



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

9th November 2018

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to the parents and carers who spoke to the Governors. All of your comments will be fed back and discussed at the next Governors' meeting. The overwhelming response from the Governors from the day was to say how wonderful the children were, that their behaviour was excellent all day and that they worked very hard to keep learning!

Farewell Mrs Bloor ☹

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Bloor who has secured another role in a nursery. Mrs Bloor's last day will be on Tuesday 13th November and after 7 years of working with us we are going to miss her very much. I know you will join with me and wish her lots of luck in her new post – they are very lucky to have her!

Spooky Bounce

Thank you to everyone who helped and came to the spooky bounce. The weather was incredible – and so are all of you!

Anti-Bullying Day

Next Wednesday we will be asking the children to come to school wearing something BLUE. (There is no need to bring in money – we are not collecting for this.) This will be to help us talk about anti-bullying day. The teachers will be talking to the children about how to stop bullying, to explain what to do if they think they are being bullied and to know what bullying is. I will also be holding a parent workshop based on the 'Say no to bullying' campaign for parents and carers at 1.45-2.45pm on Thursday 15th November. If you would like to

attend, please let the school office know either by email or a note on the class message boards.

Good Manners Table

The children on my Good Manners table this week were: Amaan, Evelyn, Jack H, Daisy, Henry M, Arsad and Leo H. We talked about their weekends, fireworks and birthdays! Congratulations and well done.

Aladdin – The Panto

There are a few tickets left for our production of Aladdin. The panto that we put on is a traditional pantomime mainly for the children, but adults do love it too. The staff, and friends, work incredibly hard to put the panto on and make it as 'professional' as we possibly can. (Although you do have to remember that we are not dancers or singers even though we do both in the panto!) All the money from ticket sales and anything sold on the night go towards the school. It is a fabulous way to spend a couple of hours with your family and if you were thinking of going to a panto – buy a ticket to ours and raise money for the school at the same time! You don't have to take my word for it though – here are some comments from genuine parents and carers who have been in previous years:

"The panto is the highlight of our year. We love it!"
"My husband came begrudgingly but I have not seen him laugh so much in ages. He had tears coming from his eyes!"

"Watching the children watching you lot is the best thing – they are just in it!"

"We always take the whole family – grandma and gramps love it too!"

If you would like to secure a ticket from the last ones remaining, please purchase them from the office. But hurry there's not many left!

Children in Need Appeal Day – Friday 16th November

Next Friday we will be asking the children to come 'wearing something spotty' and with a donation for Children in Need. Don't forget to get your spots on!

Learn Something New

Well done to all the staff for learning something new to teach to the children! Thank you for that extra effort to get the grey matter going 😊

Birthday Books

Thank you to Georgina, Megan S, Eilidh, Ava O'C for each choosing a birthday book for their class.

Class with the most attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Sapphire class with 98.5%. Well done!

Thought for the week

"Make time for the things that make you feel alive. You are only here once – it is your responsibility to do what you love"

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Happy Friday!

In the Nursery this week we have had so many wonderful new experiences – our first library and baking sessions were a particular highlight. The cheese twists looked very yummy, we hope the children enjoyed eating them! Many thanks to Eimear and Sarah.

Next week we continue with our topic, Festivals and Celebrations and will start looking at festivals of light, beginning with Diwali. We all need a bit of sparkle as the nights draw in!

The children will be continuing to work on their fine motor control and hand strength in a variety of

different activities, including using clay for the first time. We look forward to hearing what they think of the texture and consistency, we are sure they will have a lot to say.

Next week we will also be exploring themes of kindness and friendship, as Wednesday is the school's Anti-bullying Day. We will be looking at how our words can make a big impact and how it is important to think about how what we say can affect our friends. The children are invited to wear blue on this day.

On Friday you are invited to wear spots in aid of Children in Need (and can bring in a £1 for the school's collection)

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. Tights are more difficult to manage.

We love to have your cardboard recycling for our 'junk' modelling, however please do not include cereal boxes or any boxes that have contained nuts or seeds as we are unable to use these in school. We are also not able to use the cardboard tubes from toilet rolls (kitchen rolls are fine).

