



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

8th February 2019

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Wow Moonstone Class! What a fabulous assembly! It was brilliant to hear and see how our school has changed over the years and how the way we teach has changed – thank goodness. You all spoke with confidence and clarity – not an easy thing in front of so many people. Congratulations and well done to you all!

Parent Forum: Wednesday 13th February at 2.30pm

I will be holding this term's parent forum next Wednesday and I would really like to have parent views on changing the reading books once a week! Everyone is welcome!

Year 1 Hockey

After half term Year 1 will be visiting Surbiton Hockey Club for hockey lessons. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help walk them down to the club so that they can take part. Attached to the end of this newsletter is information about half term activities that Surbiton Hockey Club are providing for your information.

Rocksteady Exciting News!

Rocksteady are teaming up with the biggest rock band in the world, the Foo Fighters, to bring an incredible FREE event.

Pupils at Long Ditton Infants can come along on **Saturday 16th February** to Banquet Records - Kingston, and learn to play an iconic Foo Fighters song in just thirty minutes, taught by Rocksteady teachers. Children aged 5-16 can take part, even if they have never played before. All instruments provided. No booking required. You just turn up on the day and register with a Rocksteady member of staff. All children

need to be accompanied by an adult and have permission from their parent or guardian to participate.

Date, Location and Time:

SATURDAY 16th FEB 2019

Banquet Records, 52 Eden St, Kingston upon Thames
KT1 1EE

10.00am - 4.00pm

This event is taking place at 10 different locations across the UK, the Foo Fighters are staging the event with Rocksteady, but won't be at the events in person. There will be filming and photography in progress at each event. This may be used on social media by Columbia Records, Foo Fighters and Rocksteady. There is **no charge** for taking part in the event and spaces will be offered on the day on a first come first served basis. **Got a question?** Drop Rocksteady an email at justplay@rocksteadymusicschool.com or call 0330 113 0401

Birthday Books

Thank you to Immy for choosing a birthday book to give to her class.

Golden Manners Table

Max, Megan, Nora, Dylan, Robin and Sophie all demonstrated excellent manners and they talked about brothers and sisters and home life 😊

Class with the most attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is Moonstone with 97.7%. Well done!

Thought for the week

"Cooperation is always more powerful than competition!" Bob Proctor

Have an interesting weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Happy Friday!

What an exciting week it has been! The absolute highlight was a very exciting visit from Firefighter Paul from the station at Richmond. The children loved meeting him and were able to ask some very interesting questions as well as trying on his special firefighter kit. Even Mrs Miller had a turn wearing the outfit (and can confirm it is very heavy!)

Paul told the children to remind their families that all households in London and Surrey can be fitted with a free smoke alarm – if you are interested contact your local fire station and they will be happy to arrange this at no cost to you.

It has been lovely to find out about some of the children's favourite books when they have brought in pictures from home and been able to tell us a little bit about why the book is their favourite and what the best parts are! Well done to the children who have already brought their picture in to school. We hope to see some more of these next week, once we have shared their picture with the class it will become part of their Learning Journey.

Next week we will be finishing our People Who Help Us topic but we will also be looking at Chinese New Year (which was celebrated this week) as the children are very interested in this topic after we watched Diamond class practise their assembly.

Half term is fast approaching, would anyone like to look after Barry and Shep (the goldfish) over the holiday? Please let one of the team know asap.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to Firefighter Paul for visiting us and hope he will be able to visit us again soon 😊

Have a happy weekend,

The Nursery Team 😊

Reception

This week, Reception have been celebrating Chinese New Year and have enjoyed exploring all aspects of the Chinese culture. We have made Chinese fans and drums to use in our play as well as independently creating lanterns and dragons. In literacy, we have told the story of The Three Little Pigs through a song and soundscape. The children have added sounds to the story using body percussion, voices and props. We have also made fortune cookies and used our phonics to write the fortune contained inside.

In maths, we have been practising writing number sentences and adding two groups together to find the total. We opened our red money envelopes and counted the total of coins or jewels inside and then wrote a number sentence. We have also been ordering our numbers to 12 when re-telling the story of the Chinese zodiac signs.

On Friday, we enjoyed working collaboratively to create a Lion and Dragon dance using the amazing Dragon Head created by Mrs Miller. The children worked together to create a dance and then performed it to each other.

Next week, we are focussing on our story of The Princess and the Pea. We are starting subtraction in maths and continuing with making our class book of fairy stories which we will display in the book corner.

At home why don't you:

- Encourage your child to think of their own number problems and write a number sentence to represent it e.g. If I have 2 fish fingers and my sister has 4, how many fish fingers need to be cooked?
- Read a bedtime story and encourage your child to add some sounds to make the story more interesting or dramatic.
- Try ordering the months of the year and then encourage your child to find the 4th month or the 10th month.

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 diary

Ruby Class assembly: 7th March 2019

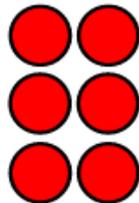
Topaz class assembly: 14th March 2019

Book week 4th March 2019

Year 1

Wow! What a busy week. Well done to Moonstone class for their amazing assembly about the history of our school. We hope you enjoyed learning about it as much we did. We are sure you will agree that the children did a fantastic job!

In Maths this week we have been learning how to change repeated addition into multiplication for example, $2 + 2 + 2$ is 3×2 . We also learnt how to draw this as an array like this.



