



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

NEWSLETTER

8th March 2019

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations Ruby Class on your wonderful assembly! It was super to see you all dressed up in your favourite book characters and speaking to the audience about traditional tales. I loved the Three Little Pigs song! Well done Ruby Class 😊

Book Week

Thank you to everyone for helping to make book week so successful. The costumes the children wore were simply wonderful, finding out about all of their favourite books very interesting, meeting a real life author was awesome – but for me the absolute best part of the week was watching the Year 6 children read to all of ours in groups. They were brilliant ambassadors for reading and so entertaining. Well done everyone.

Governor Monitoring Day

Thank you everyone who spoke to the Governors on the gate, or indeed filled in the parent survey. The information provided has been most useful. The Governors are going to take all of your opinions and consider them as they think about what next for our school. The overwhelming message from all of the governors to me in the feedback session was how marvellously well behaved all of your children were, how excited about learning the children were and what a brilliant job the teaching staff were doing.

Bollywood Ball

What an incredible evening it was! How colourful, exciting and entertaining. It's difficult to know how to say thank you to everyone who organised the ball and who came to make the night special – but ~~thank~~ you. We all raised over £7000 which will be

split equally between the junior school and us. I am currently arranging to take the morning off so that Isabella can be head teacher for the day – watch this space to find out how she gets on!

Scooting in School

Thank you to everyone who ensures that the scooters are pushed, not scooted, once inside the school gates. The children have fed back to me that it would be better if the scooters could be parked neatly in the shelter rather than just abandoned at the front. I will be speaking to the children in assembly this morning about it and if you could all help by making sure their scooters are parked safely.

Book Donations

In school parliament this week I asked the children to think about the books in school and the use of the library. They like going to the library very much and the variety of books we have in there. As part of the 'even better if' they said that they would like more non-fiction and chapter books. I wondered if you could have a look at you book collections for any that you may not want anymore? The non-fiction books they would like more of were sport (football and riding), science (especially experiments), art (how to make things) and books about our world. David Walliams and Harry Potter seem to be the chapter books of their choice. If you fancied a clear out please think of us!

Golden Manners Table

On the Golden Manners table this week were Jack D, Marley, Olivia, Robin, Harry, Elliot and Erin. We talked mostly about birthdays because some were this week 😊

Birthday Books

Thank you to Maia, Isla C, Emilia B, Eleanor, Henry J, Zac, George G for choosing a birthday books to give to their classes.

Class with the most attendance

The classes with the best attendance this week are Amethyst and Diamond, both with 98.6%. Well done!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Happy Friday!

What a fabulous Book Week in Nursery, it was wonderful to see all the children's favourite books and what amazing costumes for World Book day! The children have been making their own versions of their favourite books and telling us lots of stories.

Next week we will be looking at different animals under the sea and looking at some real "baby sharks"! We will also be looking at different shapes and what we can make with them.

Thank you all so much for your flexibility and kindness in allowing us to reschedule the parent consultations for next week. If there is any difficulty in arranging your replacement appointment, please let the office or Nursery team know and we will do our best to sort it out.

Our school goldfish, Barry and Shep, are growing fast so if anyone hears about a bigger fish tank that someone is throwing away please let the team know so that we can give them an upgrade!

Thank you to Sarah for helping with the library this week!

Have a happy weekend.

The Nursery Team ☺

Reception

We have had a great time in Reception this week. It has been Book Week and we have also been

learning about space. We have been looking at a variety of different types of book and talking about the difference between fiction and non-fiction. In class we have also been discussing what we already know about space and what we would like to find out. We wrote a long list of questions we wanted to find out, including where do aliens live and how long would it take to run around the sun? On Thursday, Ruby had their class assembly. A big well done to all the children for a fantastic assembly, everyone spoke clearly and loudly. It was great to see so many parents/carers at the assembly. Next Thursday, it is Topaz class assembly. Please continue to encourage your child to practise their lines and talk loud and clearly. Thank you for your continued support!

Next week, we will continue our topic on space. We will start to research our questions and learn facts about space. The facts we learn will go in a class space book that will be displayed in our book corner. We will be weighing space rocks and making rockets out of 3D shapes. As part of our topic, we have sent home a factsheet for you to complete with your child. Please encourage them to either write a fact, label something or draw a picture. Please send in once completed and we will add this to our space book.

Learning ideas

- Topaz class - please continue to look at your assembly lines (in Fred folder) and memorise them
- Make a 3D model of a planet/ spacecraft
- Draw planets using chalk in an outdoor space
- Label an alien

Please take photos/send in work children complete at home so that they can share their brilliant learning at home with the rest of the class.

Have a great weekend,

The Reception Team

Dates for diary

Topaz class assembly: 14th March 2019 at 9.05am

Year 1

Happy Friday! Wow, what a busy week filled with books, books and more books! The children have certainly enjoyed being able to share their own books with the class.

This week in literacy we have been learning about the features of comic books, non-fiction books and book reviews. We learnt that non-fiction books have lots of facts, photos, labels, a content, an index and some have a glossary. We were able to find the contents and index in some of our own books and some of the school's books. We then had the opportunity to create our own non-fiction books filled with lots of facts! This week we also had the chance to write a book review about our favourite book. This included what we liked, didn't like and our favourite part of the book.

In R.E we have been learning about different services that take place in a church, we had the chance to watch a bit of William and Kate's royal wedding. We then discussed the different parts of a wedding. Following this, we used our knowledge of comic strips from literacy to create our own comic strip relating to the royal wedding. In drama, we acted out the royal wedding, which the children really enjoyed!

