



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

4th January 2019 – Happy New Year!

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a very lovely Christmas, a super New Year and most importantly a well-earned rest! Having spoken to lots of children today it sounds as if you all had a wonderful time celebrating with family and friends. Most of the children talked about what they ate for dinner and how much chocolate they were allowed to eat. Only when asked did they say what their presents were. I must investigate LOL dolls? Apparently they are the thing to have this year! It is brilliant to see you all and I know we are all looking forward to a productive and successful new year!

Thank you very much



Thank you everyone who gave me gifts and cards for Christmas. I thoroughly loved all of them and I really appreciate the kind words and thoughts from everyone. Thank you!

More active Pledge with PALSS



As the new year is a perfect time to pledge to be more active I would like to let you know that as part of our commitment to keep working towards being a healthy school we have pledged to include even more physical activity during the school day. Working with Active Surrey and Surrey Healthy Schools we are taking part in PALSS. This is a commitment made by us to increase physical activity for all children and staff. More information will follow but two things we have signed up to do include making assemblies and homework more physically active! Watch this space to find out more!

Creative Week

The week of 14th January is Creative week. During the week, children will be doing lots of exciting activities based around art and DT, drama and music. As part of Creative week, each class will be learning about an artist and then making their own piece of art based on the artist's work and techniques.

On Friday 18th January, we will hold an art exhibition showcasing all the artwork the children have made during the week. Parents and carers are invited to come and see the artwork. The school will be open early from 2.45pm for parents/carers to come into the hall for the exhibition, before picking up their child at the end of the school day. It will be a great event and we look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Mrs Maclver

Birthday Books

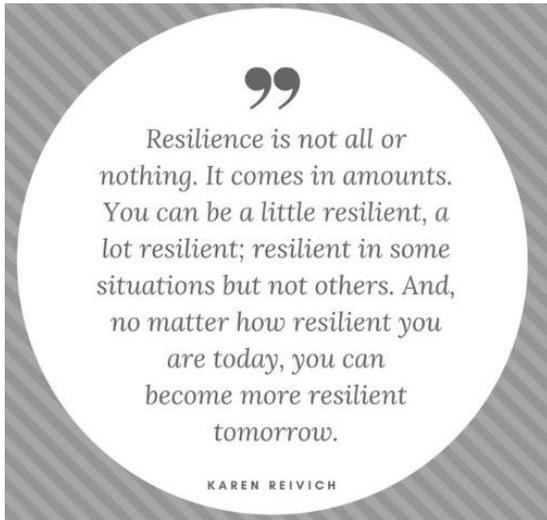
Thank you to Matthew, Georgia and Sophie C for choosing birthday books to give to their classes.

Zebra Crossing

Please remember that it is very dangerous to park on or near the zebra crossing. We have asked anyone who sees someone parked on or near the crossing to inform the local police. The most common reason for parking dangerously is 'I was running late'. It would be so tragic to have a major accident because someone was running late – and the person behind that accident would have to live with the fact that they were the cause of it – even though they were running late. For the sake of all of your children **park safely**.

Thought for the week

The new Value of the month is Resilience and I saw this and loved the thoughts behind it!



Have a splendid weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Happy New Year!

It has been wonderful to welcome back the children for the start of 2019. We are looking forward to a fabulous term and to meeting our new friends who are joining us in Nursery soon.

Our new topic is "People Who Help Us" and the children have already started to express their interest in some of the jobs that adults do. If you work in one of the following career fields and would be able to visit Nursery to talk about your job please let us know: doctor, builder, firefighter, police officer, hairstylist, train/bus/tram driver, pilot or any other job you think would interest the children.

We would also be very grateful if volunteers would be able to help with our baking and library days again. These are wonderful experiences for the children and we value your time a lot. There is a sign-up sheet outside Nursery. Please remember that you must be DBS checked and have attended a Safeguarding workshop – thank you.

From this month, Nursery will be included in the whole school Celebration assemblies on Friday mornings. This is a time for the whole school to get

together and celebrate achievement both in and out of school. It is also very useful for the children to begin to experience assemblies. If your child has received any certificates or achievements from an out of school activity, please bring them to the school office so that they can be included in the assembly.

As winter is now starting to bite – please make sure that your child is warmly dressed and that all their items are named.

We would ask that, if possible, you leave your toys and items from home at home as these can be the cause of tears and disagreements within the class environment.

We would love some more "Wow leaves" for our special class tree – this can be anything you thought was wow – not necessarily an activity, just something that makes the children proud. We will leave some blank leaves outside the classroom for you to use, or you can make your own.

Finally, thank you all again very much for your lovely Christmas gifts!

Have a happy weekend.

The Nursery Team 😊

Reception

We hope you had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas and New year. We wanted to say a big thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts we received at the end of last term. We were very touched by the lovely messages and thoughtful gifts.

We have been really impressed with how quickly all the children have settled back into routines and their eagerness to learn this week. We have started the new term by writing about what we did during the Christmas holidays.

Next week, we will start our topic on Traditional Tales. We will start the topic by focusing on the story 'The Three Little Pigs.' Please help your child by recapping the story with them over the weekend in preparation. We will be working in groups to

make a story map and building our own three little pigs' houses using a variety of different materials.

Just a reminder, if your child has a reading record please can you briefly comment in it after reading the book each time with your child. This lets us know if your child has read the book at home. Please see us if there are any questions. We will be collecting in FRED folders next week and changing reading books/word lottos.

Home learning ideas:

- Read the story 'The Three Little Pigs' and discuss what happens in the story;
- Design your own house for a little pig;
- Make your own number line using different materials, for example 1 bottle, two balls, three pens.

