



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

14th December 2018

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful week this has been! The children have delighted us all with their fabulous singing and dancing in our Christmas Production and I hope you are all as proud of them as we are. Simply fantastic everyone – thank you and very well done indeed!

300 Acts of Kindness



Our kind hand Christmas tree is full! That means that over the last two weeks the children have demonstrated over 300 acts of kindness while in school. What a kind school we are ☺ **The children voted for PJ afternoon so on**

Monday 17th December the children should come to school in their uniform but bring with them a bag with PJ's in. After lunch we will all get changed into our PJ's to celebrate how kind we have been. When Santa visits next week he will be awarding presents to the kindest class and the three people who have the most kindness hands on the tree.

Volunteers to help walk to the church

Please let your class teacher know if you are able to help walk to the church and back with us next week on Wednesday 19th December. All parents and carers are welcome to come to the church for 9.15am to help us celebrate as part of our end of term jublations.

Good Manners Table

This week on my good manners table were Declan, Mary, Isla, Kaitlin, Oscar and Hattie. Only one topic of conversation – Christmas!

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Please make sure that we have your correct telephone numbers to contact you in case of emergency. This number should be one that will be answered so that we can tell you what the emergency is, for example if your child is poorly, and arrange for them to be collected. It is not our policy to email, whatsapp or use other media because we want to be able to speak to parents or carers immediately. The children always feel better if we can tell them that we have spoken to their parents and carers and that they are on their way. I know sometimes over Christmas phones might be delivered by Santa – if you do get a new one, please let us know the new phone number!

Staff Car Park

Please remember that the car park is for staff use only and is strictly out of bounds to parents and carers, either in their cars or on their feet. The car park is private property and a very dangerous place to be.

Hats, Gloves, Coats and Scarves

We have a mighty fine collection of unnamed hats, gloves, scarves and coats building up. Please ensure that your child has a suitably warm coat and names are written on EVERYTHING so that anything that is lost can be returned to its rightful owner. The 'Watering Can' is out permanently at the moment and this means that all children must have their coat on when they go outside. If they don't have a coat, we do give them a lost property one – which they don't like very much!

Pantomime Thanks!



Thank you so much to everyone who came to support us in our panto this year. We all hope you enjoyed it – oh yes we do! I must thank everyone who helped, either on stage, back stage, prop making and set

designing. It was a great show to be involved in and the best news is that we raised £2758! That money will go to buy new books for the children – home reading books and books for a special project per year group. There will be DVD of the panto if you would like one.

LDIN Aladdin Panto DVDs

We are able to produce a limited number of Aladdin DVDs from Friday night's performance. In the past, these have proved to be extremely popular with the children and many are still watched every year! If you would like a copy to amuse your children between the end of term and Christmas, please send in £5 in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly written on the outside. Please post in the the black 'Office Post' box. All orders will need to be in on Monday to allow us enough time to make the copies.

The DVDs are MP4 files and will work on DVD players or computers (using either Windows Media player, VLC or Quicktime player or you can download a free application

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/p/universal-video-downloader-uvd/9pl0h1ftc88t?activetab=pivot:overviewtab>

Class with the most attendance

The classes with the best attendance this week are Diamond Class with a whopping 99.3%. Dazzling!

Thought for the week

'A friend is the one who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words.' (Couldn't find the author to those words – but very powerful this week after all the singing!)

Have a magnificent weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Happy Friday everyone!

What a wonderful week – five amazing performances by the Nursery children. We are so very proud of how well the children coped with performing each day and how beautifully they sang. Well done everyone! We hope you were all able to come and see the show and that you had a fabulous time.

Next week will be a short, but exciting, week for Nursery. We will be looking at more themes around Christmas and winter.

On Monday 17th **Nursery** children can come to Nursery wearing their pyjamas or onesie (if they wish) as a whole school reward for completing the Kind Hands Christmas tree. **Please remember it is cold and the children will still be playing outside in their pyjamas (with a coat on) so please put layers on underneath eg. vest, long sleeve t-shirt, tights.**

The last day for Nursery is Tuesday 18th December – normal Nursery session times.

