



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

2nd November 2018

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

It sounds as if you all had a very lovely half term and that the children were all lucky enough to enjoy the lovely weather. It has been great to see them back in school and motivated to learn!

Governor monitoring Day

Wednesday 7th November will be the first Governor Monitoring Day. This is a day when the Governors of our school spend the day looking at everything we do. One of the first things they always organise is time on the gate in the morning talking to parents and carers. This term they would specifically like your views on 'which services you think the school could cut back on as our budgets get tighter and tighter.' What do we do that you think you could do without? The Governors will be on the gate on Wednesday and they wear a black lanyard with Governor written on it. If you can spare a minute of two to talk to them, they would really appreciate it to help the development of our school in these tricky times.

Good Manners Table

The first seven children to come and join me for lunch have been chosen based on their excellent manners during lunchtime this week. I have spoken to all the children in Celebration assembly today and told everyone who will be on the table first. Next Friday I will write in the newsletter who they are so that we can celebrate their good manners!

Home Fruit and School Fruit Swap

Since the introduction of fruit time to the curriculum in school we have always had school fruit, donated by the government and national lottery, during the

morning. Home fruit has always been eaten during the afternoon. Following some conversations with the children this week in Year 1 and Year 2, we are going to change this around. So from Monday Year 1 and Year 2 children will be eating their home fruit in the morning and school fruit in the afternoon. If they do not have home fruit, they can always still choose to eat the school fruit in the morning and in the afternoon. The idea behind the introduction of school fruit is for the children to be encouraged to try different fruit and vegetables. I remember when the scheme was introduced and parents and teachers were very sceptical about whether it would make a difference. Now 10 years on I know that it would seem strange not to have a piece of fruit in the morning – and the number of children that now eat all fruits and veg has increased dramatically.

Coats, Hats and Gloves

Now the weather has turned colder please ensure that your child comes to school prepared to go out in all weathers. Our policy is to try to go out to play every day regardless of the weather and this means that children will be playing outside in rain, cold, fog, snow and sunshine. Every single child should now have a warm coat, with their name in, for morning and lunchtime play. It can be a very cold 45 minutes if they are outside without a warm coat. If your child comes to school with hats, scarves and gloves, it is crucial that they are labelled with their name so that if they do get lost they can be returned to their owners.

Learn Something New

Next Friday is our first Learn Something New morning. The staff have all learned some new to

teach the children and it is inspirational to watch them learning something new for themselves! Some of the activities on offer include: magic tricks, line dancing, yoga, juggling, rangoli patterns, cards, glockenspiel playing and speaking Italian. In the EYFS the teachers will set up stations for the children to try out the new learning if they want to. In Year 1 and Year 2 the children will be able to move around the school to choose the different learning activities that are taking place.

Handwriting Policy Change

Please find attached the handwriting policy changes which are implementing following our staff training and development sessions.

Unacceptable Behaviour

I need to remind all parents and carers that rudeness to any member of staff in our school is not acceptable for any reason by anyone – parents, carers, grandparents or child minders. We expect everyone to follow our living Values, one of which is Respect, at all times. This includes drop off, pickups, fairs, social events and parent evenings. Any one not following our Values can expect a conversation about their behaviour and possibly even a reprimand that states they are not allowed on our school premises. Remember that your children are watching to see how you behave, and this includes in times of crisis, and trust me they will follow the adult behaviour they see. While it might be amusing to see a 5-year-old mimicking unwanted behaviour at 15 that behaviour will be damaging to them and to your family. I know you all want the best for your children and the best starts at home with you showing them the way.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Luca, Amaan, Lottie, and Erin for choosing a birthday book for their classes.

Class with the most attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Diamond class with 97.9%. Well done!

Panto tickets

Rehearsals are well underway for this year's panto 'Aladdin' – oh yes they are! Tickets will be on sale

from tomorrow at the bounce. I will be selling them on Monday 5th November after school and then after that they will be available from the office. All the money raised from the sale of the tickets will go towards the school and tickets cost £6 each for adults and children alike. In the past we have had people buy tickets and then for one reason or another decide they can't come and then ask for their money back leaving us no opportunity to resell them. I know that no one means to do this but if you do buy tickets and then can't come please try to understand that we don't have a refund policy because we just want to raise as much money as we can. We always endeavour to resell them so that no one is disappointed!

Thought for the week

The Value of the month for November is 'Responsibility'. This week's quote is from Deepak Chopra, "Every time you are tempted to react in the same old way, ask if you want to be a prisoner of the past or a pioneer of the future"

See you at the Spooky Bounce tomorrow ☺

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Welcome back!

It has been lovely to see the children back and refreshed after their half term break and to hear all their exciting stories about their holiday.

We have had a wonderful week looking at the book *Pumpkin Soup* and we have been exploring the properties of pumpkins and other vegetables as we have been cutting and carving them. We've also had lots fun making our pumpkin pictures.

Next week we will be learning about bonfire night, fireworks and remembrance. We will also be talking about firework safety and working on our scissor skills.

