



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

1st February 2019

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations Sapphire Class for your super Super Hero assembly! The way you all spoke, sang and danced was wonderful and the message you told – that we can all be superheroes – spot on. I hope you are all very proud of yourselves – well done to you all!

Change One Thing – Home Reading Books

This week we began to change the way we change home reading books. As I stated last week we knew that there would be some challenges along the way. We are adapting as we go and we know we need more books of certain levels so that everyone can choose three in one go. Please be patient as we work out the kinks to this new system 😊

Art exhibition – Creative Week

A big thank you to everyone who came to our art exhibition during Creative Week and to everyone who gave a donation towards art supplies. We raised £100.57. Thank you for your continued support! Mrs Maclver

School Discos

Please make sure if your child wants to come to the discos that you return the slip before so that we can have the correct amount of refreshments!

Birthday Books

Thank you to Gabriel for choosing a birthday book to give to his class.

Golden Manners Table

The children chosen for having lovely manners this week were Emilia, Patrick, Darcie, Florence, Felix,

Ava and Alex. They told me all about their brothers and sisters and their families at home.

Class with the most attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is Amethyst with 96.3%. Well done!

Vomiting and Diarrhoea

We have a number of children absent from school with vomiting and diarrhoea and we have had children vomiting in school today. This type of bug is highly contagious and we are asking for your support to prevent it spreading further as follows:

- reminding / showing children how to wash hands with soap and dry them thoroughly;
- if your child has vomiting and/or diarrhoea, they are contagious for 48 hours after their last bout i.e. they must stay at home for 48 hours from the LAST time they vomited / had diarrhoea.

Sometimes children bounce back very quickly, eating normally and having their usual energy levels before that 48 hours has passed, however they remain highly contagious and must not come back to school.

Thought for the week

Our new Value of the month is 'Cooperation.' So the first thought that I always think of about cooperation is 'Team work makes the dream work'. ('Ain't that the truth Moni' as my Grandma would say as all the kids washed up the pots from Sunday dinner and the adults sat watching a film.)

Have a motivating weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Happy Friday!

It has been another amazing week in Nursery, we have had such an interesting time learning about firefighters as part of our people who help us topic. We have also been making amazing pictures of emergency service vehicles.

We have been enjoying tracking the changes to the weather over the course of the week. Our playground has been icy and we have even seen some snow! The children are all very excited to see what the weekend will bring in terms of weather too; they are hoping for enough snow to make snowmen!

Next week we will be looking at the medical professions as part of our topic, for example doctors, nurses, paramedics. We are also expecting some special guests to visit us to tell the children about their jobs.

The children have been enjoying a lot of different stories and are always keen to tell us about their books at home. It would be lovely to share this with the class. Please could you talk to your child about their favourite story book at the weekend, perhaps they could draw a picture of their favourite book and bring it to show at school? It would help us if you were able to write a short description of why this is the best story and what they enjoy most about it. After we have shared this with the class, we can stick their pictures into their learning journey books.

We are trying to encourage the children's independence and self-care and hope that you can support this by encouraging them to "have a go" at putting on their own shoes and coats.

Please try to ensure that all items are named, especially coats.

Thank you to Sarah and Eimear for their hard work in the library and baking this week.

Have a happy weekend,

The Nursery Team ☺

Reception

We have had a great week in Reception. We have been reading the story Three Billy Goats Gruff in class. We talked about sequencing and what happens at the start, middle and end of the story. We set the children a challenge to make a bridge for the goats to walk over. They could use materials in the classroom or the outdoor area. We were very impressed with everyone's creativity and imaginative designs. We also started to learn about addition and adding two numbers together.

Next week, we are celebrating Chinese New Year. We will read the Chinese New Year story and talk about each animal. During learning time, children will be able to take part in lots of activities based around Chinese New Year, these will include Chinese writing, noodle messy play and making Chinese fans. After learning about addition last week, we will start to talk about subtraction and taking away. Please discuss with your child the difference between the addition and subtraction sign at home.

Learning ideas

- Continue to talk about money. Choose the correct coins to pay for something in a shop. Can you put them in the correct order of value? **Remember children are only looking at the coins 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p and 20p.**
- Build a bridge and re-tell the story of Three Billy Goats Gruff.
- Make an animal out of junk modelling, can you label each part as an extra challenge?

If your child completes one of the activities above, please send in the work or take a photo for them to share with the class. It is great to see all the learning happening outside of school. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a great weekend!

Reception team

Dates for the diary

5th February - Early Years Disco. Please remember to return the slip and £3.

Year 1

Wow! What a busy week. Well done to Sapphire class for their amazing assembly about Superheroes. We are sure you will agree that the children did a great job!

In Maths this week we have been learning all about Fractions of shapes and how to write the fraction symbol for this. We have been shading in parts of shapes according to the fraction.

