties of a variety of materials in Science.

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## Vocabulary

**Maths** – greater than, less than, equal to, partition, addition

**Literacy** – sentence starter, connective, adjective, noun phrase, exclamation mark

**Science** – rigid, dull, shiny, bendy, transparent, opaque and hard

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## School Office

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### Nasal Flu Immunisation – Yrs R, 1, 2

This week an envelope labelled Nasal Flu from Children and Family Health was sent home with your child with a consent form to complete regarding the Nasal Flu immunisation that takes place on 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Please may we remind you to return the completed form in the same envelope by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The form should be returned even if you do not want your child to have the nasal flu immunisation at school – there is a box on the form that says 'No, I do not consent'.

Please return the form in the envelope by posting in the black 'Office Post' box. If your child did not bring this home, please contact the school office.

Thank you to all those who have already returned the envelope.

### ICT Acceptable Use Policy

Also this week, your child should have brought home a letter with a copy of the school's ICT Acceptable Use Policy. This should be signed by both parent and pupil and returned to the school office as soon as possible by posting in the black 'Office Post' box. Thank you to all those who have already returned it.

If your child did not bring this home, please contact the school office for another copy.

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## Friends

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Hi everyone,

We are trying out a new sign up tool, if you are able to help out on the Ground Force day, 13th October, please use the link below and sign up to the slots.

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

On Tuesday evenings at 8pm there will be meetings in the George Evelyn pub to discuss all the upcoming Friends events, please come along if you'd like to be involved, the more the merrier.

We are looking for donations of good quality wooden or plastic play food for reception children and small die cast vehicles. Please can these be left, bagged up, in the Friends' box in the bike shed next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October,.

The final request is for again good quality wellies of all sizes (babies to adult). What we can't use for the school, we will use as plant pots!

Please take a look at the attached AGM minutes, and have a great weekend!

Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### ValueStars: Respect



Forrest  
Sophie G  
Roshan  
Nora

### Golden Certificates:

Louis B  
Chaeyul  
Charlie J-S  
Daisy  
Felix  
Michael  
Erin  
Charlotte  
Henry  
All of Reception  
Declan

### Credit Card:

Megan S



Arvin – 3  
Florence W-M – 6  
Olivia G – 6  
Isabella A - 6

### Outside Achievements:

Emily was awarded a trophy for Rainbow of the Week



# 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.



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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 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Telephone 020 8398 3039 for further information.

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



**Managing Behaviour Effectively for Parents & Carers**

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- 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:-

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018 (4 weeks) 7.30-9.30pm at Cardinal Newman, Hersham  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 (4 weeks) 9am – 11am at St Marys, Long Ditton  
Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 (4 weeks) 7.30-9.30pm at Cardinal Newman, Hersham  
Tue 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (4 weeks) 7.30-9.30pm at St Marys, Long Ditton  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (4 weeks) 9-11am at Cardinal Newman, Hersham

If you would like to book onto a course please contact Michelle Talboys - Home School Link Worker on 07703 322066 or email at [hsiw@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:hsiw@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk)




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