



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

1st March 2019

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a wonderful half term break and enjoyed the beautiful weather we were lucky enough to have! This term is going to be very busy with lots of events happening in school. Please make sure that you do find time to read the newsletter to keep up to date on everything we have planned!

Yarn Bombing



Thank you very much indeed to everyone who has helped, and is still helping, with the Yarn Bombing.

The children all thoroughly enjoyed working this afternoon to create some beautiful handicrafts for the treasure hunt over Easter. More information about the Yarn Bombing treasure hunt will be included in the Friends communications over the next few weeks but it certainly was an exciting way to spend Friday afternoon.

Playground Accident Reporting

In our Governor meeting today we looked at the accident reporting register as part of the continual monitoring of our school. In the meeting we discussed the procedure of reporting accidents to parents and carers and whether we were being 'overzealous' in recording *all minor incidents*. After a lengthy discussion we have decided to continue to report back to parents all incidents that are reported, including the ones that as a parent we might say 'oh there's nothing there – off you go'. This may mean that a child could go home with lots of accident reporting letters and give the impression that there are lots of accidents happening. We are erring on the side of caution because of the young age of our children and the

understanding that sometimes young children may have a more serious injury that does not present as serious on first investigation. We will as always continue to call parents and carers if a child has a head injury or a more serious accident.

Bug Busting Friday!

Head lice is a constant challenge in schools (not just primary schools – believe me!) and one of the ways we can tackle the little visitors is by having whole school 'Bug Busting' Fridays. If everyone in school checks their child's hair on a Friday and treats any head lice found over the weekend we could get rid of them and make our school head lice free! We do have bug busting kits in school which you can use – please see the office. Or you can also look at this website <https://www.chc.org/the-bug-buster-kit-products/> for information, tips and advice.

Parking Considerately

Thank you to all the fabulous parents and carers who always park considerately when dropping off or collecting children from our school. You are all tremendous 😊 If you are one of the few parents and carers who seem to manage to block driveways or park dangerously, please understand that you are putting children at risk and damaging the reputation of your child's school. We have advised anyone who is concerned about parking to call the local police and report the offenders.

ESafety

I am sure you are aware of the worrying 'Momo Challenge' that has been publicised in the news and on social media. Although our children are young and unlikely to have unsupervised access to

the internet or gaming sites I think it is important to share the information, so you can be vigilant in safeguarding your children at home and online.

The MOMO challenge was featured on the news last night and again this morning and involves a creepy character called Momo, appearing in young people's videos and games. The character is challenging them via social media to perform dangerous tasks, even as serious as suicide. There are recent suggestions that this is a social media hoax, but with growing media attention, the potential impact of young people is real and a potential risk. Please be aware of this concerning trend and monitor very carefully your child's use of the internet – either on using search engines, online games or social media.

Book Week

Next week is book week and we have lots of learning opportunities to promote reading in school and at home.

Monday – Bring in your favourite comic/magazine to share with the class.

Tuesday – Bring in your favourite non-fiction book.

Wednesday – Bring in your favourite book.

Thursday – Dress up as your favourite book character.

Friday - Visit from author Nicola Kent!

The Year 6 children from St Mary's will also be visiting our school to read with the children. It should be a fun packed reading week!

Author Visit on the 8th March!

Nicola Kent, author of *The Strongest Mum*, will be visiting our school on Friday 8th March as part of Book Week.

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer with information about Nicola and the books and form that you may like to complete if you would like a signed copy of

her books. The author visit has been arranged with Regency Bookshop who always welcome visits from the children to look at their wonderful collection of books!



Governor Monitoring Day Thursday 7th March

Next Thursday is our termly Governor monitoring day. This is a day the governors use to look at all we do in school, notice what we are doing well and what our next steps could be to improve.

The day always begins with governors talking to parents on the gate in the morning. This is a great opportunity to talk to the governors about what we are doing well and what might be better. They will also be asking about parental contributions to school and how you would feel about contributing more to help buy resources. Look out for the Governors on the gate on Thursday – they will be wearing their black lanyard governor badges.

Parents Evening Wednesday and Thursday

Next week is parents evening and we are looking forward to reporting to you the progress your child has made and the next steps they need to address. I will also be putting out a questionnaire about funding for you to complete, in conjunction with the Governor monitoring day, so that we can gather information from you about how you feel about school funding! Please take time to complete the survey and place the questionnaire sheets in the tray provided in foyer. All of your thoughts will be fed back to the Governors and considered as we begin to plan for the future.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Isla W, Sylvie, Thomas E, Martha for choosing a birthday books to give to their classes.

Class with the most attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is Diamond with 97.5%. Well done!

