



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

16th November 2018

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you and well done to everyone for coming in mufti today for Children in Need. We will be sending the money you have raised off to the Children in Need collection!

Anti-Bullying Day

This week we have been thinking about what bullying is and what we can do to make sure it doesn't happen. The children have been talking about and signing the Anti-Bullying Charter, and yesterday we held an anti-bullying workshop for parents and carers. Thank you to everyone who came and took part! If you would like more information about anti bullying week please visit their site:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2018-choose-respect>

Good Manners Table

The children on my Good Manners table this week were: Isabella, Martha, Ava O, Oscar P and Ethan C. They told me about what their favourite food was and what they like most about school. Congratulations and well done.

Aladdin – The Panto

We are sold out! But we do have a waiting list which you can put your name on and we will do our best to make sure you can come.

Staff Room for Staff

Following some research which I read this week from the National Association of Head teachers, I am going to say that the staffroom should be a place for staff only. This is because the research

points out that staff well-being is affected by not having a safe place to go and just 'be themselves'. If parents and carers are in there they have to be 'the teacher' and this constant 'on showness' can be very detrimental to their emotional health. So from next week unless it is for baking please make sure if you are a parent or carer you don't go into the staffroom unless specifically invited. It is only a small difference but I want to make sure we keep our teachers in tip top condition to be the brilliant educators they are!

Homework Statement

We have updated our homework statement and marking policy. Please have a look at the updated statement (attached) and if you have any comments or suggestions please let me know.

Change One Thing

Thank you for the Change One Thing concerning mixing up the classes when the children go on school trips. We have considered how this would work but after very careful deliberation and cogitation, including in the Governor's meeting, we feel that safety should be put first and it would be very unsafe to have different teachers responsible for children who are not usually in their class. The children do mix together at playtimes, get mixed up three times a week in FRED and for the Learning to Learn morning in KS1 they could work with anyone they wanted across both Y1 and Y2. Therefore, we will keep the classes separate for school trips and visits. Thank you for the idea!

Birthday Books

Thank you to Phillip, Chaeyul, Jack Wa, and Roshan for each choosing a birthday book for their class.

Class with the most attendance

The classes with the best attendance this week are Topaz and Sapphire both with 98%. Well done!

Thought for the week

‘Tolerance and patience are not signs of weakness; they are signs of strength’

Have a magnificent weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Happy Friday everyone!

We have had lovely week in Nursery, thank you so much to our volunteers this week, Christine and Erin, for making our baking and library activities possible. We really appreciate your help and hope that you enjoyed the experience, the children certainly did!

Next week we continue with our topic, Festivals and Celebrations and will continue to look at festivals of light around the world. There are so many beautiful traditions for us to explore.

We will also be continuing to encourage the children’s independence as they learn to take off and put on their own shoes and coats. Perhaps the children will show you the “trick”, which is a Montessori inspired technique – it means that a child can easily put on their own coat. You can help us by encouraging this at home too and by making sure that shoes are easy to manage.

The children are very excited to be practising our Christmas song already. We still have several weeks until the performance but we think these will go very quickly! The Nursery classes will be dressing up as the Nativity story, so your child can choose which character they would like to be. They could choose to be a star, angel, shepherd, Mary, Joseph, sheep, donkey, cow or a king.

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

We have a great time in Reception this week, we have been learning about the festival Diwali. We learnt a very energetic Diwali dance in PE and then practised it as a whole year group. All the teachers were very impressed with the dance moves! We also explored Diwali by making Diya lamps. We used clay to roll coils and then built up our pot so that it was big enough to hold a tea light. In our outside area, we have been using chalk to make Rangoli patterns. We also discussed the similarities between Bonfire night and Diwali and how fireworks are used to celebrate both.

Next week, we will decorate our Diwali pots with paint and gems. We will also start to look at sequencing in Maths. Children will use shapes to put them in the correct order. We will also finish our work on Autumn. Children will sort different items into two groups, Autumn and not Autumn. We will continue to discuss the changes that happen in Autumn, the change in temperature and shorter days.

Home learning ideas:

Make a Rangoli pattern out of different materials. Complete a missing number line 1-20. Write some numbers in and your child needs to fill in the missing numbers.

Please continue to practise all FRED sounds learnt in class with your child. Go on a treasure hunt and find objects starting with a particular sound.

