



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

30th November 2018

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Wow! The school looks fabulously Christmassy! Thank you so much to all the parents and carers, teachers and children for working together spectacularly to make our school look wonderful. In the words of one parent "Mrs Paines, this was the best annual leave day ever!" Congratulations everyone!

Good Manners Table

Mary, Harvey, George, Olivia, Poppy, Sophia and Carlos all joined me on the good manners table this week. There was really only one topic of conversation – Christmas!

The Kindness Christmas Tree

Over the next two and half weeks we are helping the children to demonstrate how kind they can be. If an adult in school sees a child being kind to another child, helping someone, using their hands gently, tidying up without being asked – just being kind to others, they will be given a green hand print. They will write their names on the hand print and this will be added to the Kindness Christmas Tree. The challenge for the whole school will be to see if we can fill the tree up to the star and if we do the children decided that they would like a PJ afternoon to celebrate how kind we can be 😊

Birthday Books

There were no birthday books this week!

Class with the most attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Sapphire (once again) with 98.5%. Brilliant!

Thought for the week

'Listen with ears of tolerance, see through eyes of compassion, speak with the language of love'
Rumi

See you at the Christmas Fair!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Happy Friday everyone!

We have had another lovely week in Nursery although the change in season seems to be making everyone very sleepy by the end of the day. We have been exploring the *Mousehole Cat* story and discussing the weather we have experienced. Perhaps the Storm Cat is the one who has made it so windy recently. The children were very interested to find out that Mousehole is a real place – some of them have told us that they have been to Cornwall on holiday.

We have a very busy and exciting two weeks coming up and everyone will probably be even more tired than usual as we get ready for our wonderful Christmas performances, we are sure that you are looking forward to seeing this. The Nursery children have been working very hard to learn all of the words and actions to our song. We think they are amazing.

On the subject of the Christmas play – please could you tell us what character your child has decided to be (Mary, Joseph, star, sheep, shepherd, angel, king, donkey, cow) as soon as possible and if you are sending in your own costumes could we have them **NO LATER THAN Wednesday please**, in a named carrier bag.

On Wednesday Nursery will be having our Christmas party day, as you are aware we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1 for some party food and the children may wear party clothes or a Christmas jumper if they would like to.

Sadly, we will not be able to visit the library or have our scheduled baking session next week, we will start these again in January. We are sorry to Alison and Eimear who had volunteered to help. The children have really appreciated these experiences this term and would like to thank all our lovely volunteer parents – THANK YOU Eimear, Sarah, Eryn and Christine. We hope you will be able to help us again next year.

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 – how many Christmas trees can you see when you are out and about?

The Nursery Team ☺

Reception

This week in Reception, we have been celebrating Hanukkah: exploring the story and talking about how the festival is celebrated. We have also looked at the similarities and differences between Hanukkah, Bonfire Night and Diwali. The children have had fun making dreidels and played the dreidel game, which involving lots of counting and estimation. On Tuesday we made a painting of a menorah using handprints.

In maths, we have been exploring capacity. We predicted which sized and shaped bottle holds the most water and found different ways of measuring the volume of water. We have also been learning how to programme the beebots while practising both our number and phonics knowledge.

We had a fun afternoon making Christmas decorations for our classroom and school hall. Thanks to all the parents, grandparents and other family members who came to help us. The classroom and school look amazing.

Next week, we are starting to celebrate Christmas and will be practising for our Christmas production. Please can you remember to practise your song and let us know if you need any help with costumes. Please could you ensure that costumes are in a named bag and in school by **Wednesday**, ready for our dress rehearsal. We are setting up a Santa's Grotto in our role play area so any donations of old wrapping paper, sellotape or gift tags would be much appreciated.

Just a plea for you to ensure that the children do not bring toys from home into school. The children are upset if their toys get lost and they are a distraction at carpet time. Lots of Lego, coins, rings and jewels seem to be making their way to school in children's pockets.

Next week we are learning more about estimation and writing out letter to Santa.

Home learning ideas:

- Practise blending simple words. Please use FRED talk for simple words and ask you child to blend the sounds and tell you what you have said.
- Make some cakes and talk about why we measure some ingredients on scales and some in a jug.
- Challenge: find the biggest glass in your house. Get the children to measure how much water each type of glass in your kitchen holds.
- Practise estimation: ask your child to estimate the number of forks in the drawer, the number of carrots on their plate and then count them.

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.

Have a great weekend and see you at the Christmas Fair.

Reception Team

Year 1

This week we have been so busy practising for our Christmas show. We have learnt our songs and our dances are coming on well as well. We have sent out the song lyrics for you to practise at home if you have a spare 5 minutes.