Please make sure that all of the children's clothes and items are named.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Nursery Team 😊

Reception

This week Reception have been learning all about Bonfire Night and how to stay safe around fireworks. The children have built fantastic bonfire night pictures over the week using different paint, construction and art techniques. They have chosen different materials, planned their work and reviewed their progress gradually building their picture over the week. Alongside their picture, they have created a firework poem, thinking of firework sounds.

We have also become scientists this week looking at the changes that occur to water when it is cooled and heated. As scientists, we explored how to make ice melt and predicted whether salt, sugar or warm water would make the ice melt the fastest. The children tested their ideas and closely observed the changes.

Thank you to the Friends for our new resources. They are already being put to good use. The children have enjoyed using our new speaking tubes to listen to simple words using FRED talk and then writing them on whiteboards using their phonics knowledge. In maths, we have created a number line using our Numicon and then used it to find numbers one more and one less than a given number up to 20.

Learn Something New Day on Friday enabled the children and adults to acquire a new skill. We enjoyed learning how to make slime and how to play the Glockenspiel, as you can imagine there was a lot of mess, noise and fun!

Next week we are celebrating Diwali and will be building on our clay techniques by making coil pots. We are to starting to introduce our 3-D shapes in maths, and literacy will focus on sounding and blending of simple words.

Thank you to everyone for encouraging the children to be more independent in doing up zips and buttons. We have noticed a huge improvement.

Home learning ideas:

Practise counting up to 20 and then jumping forwards to add one more and jumping back to subtract one less.

Rhyming is an important skill for children to have to develop their spelling. Play rhyming ping pong: you say hat, they say bat and continue until you run out of words (they don't have to be real).

Reminders:

Please ensure all coats and cardigans are named. We have a collection of unnamed uniform building up.

The Reception Team

Year 1

This week in art we have created our own firework pictures using kitchen roll tubes with slits in, we printed a firework pattern using paint then added glitter. Please can you bring in any unwanted newspapers as these are so useful for art.

In literacy we have been coming up with words to describe fireworks, we created mind maps using these words then put them into sentences. We also thought of some rhyming words ready for our firework poems next week.

In maths we have been learning our number bonds to 10 and 20 (what two numbers go together to make 10 e.g. $1 + 9 = 10$. Then the same for 20 e.g. $1 + 19 = 20$). We have also been learning how to subtract using cubes and a number line. We had to remember to circle the biggest number on our number line then hop backwards for the amount we were subtracting.

In science we have completed our first experiment, first we predicted what would happen then we put soap in the microwave and observed what happened. Soap everywhere!

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.

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

Maths: Look at different coins and notes with your child to help them recognise them. Put pretend labels on food at home and add the amounts together.

Literacy: Read poems. Have a go at writing a description of the setting in your favourite story.

Vocabulary

Maths – coin, note, pound, pence, symbol, add, money

Literacy – poem, firework, story, setting, description, adjective

Year 2

What a busy week Year 2 have had! As part of our Dead Famous topic we have been learning more about Guy Fawkes and his involvement in the Gunpowder Plot. The children were able to share lots of their own interesting facts that they researched for their Homework. We discovered that Guy Fawkes and his friends had some problems when making their plans and we enjoyed taking on the role of the plotters, performing dramas showing what we thought would happen next. In Art we have been using mixed media to create eye catching firework pictures.

In Maths this week we have been continuing with our multiplication topic. We have been looking at repeated addition, arrays and word problems. Did you know that you can show multiplication as repeated addition e.g. $5 \times 2 = 10$ which means 5 lots of 2, so $2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 10$? Ask us to show you how to solve 7×5 as repeated addition or as a set of arrays. Also, we have been learning about dividing. We have learned that dividing means the same as sharing and grouping. We started by sharing, using the plate method; ask us to show you how to solve $10 \div 2$ using plates. Next week we will begin to learn how to divide using an empty number line.

How egg-citing our Science experiment was! We used a variety of materials to create a cushion to soften the fall of Humpty Dumpty and prevent him cracking. We worked very well in small groups to choose materials, thinking about their properties and how they could help solve the problem. We created our cushions and then tested them. Our designs were so successful that only a few Humpty Dumptys cracked.

