



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

23rd November 2018

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Today we said farewell to Mrs Tiernan! Mrs Tiernan has been working with Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School for 15 successful years and we are going to miss her very much. I know you will be wishing her lots of luck in her new role working for the NHS! Good luck Pip, and thank you for everything you have done for the children, the school, the staff and the parents!

Good Manners Table

The children on my Good Manners table this week were: Leo P, Rahaf, Bea, Darcie, Roshan, Henry and Destiny.

What's up with What's App?

I know that parents and carers have lots of What's App, Twitter, Snapchat and Facebook groups which are very useful for reminders about PE kits, trips etc. It has been brought to my attention that some parents and carers are using these groups for other, not so nice reasons. Before all these hi tech groups started we used to call it 'gate gossip' which was where parents and carers would stand and talk about a concern they might have, which then got blown up out of all proportion to become something that it wasn't by the time it got fed back to school.

My advice then was to say to parents if you have a concern about anything come and talk to the teachers. A five-minute conversation can usually sort out the misunderstanding or reason behind something. Strangely my advice to parents and carers in this What's App world is still the same. Come and talk to us. It is usually a case of Chinese Whispers, once rumours and gossip start to spread

and by the time things get fed back to me what started out as something small has escalated into something distressing. I think it is important to remember what my Grandma said to me: "Moni if you can't say anything nice, then don't say anything at all" – and this is true in print, online and in person.

Christmas Decoration Afternoon

This is an afternoon where parents and carers come into school to work with their child's class to help make decorations to dress the school ready for the Christmas Fair and Christmas. For this afternoon only if you would like to come and help you do not need to be DBS checked as long as you understand that you must stay in the classroom, not use any mobile devices while you are helping and you must not take a child to toilets – even your own. It is a lovely way to get everyone in the Christmas mood and the children love it. Please let your class teacher or the school office know if you can make it so that they can arrange the groups accordingly. Please note for safety reasons we are unable to accommodate young children/siblings at this event.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Parth, Michael, and Ava D-F 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 Diamond with 98.6%. Well done!

Thought for the week

Tolerance is the Value of the Month and the Jigsaw Theme is Celebrating Difference so my thought for the week is 'it is not our differences that divide us

but our inability to recognise, accept and celebrate those differences.’ Remember we are all here on this earth together – how we live together is our choice.

Message from the Poppy Appeal

‘Thank you again for collecting for the Poppy Appeal, your box raised the magnificent sum of £185.03. Will you please convey our sincere thanks to all at Long Ditton Infant School for their support to the Poppy Appeal.’

Children In Need donations

Thank you for all your donations – we raised a total of £238.31 for the Children In Need appeal.

Have a splendid weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Happy Friday everyone!

This has been an exciting week in Nursery, exploring some lantern festivals from around the world and making our own “kratong” style boat inspired by the full moon festival in Thailand. Another highlight was Malcolm’s visit with the leaf blower to help us tidy up the Nursery playground. The children were very happy to help him sweep up the leaves that our big tree has dropped. Thank you Malcolm!

Next week we will be looking at the the *Mousehole Cat* story and how the Cornish town of Mousehole celebrate at this time of year.

Next Friday (30th November) is the whole school Christmas decoration day. The children will be making lots of amazing decorations in preparation for the Christmas fair on Saturday. If you would be available to help with this, please let us know – as the volunteering is classroom based a DBS check is not essential. Ideally we would like four parents to join us for each session. Unfortunately, we would not be able to accommodate any younger siblings. Many thanks for any help!

We are still practising our Christmas song, the Calypso Carol, in preparation for the Christmas performances. If your child has decided what character, they would like to be and you do not have a costume please let the Nursery know as we do have a supply that they could borrow if you would prefer.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Nursery Team ☺

Reception

We have had a super week in Reception! We have been decorating our Diwali pots with paint, gems and glitter. We have also been looking at sequencing in Maths. Children have been repeating patterns with beads and numbers. We also finished our Autumn topic with a sorting activity. We looked at different objects and discussed whether they were linked to Summer or Autumn and why? We also continued our circle time sessions with Jigsaw Jennie. This week we talked about families. We discussed how some people have similar families and some people have different families. But we are all unique and this is what makes the world interesting!

A big thank you to everyone who has helped their child to fasten/zip up their coat independently. Please continue to work on this, to help your child become more independent and to improve their fine motor skills.

Next week we will be learning about the Jewish festival Hanukkah. The children will be making Dreidels and playing games with them. We will also be making Menorahs and writing in Hebrew. In Maths we will start to look at capacity and filling different containers with water. In English we will continue to write words and sentences using FRED sounds.