Thought for the week

The new Value of the month is Appreciation and I thought I would take this opportunity to say thank you to all the wonderful staff who constantly work their hardest for your children. Thank you!

'Appreciate the little things in life because one day you will look back and realise they are the big things!'

Looking forward to the ball 'Jai Ho'!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Happy Friday!

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after our half term break and to welcome some new friends who have joined the Nursery.

We have started our new topic for this term – Animals and Dinosaurs. We had a very interesting discussion during a circle time about what kinds of animals the children were interested in learning about and have great plans for this half term.

The children decided we would start with birds, so this week we have been talking about different kinds of birds. It has been very interesting to look at the different sizes, shapes and colours that we have found. We have also been exploring what different types of bird like to eat and have been making some bird feeders. The children are bringing home a garden bird checklist today so you can see what different types of bird you can spot in the park or in your garden. It would be lovely if you could return these to Nursery when you have finished the activity at home.

If you are able to help with the library or with baking in the Nursery we would be extremely grateful! These activities are so enriching for the children and it is difficult for us to offer these types of additional activities without your support. There is a sign-up sheet outside the Nursery door. If you have not volunteered in the Nursery before, please come along to the parent helper/safeguarding workshop on Friday 26th April at 9.00am. Please inform the school office if you would like to attend.

Next week we plan to look at horses and dogs as part of our topic and excitingly it is also Book Week across the whole school. This includes World Book Day on Thursday and we are excited to find out who the children are going to dress up as! It will also be lovely to catch up with you all during our parent consultations.

Please do keep filling in your WOW leaves – it is so interesting for us to be able to share in all the wonderful achievements the children have outside

of Nursery. We love to hear about all their successes, even the very small ones.

Thank you again to Luca and his family for looking after Barry and Shep, our goldfish. They had a super holiday adventure.

Have a happy weekend and see how many different birds you spot when you are out and about!

The Nursery Team 😊

Reception

This half-term we are going to be visiting different worlds including: space; dinosaur and sea world. We started this week with Me and My World. We have enjoyed sharing the children's home learning with the rest of the class talking about their families and what they do at home. In literacy, the children have created a poster about what they like to do at school. We are sending the posters home over the next 2 weeks so the children can complete the other half: Me at Home. Please encourage your child to cut out pictures of their activities at home and then write a label for each picture. At the bottom of the page please encourage your child to write a sentence about their favourite activities at home.

In maths, we have been collating data about ourselves and creating tally charts and pictograms. We have found out the most common eye colour, how many people are left handed and even measured our height and shoe size.

Our new FRED groups have started so please could you ensure that child's FRED folders and reading books are in their bags every day. FRED is now on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We will be collecting FRED folders in on Wednesday and returning them on Friday. Please try to complete the home learning as it really helps to embed the phonics learning for the week.

Next week is Book Week and we will be going into Space. On Tuesday we are having non-fiction book day so if the children would like to bring in a book

about space to share with the class that would be wonderful.

Learning ideas

- Ruby Class - please practise your lines and the song for next week's assembly.
- Topaz class - please look at your assembly lines (in Fred folder) and start to memorise them.
- Complete the Me at Home section of your poster with labels and pictures. Please return the poster so we can display them in the classroom.
- Make a tally chart.
 - Go to the park and count the number of dogs, scooters, bikes you see in 10 minutes.
 - The number of different coloured cars in a car park.

Next week: Book Week

Monday 4th: Bring in comics and magazines
Tuesday 5th: Non-fiction book day: Space
Weds 6th: Bring in your favourite book
Thursday 7th: Dress up as your favourite book character
Friday 8th: visit from an author

Have a great weekend,

The Reception Team

Dates for diary

Ruby Class assembly: 7th March 2019 at 9.05am
Topaz class assembly: 14th March 2019 at 9.05am

Year 1

Wow! This week has flown by! We hope you all had a good half term and managed to get some rest. The children definitely seem happy to be back and have been hard at work this week.

This week in literacy we have been writing recounts about what we got up to in half term. We had to remember to use capital letters for names including names of days, people and places. We have also been learning how to add the suffix '-ed' to words to make them into the past tense. We had

to be careful not to add the suffix to some words for example 'run'.

In Maths, we have been learning how to find the difference between two numbers. We did this by looking at different number sentences and using our number line. We circled the two numbers then counted on from the smallest number to work out the difference.

In ICT, we have been learning to type using the Chromebooks, some of us managed to type everyone's names in the class!

In P.H.S.E, we have been learning how to keep our bodies healthy, we spoke about what we do to stay healthy.