The Reception Team

Year 1

This week in art we have created our own monsters using clay. Next week we will be painting them

In literacy we have completed our fireworks poems, they were fantastic!

In maths we have been working with money. We have been identifying the various coins and adding them together. The tricky part has been understanding that all coins have a different value. We played shops and used various coins to pay for different items.

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: Please practice counting in 10s with your child.

Next week we will be learning doubles so please help your child with doubles to 10 (challenge to 20).

Literacy: read stories with your child and discuss what happens at the beginning, middle and end

Vocabulary:

Maths – number, double, how many, dienes, tens ones

Literacy – story, beginning, middle, end, description

Please could the children be provided with an old shirt for art to protect their clothing, and also please bring in any old newspapers for covering the tables. Thank you.

Year 2

In PSHE as part of Anti-Bullying week, we have thought about what bullying is and ways that we can help stop it from happening. We signed our class Anti-Bullying Charter to show that as a school we say no to bullying.

This week in Maths we have continued our learning about dividing. We have learned that dividing means the same as sharing and grouping. We used the plate method to solve division problems including remainders. We have also been learning how to divide using an empty number line. Ask your child to show you how to solve $60 \div 10 =$ using an empty number line.

In our History/Literacy lessons we made wanted posters to help King James 1 to find Thomas Percy, describing him in detail using adjectives. Also in groups we acted out parts of the story of the Gunpowder plot. We then created our own books, ordering pictures and writing sentence to retell the events. We have really enjoyed learning about Guy Fawkes and the other plotters!

In Music we have continued learning to play the recorder. This week we successfully played a series of notes following a tune.

Next week in Maths we will be identifying and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. In Literacy we will be writing a persuasive letter and writing questions. We will be using our creative skills in DT designing a hand puppet.

Homework: Our Literacy homework this week is a comprehension activity about Remembrance Day, which was commemorated last weekend.

Key vocab for this week: Guy Fawkes, Houses of Parliament, treason, dividing, sharing, grouping, division, adjectives, sequence.

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 **Sunday 18th November**.

If you have misplaced your login details, please see ParentMail sent out on Thursday.

Friends

Thank you to everyone for their overwhelming response to the tree decoration workshop. All 3 days are now full and we are operating a waiting list so if your child can no longer attend please can you let us know asap at: longdittonfriends@outlook.com

We will confirm to everyone if their child has a place or is on the waiting list next week, and we are still looking for more helpers who are DBS checked and have attended Safeguarding training for Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th November. Contact: emma.pericassims@gmail.com if you can help.

And thanks to those that have already brought their tickets for the Ball. There are still tickets available due to the larger venue so if you haven't filled in your form yet then please do so and return to the red friends post box on the wall outside the office. Email longdittonfriends@outlook.com for further info or a replacement form. Venue: Ravens Ait. Date: Saturday 2nd March 2019. Theme: Bollywood. Tickets: £60

There are also still spaces available on the wreath/table centre workshop for grown-ups being held at the George Evelyn on Monday 10th December at 8pm. For an application form please email: desireeharris@sky.com

We are still looking for the following items: new or good quality gifts and/or wrapping for Elfridges and the Posh Tombola; Christmas pot pourri ingredients such as pine cones, acorns, dried citrus slices, cinnamon etc. Photographers to help with our snow globes; any Christmas crackers (even the odd one or two from your box ready for the big day); and your pre-loved Christmas jumpers, T-shirts and novelty headgear for our swap shop.

You should have received your Fair programme, raffle tickets and lucky loot bags home today ready for filling, with instructions and more requests for the week leading up to the Fair. Our stall sign-up link will be forwarded by your class reps this weekend. Two weeks to go!!!

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

Thank you and have a great weekend

The Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Tolerance



Tuuli
Charlie J-S
Max
Rahaf
Rory

Golden Certificates:

Matthew
Anya
Amaya
Isla
Rufus
Marley
Nathan
Georgia
Leo T
Harry

Credit Card:

Carlos
Martha
Alfie R



Chaeyul – 7
Jack Wa – 7
Roshan – 7
Rahaf - 5

Outside Achievements:

Sofia can ride her bike without stabilisers!
Isla W has passed the 4th award of the Avondale Gymnastics Club Badge Scheme
Jacob was awarded a Rainbow 5m Swimming badge and certificate

DIARY DATES

November 2018

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 clerktogovs@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
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.



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