We will need the costumes in school by **Wednesday 6th December**. Here's another reminder of what we are doing.

Sapphire: We will be singing 'Christmas Cheer' to the tune of Mamma Mia, therefore please can your child bring in an ABBA style costume.

Moonstone: We will be singing 'Reach for the Stars' therefore please can your child bring in a costume to do with stars. Anything star will be great!

If you have any questions, see your class teachers.

In maths this week we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties, we have been counting their sides, corners and faces. We played guess the shape game, using feely bags.

In literacy we have been planning our monster stories. We decided on a beginning, middle and end which included a problem and then the problem being solved. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we found some clues that monsters had been in our school. We then designed a wanted poster for the monsters using lots of adjectives to describe them.

On Friday we had a very exciting afternoon creating Christmas decorations for the school ready for the Christmas fair. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Show and Tell group – Giraffes (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: Look for shapes in the environment and describe their properties.

Literacy: Play my turn/ your turn game with your child asking questions using the how, why, what, when, who question words.

Vocabulary

Maths – money, coin, pence, pound, amount, 2D shape, circle, triangle, square, rectangle, pentagon, hexagon, quadrilateral sides, corners, properties

Literacy – question, question mark, how, what, why, when, where, punctuation, full stop, exclamation mark,

Year 2

This week we have been very creative! We followed our puppet designs to begin creating our hand puppets using a variety of fabrics and materials. Next week we will add different features and begin to sew our puppets together. We had a lovely afternoon on Friday creating different Christmas decorations with support from some very helpful grown-ups! We have been practising our Christmas production performances. As part of our RE learning, we have been finding out about the symbols of Christmas.

Our Literacy learning has been based around the story "The Tunnel" by Anthony Browne. We came up with some very imaginative ideas for what might be found at the end of the tunnel. We compared and wrote about the characters in the story, using ideas from both the text and the illustrations. Having read the whole story, we thought about how we could explain what happened to one of the characters and why.

This week in Maths we have been learning about directional and positional language. We talked about making turns – $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and whole turns and the direction of each turn – clockwise or anti-clockwise. We have been investigating lines of symmetry which are found in 2D shapes. Does every 2D shape have 1 line of symmetry or can we find more?

Of course, one of the highlights of the week was our trip to Wagamama! We had a great time! We

looked at, smelled and tasted different ingredients that go into the tasty meals. We also tasted some delicious fruit smoothies and ate our own noodle meal. Thanks so much to the parents who helped out. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Fair tomorrow!

Next week we will be helping Monty the penguin in Literacy by writing a persuasive letter. We will also be creating a fact sheet about penguins using information found using an internet search engine and non-fiction texts. In Maths we will be finding out more about 3D shapes and in DT we will continue making our fantastic glove puppets.

Homework: Please complete the 3D shape investigation.

Key vocab for this week: inference, prediction, compare, symmetrical, lines of symmetry, direction, position, clockwise, anti-clockwise, angle, right angle, symbols, Nativity.

School Office

Christmas Production booking forms

We can confirm that we have been able to allocate everyone their first choice of seats. If you can't remember what your first choice is, next week we will be putting up class lists outside the classrooms so that you can check! 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

1 more sleep to go!

It feels like the whole school year builds up to this point and the amount of work that has gone into the Christmas Fair is unreal!

Firstly, a big THANK you to Richard, Ben, Nick, Matt, Amy, Jessica and Desirée who came last weekend to give the school a big sweep in

readiness for the Fair, we were certainly leaf FREE by Monday

Huge thanks to the volunteers who ran the Decoration workshop this week. A special THANK you to Ilse Bredenoord whose vision was carried out by many. Thanks to everyone that signed up to do the workshops. It was very popular and we apologise to those who missed out. The interest in these workshops has grown from year to year, with more volunteers next year we'll aim to accommodate more children. But we can't do this without parent helpers and this is the limit to how many children we can accommodate please bare this in mind for 2019!

Thank you to everyone who has been dropping off contributions this week, we are still collecting raffle tickets and these will be available on the day to buy too.