We also plan to start our baking and library days next week. Thank you so much for volunteering to help ☺

A few reminders:

PE is on Wednesdays, the children do not change clothes but they do remove their shoes so please make sure that they wear trousers/leggings and socks not tights on that day.

If you plan on volunteering within the school in the future, you need to arrange with the office to have a DBS check and to attend the school safeguarding training. Without both of these, it is not possible for you to volunteer.

Finally, a big thank you to Ivana Linehan for the donation of our new garage. We have had great fun with it. Have a lovely weekend!

The Nursery Team ☺

Reception

Welcome back to school. We have had a great start to the new half term. The children have been super and settled back into routines quickly. A big thank you for all the completed half term activity sheets, the children have really enjoyed learning what everyone did over half term. If your child has not completed a sheet yet and would like to, please send it into school once finished. Children will continue to show them to the class next week.

This week we have continued our Autumn theme learning about pumpkins. We have been reading the book 'Pumpkin Soup' and talking about what happens in the story. We worked as a team to cut up lots of pumpkin into small bits, we added stock and water to make a delicious pumpkin soup. We then tasted it, we were all really impressed with our cooking skills! We have also been looking at real pumpkins and drawing them in class. Using playdoh, we made our own pumpkin people, we named our pumpkin people and used our FRED sounds to write their name. The children were fantastic and remembered lots of the sounds already learnt last term.

Mrs. Harris came into Reception on Wednesday to do some gardening with the children. The children had a great time gardening and planting the bulbs in our outdoor area. Mrs. Harris was very kind and talked to the children about bulbs and spring time, she also brought in her own bulbs for the children

to plant. A big thank you to Mrs. Harris for all her hard work.

Next week, our topic is fireworks. Children will be creating their own firework pictures using a variety of different materials and tools. In class we will also be learning a firework poem and talking about different words to describe them.

Next week we will start show and tell on a Friday afternoon. Today your child has been given a sheet explaining how show and tell works. We have also started sending home our class mascot this week, Topaz Tiger and Ruby Rabbit. Every child in the class we be given the opportunity to take the class mascot home over the course of the year. When it is your child's turn please encourage them to draw pictures, write sentences and add photos (not necessary) to show the class what they have done that weekend with the class mascot. Any questions please see us at the end of the day.

As the weather is getting colder please ensure your child has a warm coat in school. Please remember that coats, gloves, hats and scarves need to be labelled with your child's name as they can easily get lost. Please help your child to practise zipping up their coat independently.

Ideas for the weekend:

- *How can you keep safe around fireworks/ Bonfire night?*
- *Draw/paint a firework picture.*
- *Can you find any rhyming words in a story/book?*

Just a few reminders:

- *Storybooks and FRED folders will be taken out and marked on a Friday*
- *All winter clothing to be labelled with child's name*
- *Any concerns/issues please speak to the class teacher at the end of the day or write on the class clipboard in the morning or send an email to the school office*

Have a lovely weekend!
The Reception Team

Year 1

Welcome back! What a great start to the second part of the term!

In literacy this week we have been reading *Monsters Love Underpants*, we have designed our own monsters and labelled them using adjectives. We then wrote a description of our scary monsters and wrote a list of what our monsters might need to scare people including green slime and bogies. How disgusting!

In maths this week we have been adding using a number line, we remembered to always put the biggest number first. We then really challenged ourselves and added using a hundred square! We have also been learning our number bonds to 10.

In dance we have started working on our Gruffalo dance and have come up with different ways of moving like the mouse.

In History we have been learning about Neil Armstrong and finding out about him using different sources of information.

In RE we have been learning about the Jewish faith. We have thought about how Jewish families celebrate Hanukkah by reading the story of Hanukkah and considering some of the traditions and symbolism related to Hanukkah.

Show and Tell groups

Sapphire Show and Tell group – **Hippos**. Please ask your child what animal group they are; if they are unsure then check with their class teacher.

Moonstone Show and Tell group - Anyone who has been a superstar this week (they will know who they are).

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.

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

Art Monday: We need lots of kitchen rolls for our art lesson Monday, please could you bring them if you have any spare. Please note, we cannot use toilet rolls.

Maths: Practise subtraction by taking away pieces of fruit or bits of cereal; e.g. Here are 5 oranges, let's takeaway 2. How many are left?

Literacy: Can you write a sentence about fireworks using interesting describing words.

Vocabulary

Maths – subtract, takeaway, equals, altogether.

Literacy – Capital letter, full stop, conjunction, and, but, because, poem, adjective, firework.

Year 2

This week as part of our Dead Famous topic we have been celebrating Black History month. We have been learning about Nelson Mandela, Mary Seacole and Rosa Parks. We found out about the things they have done to shape and change the world that we live in today. In Literacy we have been discovering more information about Florence Nightingale and using this knowledge to write a letter from Florence to her sister, Parthenope about her time in the Crimea. We have also been finding out about the Pop Art movement, Andy Warhol in particular. We created our own artwork in the Pop Art style of famous people such as Elvis Presley and Prince Harry.

