



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

7th December 2018

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful Christmas Fair. It was one of the most incredible fairs we have ever had and that is down to the hard work, commitment and dedication of everyone involved. I had so many people, not associated with our school, who came up to me to say 'this Christmas Fair is wonderful!' All of our gratitude to every single person who organised, helped, came and spent their money for our children in our school. Thank you 😊

A Million Christmas Dreams

Next week is the children's Christmas production of 'A Million Christmas Dreams'. For this production no younger siblings are allowed in the audience and this includes babes in arms. If you can only come with a younger child, please come to the dress rehearsal on Monday with the younger sibling. This may seem harsh but it is better for everyone if there are no crying children in the audience disrupting the children on the stage and stopping them from concentrating on performance as much as they can. Parents arriving with babes in arms or younger siblings will be asked to leave. Thank you for respecting this request.

Christmas Discos postponed

These were scheduled to take place on 17th and 18th December. With so much going on at this time of year we have decided to postpone these until the Spring term.

Good Manners Table

This week on my good manners table were Charlotte, Michael, Tuuli, Emily, Vristhi, Jessie and Isla. The pantomime was the main topic of

conversation and who was going to be in it and what parts they played.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Ava B, Sofia and Jacob A for choosing a birthday book for their classes.

Class with the most attendance

The classes with the best attendance this week are Ruby and Moonstone with 98.5%. Brilliant!

Thought for the week

Miss Evangelos sent me this week's thought for the week which I thought would be perfect to share. It's a bit of a read but well worth it for the message it delivers.

Couldn't have said it better myself.

Dear parents at Christmas,
a letter from a teacher,
I know at this time of year there is pressure to create a perfect magical Christmas. I know that you want to give them the magic of santa and ensure he brings the best gifts and sometimes that means a bit of stress for you, but I'm writing to tell you a secret. I'm writing to tell you that every January when your child comes back to school they tell me all about the Christmas holidays. They tell me about the days when everyone stayed indoors and watched TV. They tell me about the walk in the freezing cold to get a McDonald's. They tell me about staying at Grandma's and then being excited when you came back from work. They tell me about how you let them snuggle in your bed. They tell me how you played cards and took them swimming one day and forgot their towel. They tell me about a visit to a friend's on New year's Eve and how they stayed up to midnight. They tell me how they loved staying in their PJ's some days and a trip out another day. They mention their gifts, but for them Christmas is you and your love and time and routines and feeling safe. You are their favourite thing!
Merry Christmas

Spend  **not** 

And I know, from my own 24 year old daughter, when she talks about the Christmases she remembers as child, it's never about the presents she got but always about what we did, where we went, who we saw and when we played 'that game of monopoly that lasted for 3 hours!'.
Just off to get ready for panto – oh yes I am! Have a brilliant weekend.

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Happy Friday everyone!

This has been another lovely week; we have started to explore the upcoming exciting festival of Christmas! The children have been very interested to learn about how the season is celebrated in different parts of the world. We looked at the festival of St Nicholas in Romania and also at the beautiful star lanterns, called parols, that are made in the Philippines at Christmas. The children really do enjoy looking at the different parts of the world on our globe and talking about families from other countries.

As you know, next week is our Christmas performance week, we hope that you will all be able to come and see us sing. The children have worked very hard to learn everything and sound amazing. We are very proud of them. While next week will be very exciting, it may also be a tiring time and we may all need a little bit of extra sleep!

As well as performing daily, the children will be continuing to learn about different aspects of Christmas and how it is celebrated across the world.

Now that the children are wearing more clothes to keep warm, please try to make sure that all of their items are named to avoid confusion.

Have a lovely weekend – perhaps you will be able to spot some Christmas lights over the weekend?

The Nursery Team ☺

Reception

Christmas has arrived in Reception and the children have been busy helping Santa with his Christmas preparations. They have been designing and building new toys using their drawing and junk modelling skills. They have been using their measuring skills to wrap presents and their writing to address labels for their presents. They have even been designing Christmas stamps.