Finally, thank you all very much for your lovely gifts! Have a wonderful, restful and joyous Christmas,

The Nursery Team ☺

Reception

We have had a lovely week in Reception. A massive well done to all the children for performing in the Christmas productions. We were very proud of all the children for remembering their lines and actions. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who came to watch and showed their support. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Next week we have a short week at school. We will be baking mince pies using filo pastry in class. We

will also be decorating Christmas cards and calendars. On Wednesday we will be going to the church to sing 'When Santa got stuck up the chimney' to the rest of the school. Parents and carers are welcome to attend; we look forward to seeing many of you there. If any parents/carers would like to help us walk the children to the church please speak to us at the end of the day, thank you.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all your help and support this term. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Home learning ideas:

- Write a Christmas card/ letter for Santa
- Wrap up presents using scissors and tape, this will help children with their fine motor skills
- Make a Christmas collage with old wrapping paper
- Use sticks/lego bricks to make 2D shapes

Thank you

Reception Team

Year 1

This week we have really enjoyed dressing up and singing and dancing in our Christmas show! We are sure you'll agree that the children did a fantastic job and are as proud of them as we are.

In Maths this week we have been using the skills we have learnt so far and applying our knowledge in our independent learning. We have made Christmas counting graphs and shape pictures.

In Literacy we have been writing Christmas stories and wrote a review of our show and what we enjoyed the most.

In ICT we have been using the chrome books to sign in and select a program.

In RE we have continued to learn the Christmas story and why we celebrate Christmas.

Show and Tell group – Monkeys (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.

- Get your child to write their own Christmas cards using their sounds with capital letters and finger spaces.
- Ask them to make a list of all the things you will need for Christmas, e.g. Crackers, decorations etc.

Year 2

What a fabulous Roald Dahl week we have had! We have found out lots of interesting facts about the author. Did you know Roald Dahl loved chocolate but not chocolate cake or chocolate ice cream?! We have created our own recipe for a Marvellous Medicine using lots of wonderful adjectives and bossy verbs (e.g. chop, mix, stir). In our descriptions of the BFG we used noun phrases to make our writing more interesting to read; e.g. This kind, friendly giant runs around on his long, skinny legs collecting dreams. In Art, we have been learning to draw in the style of Quentin Blake, creating our own versions of his illustrations for a Roald Dahl character.

We are so proud of the effort and enthusiasm the children have put into our Christmas Production this week. They have sung and danced beautifully with huge smiles on their faces. The speakers worked hard to learn their lines and spoke confidently and clearly. Well done to all!

We have now nearly all completed our fantastic hand puppets! We evaluated our finished puppets thinking about what went well, what was tricky and what we would change if we made our puppets again. As part of our RE learning we created a Christmas card using symbols found in the story of the Nativity.

Reminders:

Monday 17th December: PJs Kind hand reward and Yr 2 Class reward

As a reward for completing the Kind Hand Christmas Tree, all the children can bring in their pyjamas to change into on Monday afternoon. Please bring these in a named carrier bag. As well as this, Yr 2 have also earned their class rewards and the children chose to bring in a toy on Monday. Please remind your child that whatever toy is brought in to school is their responsibility to look after.

Tuesday 18th December: Roald Dahl Party

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! We are planning on having popcorn, party ring biscuits and afternoon fruit during our party. Please let us know if your child is unable to eat these.

Homework: To write a diary telling us about all the different things you do during the Christmas holidays. **Please return Homework Books on Thursday 3rd January, 2019.**

Key vocab for this week: noun phrase, inverted commas, bossy verbs, conjunctions, evaluation, Nativity, symbols, illustrator, author

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 the email address will remain as tolworth@pmgretail.co.uk for the time being.

Friends

The end of a year approaches and we are all feeling grateful and a little sentimental, Thanks to everyone who helped the Friends and the School this year it means so much! We hope everyone had a few good nights out this week!

Thanks to everyone who brought tea, coffee and Calendars this week and to those that helped to sell them. there are still some calendars left so if you would like one please put £5 cash or a cheque in an envelope marked 'Calendar' with your child's name and class in the red Friends' Post box.

We also still have spaces at our Cabaret night in the New Year. 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. We have made a commitment to pay for three performers and to cover the cost we must ensure we fill a minimum number of seats and although this is open to members of the public we wanted to make sure school parents and carers were offered places first before advertising elsewhere. Since we appreciate that it's an expensive time of year, if you would like to secure a seat/s with a non-refundable deposit of £3 per ticket, we will send out a reminder a week before the event to follow up with the balance. Please use the attached form and return to the red Friends post box or email to longdittonfriends@outlook.com

Looking further into the New Year we will be 'Yarn Bombing' Long Ditton just before Easter and involving as many other groups from the local community as possible to knit, crochet or make pompoms to decorate a few local landmarks and create a treasure hunt which you can enjoy during the Easter holidays. If you (or Granny or Auntie Sue) are a whizz with wool, a knitting needle nut, a pompom prince or would be happy to learn then please join our 'Knitty Committee' or just get knitting squares, flowers, chicks, eggs or buy wool to donate for others to use. More details to follow after Christmas and a kick off meeting.