Home learning ideas:

- Practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's
- Practise finding the difference between two numbers
- Write different sentences in the past tense using the '-ed' suffix (for example, I walked to the shops because I needed some milk.) If you bring this into your teacher, you can get a sticker

Show and tell – Giraffes

Year 2

This week in Literacy we have been looking at a very imaginative and descriptive poem by Kit Wright called 'The Magic Box'. We created a plan for our own poems in this style, thinking about memories, objects, people and places that are special to us to put into our own Magic Box. We enjoyed writing our own version of the poem using different adjectives to describe the things we have chosen as well as what the box would be made from and decorated with. We also tried to include alliteration, e.g. the swish of a silk sari on a summer night. What a fabulous job the children did writing their poems out in their best handwriting!

In Maths we have been learning about the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction. Did

you know that inverse means opposite? We have learnt that 3 given numbers can make 4 different number sentences. E.g. 13, 7 and 20 can make the following number sentences: $13+7=20$, $7+13=20$, $20-13=7$ and $20-7=13$. Also, we have been estimating and measuring the length of different objects using centimetres and millimetres. After deciding on some top tips for success, we used a ruler to draw lines accurately, in some cases to the nearest millimetre! Our top tip was to make sure you start measuring from the 0 when using a ruler.

In Science this week we went on a hunt in the playground to identify things that are living, things that are dead and things that have never been alive. We thought about the differences between living things and things that have never been alive. We enjoyed looking at atlases again in Geography. This week we were naming and locating countries in Europe.

Key vocabulary: inverse, cm/ centimetres, mm/millimetres, m/metres, living, non-living, life processes, continent, oceans, countries, capital cities, alliteration, adverb.

Home learning: Please choose a character from a fiction book and write a character profile about them.

Book Week reminders:

Monday: Please bring in any children's **comics** or **magazines**. We will be making our own comic strips next week. (Thank you if you have already sent some in!)

Tuesday: Non-fiction books. Bring in your favourite non-fiction book and be prepared to share some fascinating facts!

Wednesday: Please bring in your favourite fiction book to share with your class.

Thursday: Dress up day - Children can dress up as their favourite book character. Please try to be as imaginative as possible. We will be writing character profiles about our chosen characters.

Friday: Author visit - Nicola Kent, author of "The Strongest Mum", will be visiting our school.

Important: Please remember that children need to have their PE kits and water bottles in school

every day. We are doing Games outside and so need a tracksuit if possible. Make sure that all items are name.

School Office

Parent/Teacher Consultation Appointment

If you haven't done so yet, please book an appointment to see your child's class teacher via your ParentMail account/app or contact the school office.

Comic Relief – Red Noses

We are selling Comic Relief Red Noses to raise money for Comic Relief. This year these cost £1.25 each. If your child would like to purchase a red nose, then please put £1.25 in an envelope marked with your child's name, class and 'Red Nose' and post in the black 'Office Post' box. Please note that we cannot give change. Thank you.

Friends

Things are really hotting up in the Knitty Committee; thanks to all those who have helped with the Yarn Bombing crafting afternoon and to those who have handed in beautifully knitted squares and flowers this week, please keep all your creations coming in, they will all be used at one of the 10 treasure hunt sites at Easter. Don't forget to return your knitting, flowers sheep, eggs, poppies, pom poms etc before the end of term. We need lots to decorate Long Ditton. We have lots more kits for sale if you would like to contribute and find your own work on display. If you'd like one pop a request into the red post box or email us on longdittonfriends@outlook.com

The school are going to start growing potatoes in the ongoing efforts to make the outside spaces more attractive, and what better way than growing vegies! A Massive thank you to Julie Pirgon and AnaWiz.com for donating some big barrels for growing the potatoes. If anyone has spare bags of compost to fill the barrels, this will be gratefully received.

The pamper evening now has tickets and gift vouchers, these are available via class reps or by request in the red post box, there will also be an on site sale after school on the 8th March.

Looking forward to seeing people all dressed up at the Ball tomorrow, have a great weekend

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Appreciation



Christopher
Charlotte B
Amelie - Ruby
Edward T
Isobel P
Grace

Golden Certificates:

Brenin	Sophie D
Omar	Claudia
William B	Ethan C
Sophie C	Elizabeth
George G	Arsad
Joshua L	Millie W
Millie L-E	Max
Tuuli	Bea
Theresa	Susie
Rebecca	

Credit Card:



Sophia S
Louis B
Matthew
William B

Sylvie
William B
Thomas E

Outside Achievements:

Henry J was awarded 'man of the match' and scored 4 goals for his football team
Toby was awarded a medal at Rugby training
Imogen was awarded ASA Learn to Swim Certificate Stage 3
Claudia was awarded ASA Learn to Swim Certificate Stage 2
Alfie R's rugby team was awarded the trophy for 'great team work' at the Cobham mini rugby festival
Miller was awarded the Rainbow of the week cup and was also achieved her drawing badge

DIARY DATES

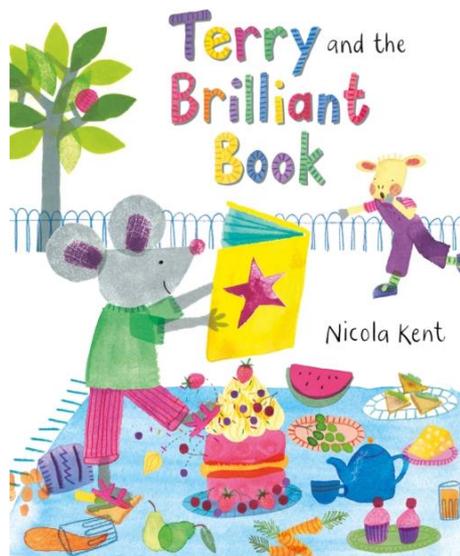
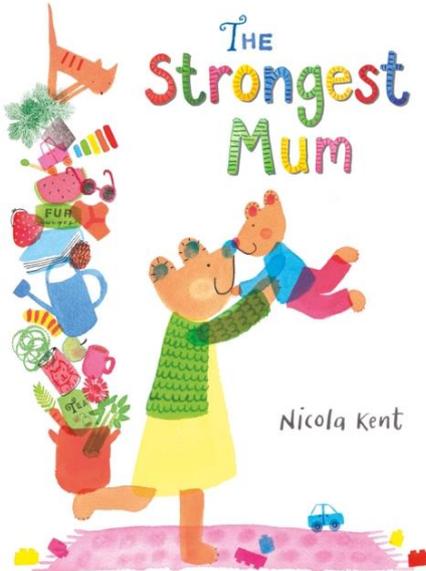
March 2019

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 – dress as your favourite book character 3.30-8.00pm Yrs 1 & 2 / 4.30-8.00pm Nursery & Yr R Parent/Teacher consultation appointments
Friday 8 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicola Kent Author visiting school to celebrate Book Week. Books can be bought and signed!
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 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 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

AUTHOR VISIT – FRIDAY 8th MARCH

NICOLA KENT

We're delighted to announce Nicola Kent will be visiting Long Ditton Infants. Nicola will present her books 'The Strongest Mum' and 'Terry and the Brilliant Book' – the perfect read to celebrate World Book Day! The books will be available to buy at a special discounted price for her visit. If you would like a signed copy, please complete the pre-order form below and return to the school office with your cash payment.



The Strongest Mum SPECIAL PRICE £5.50

My mum is the strongest mum in the world. Little Bear is sure that no-one is as strong as his mum. She can carry anything: his bike, Zebra's shopping, Elephant's carpet and even... Flamingo's piano! But even mums can get tired as Little Bear learns when Mum takes on one thing too many, with hilarious and heart-warming consequences.

Terry and the Brilliant Book SPECIAL PRICE £5.50

A warm, witty book about sharing and the joy of reading and playing with friends. Terry and Sue are best friends. And every year, for their birthdays, they give one another a ball. They love playing ball together! But then, one birthday, Sue gives Terry... a book!

Name:

Class:

TITLE	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
The Strongest Mum	£5.50		£
Terry and the Brilliant Book	£5.50		£
CASH PAYMENTS ONLY	TOTAL:		£

EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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



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School Caretaker Permanent Appointment

Start Date: ASAP

Hours: 25 hours per week split into shifts that include the opening and closing of the school.
07:30 – 09:30
15:30 – 18:30
(There is some flexibility in this pattern of hours).

Salary: Surrey Scale 4 (Pro Rata £18,698 – £20,653)
Actual Salary £12,984

Long Ditton Infant & Nursery School is looking for an energetic, friendly person to join our team. Candidates should be experienced in site maintenance with basic carpentry, painting and decorating skills. You will need to be trustworthy, approachable, flexible and have a good sense of humour.

Duties will include security of the premises and grounds, maintenance, minor repairs and monitoring of the school's boiler. Cleaning and decorating will also be required along with lifting and furniture moving

Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. It expects all staff to share this commitment and the successful applicant will be required to undertake a DBS check.

Closing Date: 15th March 2019 **Interviews:** 20th March 2019

If you would like an application pack, please contact Kellie Nolan on 0208 3984398 or knolan@longditton.surrey.sch.uk.