In our History based Literacy lessons this week we have continued to learn about the real life superhero Florence Nightingale. We have planned and written reports about who she was and why she was famous.

In ICT we have been using the chrome books to launch and explore a programme and minimise and reopen the programme. We have also begun to use the chrome books during our guided reading sessions and the children are getting really good at using them independently.

In outdoor games we have been using the big balls to learn how to dribble with our hands and feet and also using the skipping ropes to practise our skipping skills.

Home learning ideas:

- Write down as many facts as you can about Florence Nightingale
- Draw some different shapes and divide them into 2 and 4 parts, ask your child to shade them in as either $\frac{1}{4}$, half, or $\frac{3}{4}$
- Practise your lines for the assembly (Moonstone)

Show and tell – Monkeys

Year 2

This week in Literacy we have been sharing stories about Katie (written by James Mayhew), a little girl who loves to visit art galleries and has adventures

when she climbs through picture frames into famous paintings. We began by choosing a famous artwork to describe using super sentences and WOW words. Then we devised a plan for our own Katie stories set in the painting we chose, thinking about a super beginning, middle and interesting ending. Finally, we used our plans to write fabulous stories, editing them to make improvements and correct any mistakes. We were so inspired reading “Katie and the Bathers” that we have created our own paintings in the style of Georges Seurat. We used cotton buds to create the distinctive style used by Seurat, Pointillism.

In Maths we have been continuing our learning about different methods to solve addition problems. We have used empty number lines, making jumps of tens and units to find the total. We have all learnt to solve additions using the column method, including tricky additions where we need to carry tens.

In Geography we have been revising our knowledge of the continents and oceans of the world. We have researched facts about each continent using atlases and non-fiction texts. For example, we found out about the populations of each continent and the names of famous landmarks that can be found there.

Home learning:

Story Writing - Look at the opening of a story about Katie at the art gallery. What will Katie do next? What adventure will she go on? Use your own ideas to complete the story in a creative and imaginative way.

Next week in Maths we will be using different methods to solve subtraction problems, including partitioning, empty number lines and column subtraction. We will be reading and solving riddles in Literacy and then creating our own about a friend. In Geography we will be plotting journeys across the world, recording the continents, oceans and cities we pass on the way.

Key vocabulary: column addition, partition, hundreds, tens, units, carrying, setting, description, characters, plot, continents, oceans.

School Office

Please name items

It would be appreciated if you could please spend a few minutes to ensure that all the items your child brings to school are named:

- Coat, hat, gloves, scarf, school uniform, PE kit & bag, book bag, water bottle, fruit pot.

This makes it easier for staff to find items if a child has to go home early due to illness or an appointment. Also if something is 'lost and found', it can easily be returned to its owner.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Friends

Brrr, hopefully this cold will kill off all those germs flying around.

Thinking of the spring and the warmer weather we have more details for you on some of the events planned.

A reminder of the **Yarn Bombing**: there is a knitting/crafting evening on Tuesday at a lovely volunteers house, if you'd like to come please contact us on longdittonfriends@outlook.com for location. We still need donations of felt, wool, preferably in pastel colours or any spare green material!

In preparation for the Ball, there is a **Sari fitting evening** at the George Evelyn pub next Thursday at 8pm, there are some fab photos on Facebook, please take a look and give us a like, and then come along on Thursday.

We have a lovely new mud kitchen for the children's play area thanks to Elmbridge Men in Sheds, this will be going in the outdoor classroom that is being developed behind the reception block. We are now looking for **donations** of plastic and wooden kitchen play equipment, plates cutlery etc, and the metal pots and pans, colanders, sieves, etc, you can leave any donations in the Friends' boxes in the bike sheds.

Plans are storming on the **Pamper Evening**; this is looking to be a lovely evening for getting a few beauty treatments, a bit of shopping and some bubbles! We are still looking for more therapists to offer their services - if you have a friend you can reach out to please let Desiree know at desireeharris@sky.com

Also anyone who sells 'beauty/pamper' products creams, candles, jewellery, etc, who would like a stall, let Desiree know.

This is planned for 2nd April 7pm-10pm, so close to mother's day it's an obvious gift (to yourself!!) and at just £5 a ticket, a bargain! After this weather whose skin DOESN'T need some TLC?