We also learnt different vocabulary for multiplication including, times, multiply, groups of and lots of.

This week Moonstone class were busy practising their assembly and performing it to Reception and parents/carers on Thursday whilst Sapphire class finished planning and writing reports about Florence Nightingale.

In ICT we have been using the Chromebooks to create a new folder and learnt to how to drag using the track pad.

In design and technology, we used the designs we did last week to create superhero gadgets. Last week we were really imaginative and decided what the special features of our gadgets would be. For example, a button that sprays water to put out fires. This week we had to decide where the buttons would go and what colours to use. Thank you for all the cardboard tubes you brought in!

Home learning ideas:

- Practise multiplication for the two, five and ten times tables.
- Write a report about your family with the subheadings 'where do I live?', 'who do I live with?' 'what we like to do?' If you bring this in to your teacher, you can have a sticker.

Show and tell – Elephants

Year 2

This week in Literacy we have really enjoyed trying to solve and write our own riddles. We wrote clues for a riddle about a friend, using adjectives to describe them and their personalities. We know that clues need to go from the hardest clue to the easiest, each clue needs to go on a new line and that our riddles need to end with Who am I?

In Maths we have been learning about different methods to solve subtraction problems. We have partitioned numbers into tens and units, using sticks and dots to represent them. We have used empty number lines, subtracting using jumps of tens and units to find the difference between two numbers.

In Geography we have been using our knowledge of the continents and oceans of the world to record an imaginary journey. We looked at the different compass directions we would take when travelling, using a mnemonic to help us remember them; North – naughty, East – elephants, South – squirt, West – water. Using our Atlases, we have discovered the names of the countries we would travel through and identified the names of major cities that can be found there.

Home learning:

- Times table challenge – can you identify the missing numbers in the multiplication number sentences?
- Challenge! Can you recite the 2, 5, 10 or 3 x tables by heart? Can you answer quickfire times table questions?

Next week in Maths we will be using the column method to solve subtraction problems including tricky columns. We will be reading and performing poetry in Literacy and then creating our own poem in the style of "The Magic Box" by Kit Wright. In Geography we will be investigating the different climate zones of the world.

Key vocabulary: partition, hundreds, tens, units, journey, continents, oceans, compass directions, north, east, south, west, riddle, clues.

School Office

Parent/Teacher Consultation Appointment

You will be able to book an appointment to see your child's class teacher via your ParentMail account next week. You will receive a ParentMail email once this has gone live. Please do not try and book before this.

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

CALLING ALL HEROES!!

WE NEED HELPERS

We are having a spontaneous Ground Force Day this Sunday! If you can come along between 10am-1pm and lend a hand this will be very gratefully received! If anyone has any unwanted plants in the garden, please bring these along on

Sunday or leave in the bike shed letting Desiree know at desireeharris@sky.com

Thanks to everyone who came to the Sari evening last night. It was great fun looking through all the beautiful clothes; thanks to Clare, Tom's grandma, for bringing all her lovely things and for her generous donation from the profits.

Don't forget there are dance lessons planned for next Wednesday in the school hall for those who want a giggle on the night and to help bust a move on the night!

We are still calling for helpers for the Yarn Bombing, any keen knitters who can crochet, pom pom, or make anything, and if anyone can donate balls of wool, felt or anything else please let Jessica know on jessica2179@yahoo.co.uk

We are still looking for prizes for our auction (which will be open to all, not just those attending the ball), so if you have any famous connections please get them to sign some memorabilia, or if you can get a voucher for a restaurant please, please, please pass these on, via Jessica, the red post box, the box in the bike sheds.

Thanks.

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Cooperation



Declan
Elsie
Kailan
Daniel G
Matthew
Lottie
Ava B

Golden Certificates:

Oscar P
Ethan C
Jake
Evelyn
Oscar F-S
Elliot S
Sylvie
William F
Joshika
Robin
Alfie R
Henry M
Anya
Martha
Nila
Amaya
Nora
Georgy
Moonstone class

Credit Card:



Immy - 7

Outside Achievements:

Lottie received her Animal Lover's badge at Rainbows

DIARY DATES

February 2019

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 / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

JUST ADD imagination

Book 5 places & get 10% off!

Activities may include:
 • Den building • Tracking & trailing • Survival skills • Storytelling
 • Wild art • Killer frisbee • Craft skills • Did we mention dens?

Wild Play holiday club at Claremont Landscape Garden

February half term & Easter 10.30-4.15. Ages 5 and over £46/day
 Portsmouth Road, Esher, Surrey, KT10 9JG
 For more details or to book a place visit www.wild-learning.net

National Trust

DORKING * HINCHLEY WOOD * KEW * KINGSTON * OTTERSHAW * SURBITON

PLEIADES

February Half Term

NERF WARS

FOOTBALL * MULTI-SPORTS * PRIZES
 (& MUCH MORE!)

PLACES AVAILABLE TO BOOK ONLINE NOW!

FUNSPORT SKILLZONE

EXCITING HOLIDAY CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-12

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Elmbridge Borough Council
Leading the community

Shout!

Holiday Activities
Easter 2019

KT6 5

18 - 20 February

2019

BE COACHED BY GREAT BRITAIN INTERNATIONALS & TOP COACHES

FOR ALL AGES & ABILITIES:
 - ACADEMY CAMP (5-10 YRS)
 - COLTS CAMP (11-14 YRS)

HALF TERM HOCKEY CAMP

SHC CAMPS

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