Next week we will be finding out how the Gunpowder Plot concludes, recording the events in our own words. In Music we will continue learning how to play the recorder and begin to learn our songs for the Christmas production.

Homework: Please use the methods we have learned this week to help you solve the

multiplication and division word problems. Questions 7 – 9 are challenges!

Key vocabulary for this week: Guy Fawkes, gunpowder, plotters, adjective, alliteration, multiplication, repeated addition, division, sharing, grouping.

School Office

Student Photos

Remember to login in to www.imagojuniors.com using your unique login details on the contact sheet you received to view your child's photos. For free delivery to school, any purchases should be made by Friday 16th November.

If you have misplaced your login details, please see ParentMail dated 1st November.

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

Friends

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the Spooky Breakfast Bounce last weekend, and huge congratulations to the winning class, Topaz! We hope you enjoy your popcorn afternoon!

Thanks so much to everyone who helped on the day; our army of face painters, bbqers, crafters, gamers, bouncers, donators of cakes, sweets, fancy dress costumes and all who turned up to support the school. We raised a whopping £1200, not bad for a morning of fun in the sun.

It took a little longer to count because of the various methods of payment we received but we are also thrilled to announce that our first quiz of the year raised a whopping £1000!!! Thank you all, especially Dave.

And now on to Christmas! Nearer the time we'll be asking you to bring in bottles, lucky bags and, of course, more cakes but details on these to follow.

At the moment our CEE (Chief Executive Elf) would like to request the following donations

please that can be left in the bike shed boxes at any time:

***Elfridges gifts** (small gifts, toys, teddies, books, etc.) preferably new or in very good condition. The idea is the children will buy a gift for a family member and then with the help of an elf wrap it so it's ready to go under the tree.

Donations of cello tape, paper tissue, gift bags, shoe boxes, gift wrap, ribbon and tags all appreciated.

***Christmas pot pourri.** We need all your pine cones, acorns, conkers, dried citrus slices, cinnamon etc. anything pot pourri like.

*We are looking for **photographers**, keen amateurs or professional, to help out on our snowglobe stall during the fair. For more info. email desireeharris@sky.com

***Posh tombola prizes.** Please give us any of your unwanted gifts.

*Any **Christmas crackers** you might have lying around for our Golden Cracker game.

*Your preloved **Christmas jumpers, t-shirts,** novelty headgear for our swap shop.

*This year we have a NEW addition to our Fair. A **Christmas market marquee:** stalls are £20 for a table (you will need to provide your own table) but we can lend you a chair. We are also asking for a raffle prize donation. We have limited space in our outside marquee so get in touch with Desiree at desireeharris@sky.com if you would like a table.

*Any donations of **Christmas lights, decorations** or anything christmassy always gratefully received. And if anyone has a **snow machine** available the CEE would be really HAPPY.

Children's Christmas Tree Decoration Workshops. These will take place on 26th, 27th, 28th November and this is where the children spend time decorating felt snow globes to bring home. This will be an after school activity run by the Friends. The booking forms have been sent home with the children (copy attached if your form

doesn't make it home) so please return this from Monday onwards by posting in the red Friends' post box on the wall outside the office. We do need volunteers to help out at each workshop to supervise the children. Let us know via the form if you can help or sign up via [Christmas tree decoration workshop](#) Please remember that to help, you must have a school DBS check and have attended a safeguarding workshop.

Joint School Friends' **Christmas drinks** on Wednesday 12th December from 8.00pm at the Red Lion in Thames Ditton. All welcome.

And finally our 4th joint **school ball** tickets go on sale next week! The form will come home on Tuesday and we will begin allocating tickets from Wednesday, so organise your tables and get them while they are hot. We WILL sell out as this year. We are going by boat to Ravens Ait on Saturday 2nd March 2019 and our theme is Bollywood. Tickets cost £60.