Stay warm

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Resilience



Olivia C
Bea
Amelie O'S
Luna
Alfie R
Elliot S
Darcie

Golden Certificates:

Jake
Wilf
Henry J
Chaeyul
George
Eva N
Riley E
Jack D
Vristhi
Gabriel
Leo T
Poppy C
Quentin
Louis G
Alana
Noa
Harrison
Jihu
Sapphire class

Credit Card:



Finley M

Gabriel – 5
Wilf – 6

Outside Achievements:

Lara was awarded Gymnast of the week at Tolworth Gymnastics Club
Georgia was awarded Rainbow of the week

DIARY DATES

February 2019

Tuesday 5 th	3.00-4.00pm Nursery & Yr R disco
Thursday 7 th	9.05am Moonstone class assembly
Monday 11 th	Yr 1 visit St Mary's Church (pm)
Tuesday 12 th	3.00-4.00pm Yrs 1 & 2 disco
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

March 2019

Monday 4 th	Start of Book week
Wednesday 6 th	4.00-6.00pm Yrs 1 & 2 / 3.30-6.00pm Nursery & Yr R Parent/Teacher consultation appointments
Thursday 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.05am Ruby class assembly World Book Day 3.30-8.00pm Yrs 1 & 2 / 4.30-8.00pm Nursery & Yr R Parent/Teacher consultation appointments
Thursday 14 th	9.05am Topaz class assembly
Friday 15 th	Red Nose day for Comic Relief
Monday 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of Science/DT week Living Eggs arrive
Tuesday 19 th	Yr 1 trip to The Look Out Discovery Centre
Wednesday 20 th	Yr 2 trip to The Houses of Parliament
Thursday 21 st	2.30-3.00pm Open afternoon
Tuesday 26 th	Yr 2 to Stokes Field – Diamond
Wednesday 27 th	Yr 2 to Stokes Field - Amethyst
Thursday 28 th	2.15pm Rocksteady Concert
Friday 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicks depart Wear a hat day – Brain Tumour Research

April 2019

Thursday 4 th	Nursery finishes for Easter Holidays
Friday 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15am Easter Assembly at St Mary's Church – all welcome 1.30pm School finishes for Easter Holidays

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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



Managing Behaviour Effectively for Parents & Carers

No one has ever said 'parenting was easy. Living with children can be one of life's most enjoyable experiences, but it can also be unbelievably frustrating. 123 Magic is a simple, precise and effective way of managing the behaviour of children. It's not magic but works like magic!

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:-

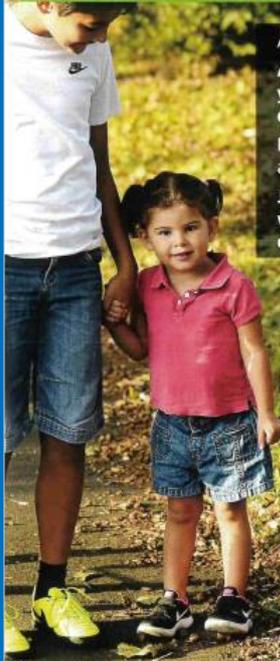
- Tue 26th Feb 2019 (4 weeks) 7.30-9.30pm at Cardinal Newman, Hersham
- Tuesday 5th March (4 weeks) 1pm – 3pm at Ashley School, Walton
- Tue 4th June 2019 (4 weeks) 7.30-9.30pm at St Marys, Long Ditton
- Mon 17th June 2019 (4 weeks) 9-11am at Cardinal Newman, Hersham

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






Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Services for Children and Young People in Surrey: Designing the Right Care Together



Are you a child or young person?
Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person who has experience of emotional or mental health problems?
Do you work with children and young people?

Join us in designing the right emotional wellbeing and mental health services for children and young people across Surrey.

How could we do things differently?
What does good care mean and feel like?
How can this type of care support the needs of children and young people?

Come to one of the workshops taking place across Surrey during January 2019 (schedule overleaf). Find one near you and register via:

<http://surreyewmh.eventbrite.com>
01483 405 450
07917 087 560 (SMS text only)
gwccg.info@nhs.net

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Holiday Activities

Shout!

Easter 2019

Shout! holiday scheme offers a diverse and fun-packed programme of activities for 5 to 13-year-old children.

Easter 2019 dates

Week 1 (5-day week) Monday 8 April to Friday 12 April 2019

Week 2 (4-day week) Monday 15 April to Thursday 18 April 2019

Shout! courses available this Easter

Sports and Arts Camp at Bell Farm School

Daily sports and arts camp where you can improve your sports skills and get creative all in the same day. Fresh activities and new sports every day.

Shout! Extra at Sports and Arts Camp

On Tuesday 16 April your children will be able to participate in Learn to Ride, a playground-based course giving your child the opportunity to learn to ride their bike in small groups.

Ready Set Shout! Sports Camp at Xcel Leisure Complex

This is the ultimate fun-filled multi-sports experience for children, packed with fun sports, games, challenges and much more!

Early Start at Ready Set Shout!

For parents who prefer an early start: from 8am to 8.30am, we will play games and sports.

Limited places available, advanced booking essential

Book online from Tuesday 19 February 2019 for Easter holidays at elmbridge.gov.uk/shout