We have some incredible prizes this year;

1. Party entertainment package donated by Playhouse Parties (£240)
<http://www.playhouseparties.co.uk>
2. A month's free family membership donated by Nuffield Health
3. A family ticket to Hansel & Gretel donated by The Rose Theatre, Kingston
4. Sigma Sports voucher (£50)
5. A bottle of Thames Ditton Gin
6. Six weeks of football lessons donated by Key Sports Academy
7. Meal for two at Langleys
8. Imago photoshoot
9. Boden voucher (£50)
10. Hobbledown family day pass

We also have awesome prizes in the Posh Tombola;

- ❖ Aquanaut Scuba
- ❖ Albury Wine Estate
- ❖ Avondale Gymnastics
- ❖ Bachmann's Patisserie
- ❖ Bodyworks with Sarb
- ❖ Calasara Fitness
- ❖ Carmella Patisserie

- ❖ Click Studios
- ❖ Colin Bull Swimming
- ❖ Community Advantages
- ❖ Cook Surbiton
- ❖ Côte Esher
- ❖ Crafty Café
- ❖ Flamingo Paperie
- ❖ Garsons Esher
- ❖ Giggling Squid
- ❖ Glitter Sparkles
- ❖ Headmasters Surbiton
- ❖ Hullabaloo crafts
- ❖ Impact Dance Studios
- ❖ Jessops Kingston
- ❖ Jamie Lloyd Fitness
- ❖ Jo Jingles
- ❖ Julie Burnett Art
- ❖ Katie Corcoran
- ❖ Key Sports Academy
- ❖ Kids Bee Happy
- ❖ Little Golfers Sandown
- ❖ Long Ditton Guides and Rangers
- ❖ Magic Faces
- ❖ Maggie's Workshop
- ❖ Marks & Spencer
- ❖ Music with Mummy
- ❖ Neal's Yard
- ❖ Party LOL
- ❖ Pippa McCosh Photography
- ❖ Playball Thames Ditton
- ❖ Pleiades Leisure
- ❖ Raven's Ait
- ❖ Robin's Bobbins
- ❖ Rock and Rose Photography
- ❖ Rock Steady
- ❖ Sainsbury's Surbiton
- ❖ Shetland Pony Club
- ❖ Sigma Sports
- ❖ Squires
- ❖ Starbucks Surbiton
- ❖ Starlight Photography
- ❖ Surbiton Fish and Chips
- ❖ Surbiton Racket & Fitness Club
- ❖ Surrey Dance Addicts
- ❖ The George Evelyn Pub
- ❖ The Surbiton Chiropractor
- ❖ Tots to Travel
- ❖ Treasure Trails

- ❖ Wagamama Kingston
- ❖ Waitrose Surbiton
- ❖ Your Guitar Academy

Other great things at the Fair this year are:

- ❖ BBQ
- ❖ Bar
- ❖ Teachers' Café
- ❖ Face Painting
- ❖ Lucky Loot Bags
- ❖ Bottle Tombola
- ❖ Elfridges
- ❖ Pot Pourri
- ❖ Calendars & Jumpers
- ❖ Snow Globes
- ❖ Santa's Grotto
- ❖ Buck a Rudolph
- ❖ Christmas Cracker Game / Lucky Dip
- ❖ Candy Cane Game / Pin the nose on Rudolph
- ❖ Craft Stall
- ❖ Sweet stall
- ❖ Decorate a Cup Cake

We are also supporting our local community and having a Christmas Market with plenty of lovely gifts to buy.

We would like to THANK ALL of our sponsors and contributors. The parents and carers that have given up their time to make the fair what it is.

Well done to all the Elves. You've wrapped, made, cut and glued. ticketed, folded, taped and carried. Without your HELP it wouldn't be possible. THANK you

We hope to see you all at the FAIR. The Elves promise you'll have fun, and all the profits raised go directly to the school to make it the amazing place it is. The impact helps YOUR children learn, grow and develop and it helps retain the fabulous teaching and key school staff that we all love; it helps keep the school fun, beautiful, fun, supportive, loving and fun (did I mention how much fun the children have there?) now and in the future.

See you tomorrow. The Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Tolerance



Isabella A
Megan S
James
Mary
Albie
Henry

Golden Certificates:

Joshua L
Isabella C
Betsy
Zach L
Poppy H
Ellis
All of Amethyst class
Olivia S
Tate
All of Diamond class
Phillip
Millie L E
Louis B
Amelie O'S
Wilf
Sophie G
Louis G
Lara
Oscar P
Isobel
Tom
Ava D-F
Max
Jack Wa
Vristhi
Jack D
Anya
Ethan C

Credit Card:



Millie L E
Oscar F S

Nathan – 5
Ava – 5
Sofia - 5

Outside Achievements:

Michael achieved Stanley swimming certificate stage 2
Iris T achieved stage 3 ASA learn to swim award
Rory was awarded player of the week at Goals
Lara was awarded the Aquafun Rainbows cup

DIARY DATES

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

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

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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