Have a super weekend!

Thank you

Reception Team

Year 1

Happy new year! We hope you all had a restful break. The children have been eager to get straight back into their learning. In maths, we have been focusing on using a hundred square to add 10, we did this by selecting a number then adding 10 by looking at the number directly below this number on the hundred square. We then wrote the number sentence for example $13 + 10 = 23$.

In literacy, we discussed what we got up to in the Christmas holidays and then wrote about this using capital letters and full stops. We also wrote about our favourite thing that we did.

In PHSE, we reflected on last year and then spoke about our new year resolutions and what we were most looking forward to in the year ahead.

In ICT, we used the Chromebooks and went on to the purple mash programme. We then had a go at coding, we programmed different fish to move!

Home Learning

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

Maths: We have sent the children home with hundred squares; have a go at using them to add 10 to the number. If you want a challenge, try adding 20 or 15.

Show and tell – 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.

Year 2

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely, relaxing Christmas break and thank you again for all of your kind gifts and cards. The children have been keen to share their holiday news and have written brilliant recounts using better bubbles to improve their writing.

This term our new topic is **A Ticket to Anywhere**, which is Geography and PSHE based. We began by discussing, if we could travel anywhere where would we go and if our families have ever lived in a different country. We then designed our own island, remembering to include man-made and natural features, such as places people could buy food and areas for leisure and sporting activities, for example.

In PSHE we have been reflecting on the past year, thinking about our favourite times and one thing we would do again if we could. We looked forward to the exciting events to come in 2019 and thought of dreams and goals for our New Year's resolutions.

This week in Maths we have been continuing to learn about time. We have been reading o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to times and some of us read the time to 5 minutes! Please practise reading the time as often as possible at home. Why not see if you can tell the time with your family. What time do you need to leave the house to come to school? What time do you get home?

Key vocabulary: minutes, hours, time, half past, quarter past, quarter to, o'clock, emotions, man-made, natural, resolution, goal.

Comics needed!

Soon we are going to be creating our own superhero comic strips and if you have any examples of **comics** for us to look at, please could you bring them in to school.

Thank you!

School Office

Any changes to contact details?

Please remember to inform the school office if any contact information needs to be updated for your child eg. mobile numbers, email address including any changes to those who are on our records as emergency contacts for your child. Please email any changes to the school office or drop a note in the black 'Office Post' box. Thank you.

Friends

Happy New Year! Hopefully everyone is feeling positive about 2019 and those resolutions are still intact, and best of luck to anyone doing dry January!

We are excited and looking forward to the activities planned for this year; That Cabaret, The Ball, Yarn bombing, The Quiz, cake sales, Ground force days, The Summer Fair and Dragon Boat racing ... lots to get involved in! We will be having a meeting next Wednesday 9th Jan from 8pm at the George Evelyn to discuss upcoming events and all our welcome to attend.

Just to remember the Christmas Fair for a second, we raised an astonishing £6.8K with the takings on the day, the advertising boards, the Programme, the Calendar, the light switch on and our Workshops so a great start to the year. Thanks again, we know it was exhausting but we really couldn't do it without you.

We still have spaces at our Cabaret night on the 17th Jan. See the flyer for more details. This is a new event for us and also the first time we have put on a show externally to the school which has come about due to the strengthening relationship between the Friends and the George Evelyn pub

who will host and give us a percentage of the night's bar takings. For tickets please use the attached form and return to the red Friends post box, come and see us in the bike sheds next Friday 11th at pick up when we'll be selling them or email to desireeharris@sky.com.

We'll be holding a raffle during the night so if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts from Great Aunt Whats-her-name who really doesn't know you very well, please pop them into the Friends boxes in the bike sheds anytime.

If you would like to buy a calendar, there is still chance, these are now £4 so pop a request with the money into the red friends post box and we'll get one to you.

Also, BREAKING NEWS, there are a few tickets available for the Ball. This was a sensational sell out initially but there have been a few people that now can't make it so we have some seats available for the Bollywood theme Ball on Ravens Ait in Kingston. If you would like a ticket, use the above email or catch us at the school. Email longdittonfriends@outlook.com for the order form.

Have a great weekend

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Friendship

Resilience

Golden Certificates:

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Outside Achievements:

Forrest
Erin
Harvey
Arsad
Parth
Daniel B
Claudia

Sophie G
Zac
Frankie O'B
Jessie
Sophia S
Ellis
Sapphire Class
Florence W-M
Mary
Sofia
Grace
Teddy
George C
Fynn

Jessie– 7
Matthew– 7
Archie– 5
Georgia– 5
Sophie C – 5
Amaya - 6

Sophia A swam 20m by herself during the holidays.
Martha received her Learn to Swim stage 4 certificate

DIARY DATES

January 2019

Thursday 3 rd	8.45am return to school/nursery for Spring Term
Monday 14 th	Start of Creative week
Thursday 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.05am Diamond class assembly 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
Friday 18 th	2.45pm Art Exhibition in hall – all welcome before collecting your child
Tuesday 22 nd	Yr 2 Diamond class to Stokes Field
Wednesday 23 rd	Yr 2 Amethyst class to Stokes Field
Thursday 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.05am Amethyst class assembly School Nurse 4+ screening
Thursday 31 st	9.05am Sapphire class assembly

February 2019

Thursday 7 th	9.05am Moonstone class assembly
Friday 15 th	Finish for half term break at 3.05pm
18 th -22 nd February	Half term break – school closed
Monday 25 th	Return to school at 8.45am

EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

Advertisement from The Friends

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