We will be continuing to practise our class Christmas songs and the school will be having a Christmas decoration afternoon on Friday 30th November. If you would like to volunteer to help in class with making the Christmas decorations, there

will be a sign up sheet on the Reception windows on Monday. If you have already informed the school office, you do not need to sign up again.

We have started to send home reading books for children who are confidently blending sounds and ready to start reading. Once your child is ready, they will receive a weekly reading book and a yellow reading record for you to record comments in. Please see us if you have any questions.

Home learning ideas:

- Count backwards from 20
- Fill up containers with liquid, which one holds the most/least?
- Writing FRED sounds in sand, glitter, water, soil, using chalk

Reminders:

- If you have any questions about the school production/ costumes, please speak to us at the end of the day.
- Please continue to practise FRED sounds with your child at home.

Please sign up on Monday if you would like to volunteer for the Christmas decoration afternoon on Friday.

The Reception Team

Year 1

This week in dance we have continued with our Gruffalo dance. In Art we have painted our monsters and they all look fantastic!

In History we have continued to learn about Neil Armstrong and have written fact files for him.

In Literacy we have begun story writing and have written some fantastic settings for our stories! We have been focussing on the correct use of capital letters and full stops and why they are so important.

In Maths we have learning about place value and how to represent numbers as 10s and 1s. For example, 47 has 4 tens and 7 ones. Some of us even learnt about Hundreds!

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: Next week we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. Please look out for all kinds of shapes in the environment and make a list of what you saw!

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

Please teach your child about capital letters and full stops. Point them out in stories you are reading together and discuss why they are so important.

Vocabulary

Maths – shapes, triangle, circle, square, pentagon, hexagon, rectangle,

sphere, cube, cuboid, cone, cylinder, pyramid

Literacy – story, beginning, middle, end, description, full stop, capital letter

As you know the Christmas show is coming up soon. Please can you send in the following costume for your child in a named carrier bag on Monday 3rd December. Here is what your child will need for their class dance:

Sapphire: We will be singing ‘Christmas Cheer’ to the tune of Mamma Mia, therefore please can you send in an Abba style costume

Moonstone: We will be singing ‘Reach for the Stars’ therefore please can you send in a star.

If you have any questions, see your class teachers.

Year 2

This week in Literacy we have been reading the story, “The Bog Baby” by Jeanne Willis and Gwen Millward. What is a bog baby? Ask us to describe what a bog baby looks like! Unfortunately, we received a letter from Hannah, the ranger, which

told us that some children have been fishing Bog Babies out of the pond at Stokes Field. So, we helped Hannah by writing a persuasive letter asking them not to do it anymore. We explained why it is important to leave the Bog Baby in its own habitat to ensure they stay happy and healthy. Also, we have created "Missing" posters to help try to find one of the bog babies who went missing. We used sub-headings to include all of the important information in a clear way.

In Maths we have been identifying 2D shapes and learning about their properties. We have described how many sides and corners or vertices they have, looking for similarities and differences between different shapes. We particularly enjoyed creating WANTED! posters to describe shapes. The shapes we have been looking at are: circles, triangles, squares, rectangles, pentagons and hexagons. Can the children remember the names of some 2D shapes with more than 6 sides?

We had a very creative time in DT this week designing a glove puppet. We looked at different types of materials we could use to make our puppets and how we could successfully join them together. Everybody enthusiastically completed their own very individual designs which we will begin to make next week.

In RE we have thinking about the different symbols associated with Christmas and talking about what they represent in the Christmas story.

Next week we will be our Literacy learning will be based around the story "The Tunnel" by Anthony Browne. In Maths we will be learning about lines of symmetry in 2D shapes and also angles. We will think about directional and positional language.

Christmas Decoration Afternoon- Friday 30th November

If you can help with our fun afternoon making Christmas decorations with Year 2 please let Miss Moss or Mrs Bradley know. (If you have already informed the school office, then you do not need to do this again). Your support will be gratefully received!

Christmas Production Costumes – Please can you send in a costume for your child by Monday 3rd December, in a named carrier bag.

Amethyst – a Christmas jumper and Santa hat.

Diamond – Victorian style party clothes, e.g. a smart party dress or smart trousers with a shirt and bow tie, if possible. Thank you! If you have any questions or need any advice, please ask Mrs Bradley.

Homework: Please write an adventure story about the Everywhere Bear who gets lost. Where does he go? What does he do there? Who does he meet? Remember to use capital letters and punctuation correctly, and try to include wow words such as adjectives and adverbs.

Key vocab for this week: heading, sub-heading, persuasive, design, template, 2D shapes, sides, vertices.

School Office

Reception 4+ screening

If you have received an envelope from Children and Family Health entitled 'School Entry Questionnaire', please remember to complete and return this in the same envelope to the school office by Tuesday 27th November. The school nurse will be collecting these.