In literacy, we have been learning to how to write a sentence and then used our phonics skills to help write a 'Letter to Santa' including their present list and information about themselves. The children have also been thinking up questions they would ask Santa if they met him. In maths, we have started to learn about estimation. They have been estimating the number of objects in a group and then counting to check how close their estimation was.

We have been very busy practising for our Christmas production. Thank you for providing the children with their costumes. We are looking forward to seeing you all next week and hope that we will be in good voice! Please would you ensure that the children are on time for school next week as we are one of the first class to perform and need to change into our costumes as soon as registration is finished.

Next week we will continue our Christmas and advent theme, there will be lots of creative activities going on.

Learning ideas

We have finished the first set of our phonics sounds. Daily practice of the sounds can really help to embed this learning for the children.

Practise segmenting and identify sounds in simple words and then encourage the children have a go at writing them.

e.g. encourage them to say the word: cat
Segment the words into individual sounds: c-a-t
Write the individual sounds down.

We are starting to introduce the mathematical language of adding and subtracting. Give your children simple single digit sums, using this language. Use real object to demonstrate.

e.g. I have 5 spoons and you subtract (take away) 2 spoons. How many do I have left?

We have 5 carrots and add 2 more. How many do we have altogether?

If you are wrapping presents, please talk to them about their shape and properties. We have introduced the 3-D shapes of sphere, cuboid and cube.

Next week

Monday – Friday 9.15am: Christmas Production

Wednesday 12th December: Christmas Jumper Day. Wear a Christmas jumper and donate £1

Wednesday 12th December: Christmas Lunch

We are walking to church on the last day of term, if you are able to help walk to church please could you let the class teacher know.

Hope you have a great weekend. Enjoy the Panto.

The Reception Team

Year 1

This week we have continued to practise our songs for the show, we are sure you will really enjoy watching them next week. Please remember to bring in your child's costume if you haven't already done so.

In maths this week we have been recapping all the things we have learnt so far, we are so proud of all the things we have learnt this term!

In literacy we wrote a character description for 'The Grinch'. It was fun because lots of us have seen the film and that really helped us to do some super writing!

In RE we have been learning the Christmas story and acting out scenes from it.

In PSHE we have been learning about why it is important to be unique and recognising why we are all individual and are all special.

Show and Tell group – Hippos (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.

Please practise your Christmas songs and singing loudly and clearly!

Year 2

In Literacy this week, we all worked extremely hard to re-write the story of the 'Princess and the Pea' in our own words. We concentrated on using accurate punctuation and including interesting vocabulary. Also, we have been helping Monty the penguin by writing a persuasive letter to Santa asking if he could help Monty to find a penguin friend. We have created fascinating posters about penguins using information found using an internet search engine and non-fiction texts.

As part of our RE learning we looked at and sequenced pictures from the story of the Nativity and identified clues which tell us that Jesus was a special baby. We wrote captions to explain what was happening in each picture. In DT we have added features to our fantastic hand puppets! Next week we will be sewing each part together and evaluating our finished puppets.

In Maths we have been finding out more about 3D shapes, naming them and identifying their properties using Mathematical vocabulary. We have been practising our Christmas production performances. Our dances are really coming along well and we're so excited to show you all! Thank you for our costumes they look great!

Reminder – We will be completing our 'Dead Famous' topic in an exciting way with a Roald Dahl

week. We will also be having a Roald Dahl themed class party on Tuesday 18th December at 1.15pm. Roald Dahl's favourite colour was yellow so please bring yellow party clothes in a bag or if you would rather dress up as a Roald Dahl character then that would be fab too!

Homework: Please read the information about Roald Dahl and answer the comprehension questions in your book.

Key vocab for this week: 3D, sphere, cylinder, cone, cube, cuboid, triangular prism, square based pyramid, edges, vertices, faces, persuasive, facts, headings, sub-headings, design, evaluation.

School Office

School Uniform - PMG Schoolwear – moving



On 17th December - PMG SCHOOLWEAR IS MOVING to a new bigger and brighter shop only five minutes away at: 393-395 Hook Rd, Chessington, KT9 1EL.