In History, we began to find out about Guy Fawkes and how his life was different to our life today. We discussed why he wouldn't have been able to use objects we take for granted, such as a phone or a torch and the alternatives he might have used.

In Maths we have been thinking about using arrays for multiplication which means grouping amounts. Ask your child to show you how it works with 3×2 etc.

Next week we will be using our scientific knowledge to solve a dilemma. The children in Nursery have been singing about poor Humpty Dumpty who fell off the wall, and they would like Year 2 to think of a way to keep Humpty safe and

so he doesn't break. We are going to use a variety of materials to find a way to break his fall. Please encourage your child to think of materials that they could bring in to use in our experiment. (The materials will not be returned!)

Reminder – Amethyst Class visit to Stokes Field on Monday 5th November. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather!

Homework: Literacy/ Topic – Over the next few days we will see fireworks in the sky ... why do we have firework displays? As part of our Dead Famous topic we are learning about Guy Fawkes. Who was he? When was he born? How long ago did he live? What was his job? Who were his friends? What clothes did he wear? Can you find out an interesting fact to surprise us all? Please remember to use **capital letters** and **full stops!** Challenge! Can you use any of the conjunctions we have been using this week (**and, but, or, because, however, when, maybe**).

Key vocabulary

Guy Fawkes, gunpowder, adjective, alliteration multiplication, repeated addition, arrays, significant, Pop Art.

School Office

Student Photos

You should have received a contact sheet today from Imago Juniors with unique login details to view and purchase your child's photo online at www.imagojuniors.com.

A ParentMail was also sent on Thursday explaining what to do should you misplace your login details. For free delivery to school, orders must be placed by Friday 16th November.

If you require any help in viewing and/or purchasing photos, please contact the school office.

Friends

I hope everyone had a great half term, Halloween, etc. we are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Bounce tomorrow! Where there will be a fancy

dress swap shop, face painting, café (remember your Keep Cups for discounted hot drinks), crafts and of course Bouncing! Thank you for all the donations, if you have any more cakes please bring them on the day. Also the Panto tickets will be on sale! Please do not camp out in the car park for these, its freezing cold! Just come to the bounce early to pick them up!

We have LOTS planned for this half term, so this is a warning, we will be making lots of requests for things - this is to make the Fair and other plans successful, and to raise lots of money for our lovely school and ensuring our children have the best opportunities at school.

I'll be as brief and succinct as I can!

Matthew James' boards: the estate agent pays the Friends an amount per board, which goes to the school, we need to have 60 boards in gardens advertising the Christmas Fair. If you are happy to have a board please let Jo Munro know by this Monday 5th November: jo.munro@live.co.uk.

Tickets will be on sale for the Children's Christmas Tree Decoration Workshop to be held on the 26th – 28th November. We need DBS checked volunteers to help out on each day, so if you can help let us know.

Tickets for the Ball will go on sale on 14th November, this is to be held on 2nd March 2019 on Ravens Ait in Kingston, with a Bollywood theme. Look out for these!

Save the date for the grown-ups' Christmas Table Centre Decorating workshop 10th December. More information to follow.

Donations for 'Elfridges' and any prizes for the raffle or the posh tombola, wrapping, tissue paper, gift bags, bows (and any wrapping paraphernalia).

Whole school Christmas drinks on 12th December, more details to come. More to come on all things Christmas.

Happy weekend Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Responsibility



Thomas E
Jihu
Henry J
Ava G
Lara
Poppy H

Golden Certificates:

Toby
Isla W
Chaeyul
Wilf
Sylvie
Nyla
Eilidh
Beatrice
Finley
Darcie
Agnes
Alex
Fynn
Emilia

Credit Card:

Roshan
Rayaan



Jack D – 7
Georgina – 7
Phillip – 7
Millie L-E – 7
Amaan – 5
Eva N – 4
Mary – 5
Luca – 4
Erin – 6
Lottie - 6

Outside Achievements:

George G was awarded a certificate for taking part in the 360 Football Camp 2018
Alana was awarded Stage 2 Swim England certificate
Sylvie has achieved Badge 6 from the Avondale Gymnastics Club
Robin won 'The Dittons' Best Beaver Award

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

Parenting Talk

FUTURE PROOF YOUR CHILD:

A parent's guide to helping your child develop the skills they need to succeed in today's world.



Renowned speaker **Dr Kathy Weston** will discuss what we could be doing as parents to help our children develop the skills they need to succeed in today's world. Sharing her practical and straightforward tips, derived from the best research evidence, Kathy will cover:

- How we can help children get into a positive mind-set, embracing all of life's opportunities
- Personal resilience
- Character
- Social skills

During this information-packed and motivational evening, you will get the chance to ask Kathy any questions you have! Join us:

When: Thursday 15 November 2018, 19.30 / 20.00 – 21.30
Venue: Surbiton High School
Price: £10 each (including light refreshments)
Book at: <http://bit.ly/2QhQAYB>

Proceeds will support the work of local charity Home-Start Richmond, Kingston & Hounslow.

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