If you did not receive an envelope this time, please do not worry, you will receive one later in the school year. Envelopes are sent out in batches of about 25 children at a time.

Christmas Production – seat booking form

If you haven't already done so, please return your seat booking form to the school office on Monday. A copy will be sent with this newsletter.

Friends

Nearly time for the Fair! Which is the official start of the Christmas Season!

The Elves have been mega busy wrapping, cutting and sorting for all the activities in the next week but we still need help;

Tomorrow morning (Saturday 24th November) between 10am and 12pm we will be holding a mini groundforce day to sweep leaves from the school. Please come along if you can spare any time at all and if you have a rake, leaf grabbers, a blower or an empty brown bin to bring along that would be great.

Thank you to those who have come forward to help at Christmas Tree Decoration workshops next week. All three days are 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.

Please find attached a pre-order form for our 2019 school calendar. We are pleased to announce the following 12 winners of the competition and are pleased to say that we managed to get every child's self-portrait so they are all on there somewhere.

The price is a very reasonable £5 each for a full colour A3 calendar, complete with next year's term dates and we think they would make an excellent Christmas present for the whole family!

January: 'Picture by Roshan, Diamond Class'
February: 'Picture by Hannah, Diamond Class'
March: 'Picture by Betsy, Sapphire Class'
April: 'Picture by Elsie, Nursery'
May: 'Picture by Darcie, Sapphire Class'
June: 'Picture by Tuuli, Moonstone Class'
July: 'Picture by Hanna, Nursery'
August: 'Picture by Forrest, Moonstone Class'
September: 'Picture by Robin, Amethyst Class'
October: 'Picture by Albie, Amethyst Class'
November: 'Picture by Rory, Topaz Class'

December: 'Picture by Nyla, Ruby Class'

We are still desperately 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
- Christmas crackers (even the odd one or two from your box ready for the big day);
- Pre-loved Christmas jumpers, T-shirts, or novelty headgear for our swap shop.

We are also still taking donations for gifts/prizes for the Posh Tombola and Elfridges, please drop off any unwanted items we could use for this.

For next week here are the items we'd really appreciate. You should have received a little pack in book bags with stripy bags, raffle tickets etc.

Monday 26th November - Raffle tickets – if you would like any more they are available from the office and will also be available at the Fair.

Tuesday 27th November - Fudge & sweets – for our Christmas Candy Store

Wednesday 28th November - Lucky Loot bags – filled with sweets and pocket money toys please.

Friday 30th November - Bottles and Cakes in return for a Mufti day, please donate a bottle of something you would like to drink for our tombola and cakes and biscuits for our Teachers' Café, (please no nuts or seeds)

One week to go!!! Thank you and have a great weekend.

The Friends.

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Tolerance



Marley
Elizabeth
Millie W
Isaac
Cynthia
Jack Wa

Golden Certificates:

Phillip
Edward
Jacob D
Ava B
Oly
Nancy
Oscar F-S
Pip
Olivia Gross
Declan
Amandine
Kaitlin
Oscar
Daniel
Elena
Kailan

Credit Card:

Marley
Oscar P



Michael – 6
Eva – 5
Ava D-F – 7
Parth – 7
Sophia – 6
Joshua – 4
Joshika - 4

Outside Achievements:

DIARY DATES

November 2018

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mufti day (no school uniform) in return for a bottle donated for the Friends' Christmas fair 1.20pm Christmas Decoration Afternoon – parents/carers invited to help

December 2018

Saturday 1 st	12.00-2.30pm 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
Wednesday 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15am Children's Christmas Production 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
Friday 14 th	9.15am Children's Christmas Production
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.



MOOR HOUSE SCHOOL & COLLEGE

Building the Future for Young People with Speech and Language Disabilities

Do you know a child who struggles with speech and language?
Are they having difficulties managing school work?



As many as two children in every class are affected by speech and language difficulties, now called *Developmental Language Disorder*, or *DLD*, yet it is relatively unknown.

Join us to find out more about DLD and learn about diagnosis, education, and therapy from Moor House students, parents and staff.

8pm Tuesday 27th November

Methodist Church Hall, 4 Hurstlands, Hurst Green, RH8 0HG
All welcome | Complimentary refreshments will be served

If you would like more information about this event or about the work of MHSC. Please contact our Fundraising Officer, Helen Delevingne at delevingneh@moorhouseschool.co.uk

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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

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Long Ditton Lights Up!

Design a
Nativity
themed
Christmas
Tree
decoration



Competition Deadline: Sunday 2nd December

Please put your name and age range on the back

Reception - Year 2

Year 3 - Year 6

Year 7+

Hand in at Manny's.

Tree Decorations

All entries will be hung on the Village Tree ahead of the Lighting Up on 6th December

Prizes on the night for winners in each age range.

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