The phone number will remain as 020 8786 2211 and our email address will remain as tolworth@pmgretail.co.uk for the time being.

Christmas Production seats

We can confirm that we have been able to allocate everyone their first choice of seats. There are lists outside each classroom. If you would like to change your 'booking' please let the school office know and we will do our best to accommodate you on a different day. Please note, however, that Friday's performance is full.

Friends

Well the Elves outdid themselves this year. What a Christmas fair it was!

Mrs Christmas would like to THANK EVERYONE who came to the fair, without your support these events would not be possible. A big, big THANK YOU to the many Elves that helped throughout November. Thanks for keeping the magic alive, thanks to those who came and played the tombola at last night's light switch on outside Manny's and to those that gave up their time to run the stall.

The team really put in so much effort, and thanks to everyone who came raised a record breaking amount of money. We are still counting and verifying all your lovely dosh but early indications are that we took just over £4000!!! on Saturday so together with our advertising boards, the Tree decoration workshops, Christmas Fair Programme, the Calendar, Tombola stall at the Village Lights 'switch on' and the Wreath/Table centre workshops next week, we will SMASH our £6k target and maybe get close to £7k for Christmas all in. So THANK YOU!

Please come along to the joint schools' Christmas Drinks at the Red Lion in Thames Ditton from 8pm on Wednesday (12th) night to celebrate surviving a very busy term!

Next week we will be selling calendars in the bike sheds each morning, so while you are queuing up for the Christmas Production there will be another chance to buy them for that ideal Christmas present. Thanks again to everyone involved in creating and sponsoring them.

The wreath workshop and table centre workshop take place on Monday at the George Evelyn pub from 8pm till 10pm see the flyer attached. please contact Desiree on desireeharris@sky.com for a place.

A West End show - That Cabaret - is coming to Long Ditton. They will be performing at the George Evelyn pub with all the proceeds going to Long Ditton infants school. This one is *strictly* for the adults. 17th January, Doors 7pm for 8.00pm show.

Have a great weekend
Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Friendship



Miller
Frankie M
Amaan
Isabelle
Esther
Eilidh

Golden Certificates:

Alfie R
Jacob D
Max
Jack D
Charlie H
Noa
Isabel
Freddie F
Edward
Ella
Elena
Robin
Marley
Georgina

Credit Card:



Amaya
Alana

Outside Achievements:

Sylvie has completed 22x 2km park runs to receive her Marathon wrist band
Lottie was awarded Rainbow of the week and made her Rainbow Promise
Miller made her Rainbow Promise and received her Animal Lover's badge
Quentin was awarded ASA Rainbow 5m swimming award
Erin achieved Stage 3 swimming certificate

DIARY DATES

December 2018

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 17th	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

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



9th December

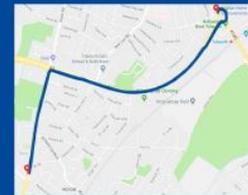
Meet by the tree next to Manny's.
All welcome.
Join us on Facebook to find out more!

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ON DECEMBER 17TH

Only 4 minutes away

393-395 Hook Road
Chessington
Surrey
KT9 1EL



- * Close to Tesco Express and The Post Office
- * Only 50 yards from Hook and Chessington Library
- * Free Parking available outside or opposite in Sainsbury's Local carpark

Christmas Wreath / Table Centre Workshop

Monday 10th December, 8-10 pm
The George Evelyn

£25 for a 10" wreath OR £25 for a table centre
(including decorations)

Places are limited so book early.

Contact Desiree desireeharris@sky.com



JOIN US FOR A FABULOUS EVENING...
THURSDAY 17TH JANUARY 2019

That Cabaret **2 FOR 1 PIZZAS**

THIS FABULOUS WEST END SHOW IS COMING TO WOW US IN LONG DITTON

TICKETS £12 in advance / £15 on the door
AT The George Evelyn
HOSTED BY Stewart Briggs
7:30PM FOR 8PM START

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:
desireeharris@sky.com
07932542380
or visit the George Evelyn

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT ARE GOING TO LONG DITTON INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

OVER 18'S ONLY