Thank you and have a great weekend

The Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Tolerance



Amethyst Class
Eloise
Charlie H
Georgy
Jacob
Charlie F

Golden Certificates:

Isla C
Alfie R
Martha
Nila
Olivia A
Rayaan
Jihu
Oscar P
Carlos
Leo H
Alex B

Credit Card:



Georgina – 6
Megan S – 6
Eilidh – 6
Ava O'C – 6
Max - 7

Outside Achievements:

Alex F has completed two adult 5k park runs, his fastest time was 31.09 minutes!

DIARY DATES

November 2018

Wednesday 14 th	Anti-Bullying Day – wear blue to raise awareness
Thursday 15 th	1.45-2.45pm Anti-bullying workshop for parents/carers – please let the school office know if you will be attending
Friday 16 th	Children In Need Appeal day - wear something spotty
Tuesday 20 th	9.15am Open Morning for Reception 2019
Tuesday 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15am Open Morning for Nursery 2019 Yr 2 Diamond class to Wagamama
Wednesday 28 th	Yr 2 Amethyst class to Wagamama
Thursday 29 th	2.15pm Rocksteady concert (parents/carers of children who take part are invited)
Friday 30 th	1.20pm Christmas Decoration Afternoon – parents/carers invited to help

December 2018

Saturday 1 st	Friends' Christmas Fair
Thursday 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.00pm Full Governing Body meeting – please give one week's notice to Clerk of Governors at clerktoqovs@longditton.surrey.sch.uk if you would like to attend. Long Ditton Christmas lights switch on
Friday 7 th	7.00pm Aladdin Pantomime by staff and friends – tickets available from school office £6 each
Saturday 8 th	12.00pm & 5.00pm Aladdin Pantomime
Monday 10 th	9.15am Children's Christmas Production dress rehearsal
Tuesday 11 th	9.15am Children's Christmas Production (<i>information will be sent out soon</i>)
Wednesday 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15am Children's Christmas Production (<i>information will be sent out soon</i>) Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – wear Christmas jumper to school in return for a donation to Save the Children. Christmas lunch
Thursday 13 th	9.15am Children's Christmas Production (<i>information will be sent out soon</i>)
Friday 14 th	9.15am Children's Christmas Production (<i>information will be sent out soon</i>)
Monday 17 th	3.00-4.00pm Nursery & Yr R Christmas disco
Tuesday 18 th	3.00-4.00pm Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas disco Nursery last day – finish for Christmas holidays
Wednesday 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15am Christmas Assembly at St Mary's Church – all welcome 1.30pm school finishes for Christmas Holidays
20 th December to 2 nd January	Christmas holidays – no school

January 2019

Thursday 3 rd	8.45am return to school/nursery for Spring Term
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EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

KT6 Litter Pickers

2ND SUNDAY OF
EVERY MONTH
9.30 - 10.30AM



11th November

Meet by the tree next to Manny's.
All welcome.
Join us on Facebook to find out more!

For Your Tomorrow

Commemorating 100 Years Since the End of The Great War

Free Great War family drop-in session

Chertsey Museum
Saturday 10th November
1.30pm to 3.00pm

Drop in to Chertsey Museum to meet a soldier from the Front
and find out what life was like for him.

Also make a clothes peg Great War aeroplane to take home.

A FREE drop-in event for all the family

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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:-

Wed 26th Sept 2018 (4 weeks) 7.30-9.30pm at Cardinal Newman, Hersham
Mon 19th Nov 2018 (4 weeks) 9am – 11am at St Marys, Long Ditton
Tue 26th Feb 2019 (4 weeks) 7.30-9.30pm at Cardinal Newman, Hersham
Tue 4th June 2019 (4 weeks) 7.30-9.30pm at St Marys, Long Ditton
Mon 17th 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 hslw@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk



First World War Centenary Commemoration Saturday 10 November 2018 Victory Park, Addlestone

On the eve of the Armistice help us commemorate the Borough's Fallen. Please come along to Victory Park between 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm and help us light 848 candles - one for each Borough resident who died during the 1914-1918 war. The candles, in poppy decorated jam jars created by local school children, will be positioned around the memorial park gates.

At 3.30 pm the Mayor of Runnymede will dedicate a new memorial bench and tree, followed by a short service of remembrance led by Rev. Ben Beecroft, Vicar of St. Paul's Church.



For further information please contact
Chertsey Museum on 01932 565 764