In Maths, we have been learning to use directional language to describe movement. We pretended to be Beebots, we took it in turns in partners to be the programmer and the Beebot. The programmer had to move the Beebot to a new place in the classroom using directional language. Such as, forwards, backwards, straight, half turn, clockwise, anti-clockwise, whole turn, left and right.

In ICT, we have been learning how to type different symbols on the Chromebooks. We started the lesson by talking about different Julia Donaldson books and then we discussed questions we would ask her if we had the chance to meet her. We then typed these questions up, we had to remember to put a capital letter at the start and a question mark at the end of each question.

Home learning ideas:

- Pretend to be a Beebot programmer and give instructions to a member of your family using directional language
- Create a book review, a non-fiction book or a fiction book, if you bring it to your teacher you can have a sticker

Show and tell:

- **Sapphire – Hippos**
- **Moonstone – Miss Griffiths will tell you who you are (children will be selected randomly)**

Year 2

What a busy Book Week Year 2 have had! We have enjoyed looking at a variety of comics and magazines. Using these as inspiration, we created our own comic strips about ourselves, using speech bubbles, thought bubbles and captions. On Wednesday we shared our favourite books with reading partners from year 6 at St Mary's Juniors. We were so engrossed in telling our stories it was brilliant! Everyone looked fantastic dressed as their favourite story book character on Thursday. We wrote a character study about them, explaining why we choose them for our dress up day. We used a selection of percussion instruments to retell the traditional tale, Little Red Riding Hood. We thought about the different characters and their emotions, matching the sounds we made with our instruments during different parts of the story.

In Maths we've been learning to identify fractions of amounts. We have answered different questions based on quarters, halves and thirds. For example, in a group of children if there were 4 boys and 4 girls. What fraction of the children are girls? In Science we have been looking at different habitats such as a woodland and a pond, researching which animals and plants live in each habitat.

In RE we have begun thinking about the importance of Easter celebrations for Christians and recalling events in the Easter story.

Topic Homework: Please research and record 5 fantastic facts about the Houses of Parliament. Also, can you find out who your Member of Parliament is and think of questions you would like to ask them.

Next week we will be learning about the UK Parliament and Government, linked to our visit to the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday 20th March. We will continue our work on fractions, focusing on fractions of objects and length. In Geography will be finding out more about the countries in the UK.

Key Vocabulary: fractions, denominator, numerator, half, third, quarter, whole, habitat, character study, plot, captions, speech bubble, thought bubble, tempo, timbre, dynamics

School Office

Red Noses for Comic Relief

We still have red noses for sale so if your child would like to purchase one, please send in £1.25/nose in an envelope marked with your child's name, class and 'Red Nose'. Please post in the 'Office Post' box. Thank you.

Friends

Thank you to everyone who came to the 4th annual joint school Ball last Saturday. It was a fun night and we raised lots of money on the auction, all the silent auction winners should now have been notified. As for the live auction! well we certainly have a generous crowd of parents! Who would have thought Mrs Paines could sell her job for over £300 a day! Planning is already underway for 2020!

And the Grand Total raised is (drum roll Drrrrr...) £7700! WOW! This will be split between the 2 schools and will go a long way to improving the facilities that our children have.

Things to look forward to in the spring include the Pamper evening; hopefully a number of you bought your tickets and vouchers after

school this afternoon. These will be for sale by request anytime, leave us a request in the Red post box or by email longdittonfriends@outlook.com. A great mother's day present, or just a treat for yourself; there will be lots of treatment stalls to pamper you on the night to spend your vouchers, along with shops and refreshments, so its building up to be a great evening. Please do come along. This is planned for the 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! For logistics, we'll have some kind of booking system on line for the therapists where you can go in and book your time slot.

We are looking for volunteers to help organise the evening, if you would be able to spare some time to help in the next few weeks, there is a meeting on the 14th March 8pm at the George Evelyn pub. We are also looking for volunteers on the night to sell tickets on the door and run the bar. Let us know if you can help out.

The Knitty Committee is still collecting your knitting, flowers sheep, eggs, poppies, pom poms etc, wool and spare material to decorate Long Ditton, please keep sending these in! There is also a meeting for this next Friday morning, look on the white board for details.

Have a great weekend

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Appreciation



Sienna
Ruby class
Isobel
Oscar P
Tate
Rufus
Erin

Golden Certificates:

Hanna
Sean
Jack W
Parth
Isla C
Arsad
Archie
Nathan
James C
Fynn
Maia
Molly
Emily W
Nancy
Oliver B

Credit Card:

Bea
Claudia



Isla C – 7
Emilia B – 5
Albie – 7
Henry J – 7
Olivia S – 5
Zac T – 7
Maia – 6
George - 7

Outside Achievements:

Ethan C received a ski medal and certificate from ski school/ski race during half term

DIARY DATES

March 2019

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



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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.

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

DORKING * HINCHLEY WOOD * KEW * KINGSTON * OTTERSHAW * WALTON-ON-THAMES

PLEIADES

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Half Term**

EASTER
EGG HUNT



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KT6 Litter Pickers

2ND SUNDAY OF
EVERY MONTH
9.30 - 10.30AM



Sunday 10th March

Meet by the tree next to Manny's.
All welcome.

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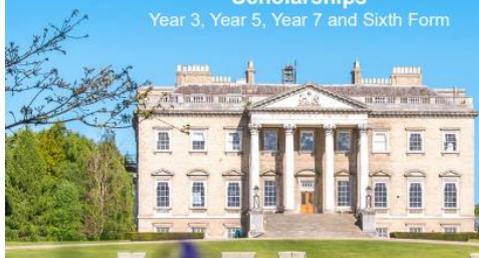
Saturday 9 March
9.30am - 12.30pm

Additional visitor events also available.

Scholarships
Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 and Sixth Form

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Prep
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