One additional request, Congratulations to the winners of the prizes from the Raffle and Posh Tombola, however if you were not overly excited about your winnings, and cannot re-gift, we would be perfectly happy to have these donated back to us to use in other events. Send us a message on the above email.

Wishing everyone the best for the holidays, may the best of your past be the worst of your future.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Friendship



Amandine
William B
Arsad
Sophia S
Oscar G
Théo

Golden Certificates:

Diamond class
Emilia F
Alana
Isobel
Sapphire class
Moonstone class
Tuuli
Ruby class
Rahaf
Evelyn
Topaz class
Dylan S

Credit Card:



Zach L

Elsie - 4

Outside Achievements:

Tate & Eva helped to paint the Christmas window at the Museum of Futures on Brighton Road.
Georgina was invested as a Beaver at 1st Surbiton
Chaeyul achieved 25m Rainbow distance swimming award
Parth was awarded Duckling 2 swimming certificate and badge
Finley won a medal for 1st place in Tolworth Gymnastics Competition
Alex received the Best Beaver of the term trophy

DIARY DATES

December 2018

Monday 17 th	Whole school reward – bring PJ's to wear for the afternoon
Tuesday 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 2 Roald Dahl party - bring something yellow to wear or a character costume • 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
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 clerktogovs@longditton.surrey.sch.uk if you would like to attend
Tuesday 22 nd	Yr 2 Diamond class to Stokes Field
Wednesday 23 rd	Yr 2 Amethyst class to Stokes Field
Thursday 24 th	9.05am Amethyst class assembly
Thursday 31 st	9.05am Sapphire class assembly

February 2019

Thursday 7 th	9.05am Moonstone class assembly
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EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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



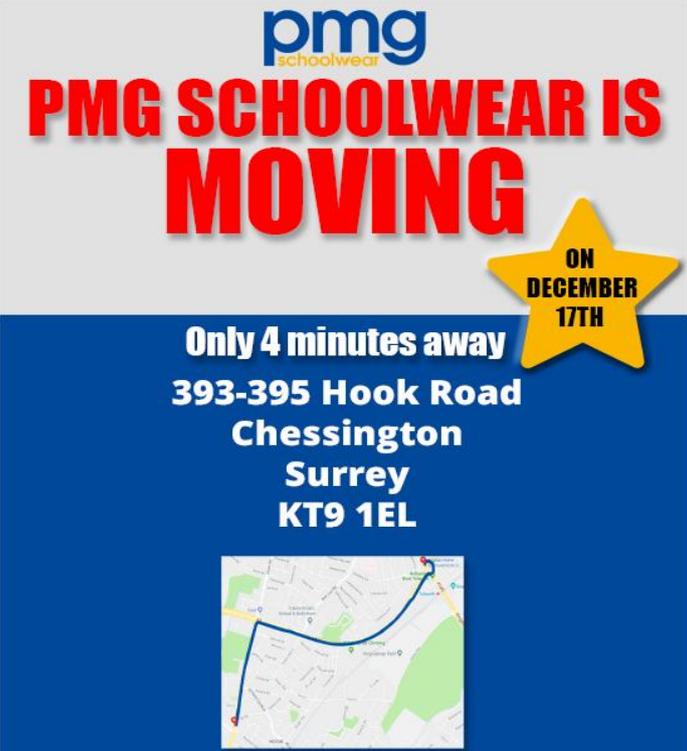
Christmas Holiday Activities

Cute Christmas Puppets
20th Dec 2018
11:00-12:00pm or
2:00-3:00pm
Cost: £4

Activity is for ages 6-12
Booking is essential

www.chertseymuseum.org/events
Call 01932 565764 to book your place

Chertsey Museum logo and other logos: The Olive Matthews Foundation, Runnymede Borough Council, and a Quality Standard logo.



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PMG SCHOOLWEAR IS MOVING

ON DECEMBER 17TH

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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 Sainsburys Local carpark

DJ MUSICA
SPANISH FOR KIDS

NEW CLASS STARTING
JAN 2019

WEDNESDAYS 4:45 - 5:30PM
AGES 6 - 8
LONG DITTON VILLAGE HALL
£6 PER CLASS

COME JOIN THE FIESTA AND SEE LANGUAGE COME ALIVE THROUGH MUSIC AND LAUGHTER TO BOOK A FREE TRIAL CONTACT KATE:

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07867318112
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@DJMUSICASpanishForKids



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