



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

6th September 2019

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the school year 2019 – 2020! It has been marvellous to see all the children and hear about their summer experiences. They are very lucky indeed. Note that from Monday the children will be saying goodbye from the gate as usual.

The children have been excellently behaved and have settled back into school routines very well indeed. You should all be proud of how kind, caring and thoughtful they been to each other and the staff! ***It is great to be back!***

School updates

Over the summer the school has had some updates to the grounds and fabric of the building. The nursery toilets, that were the original ones put in when nursery was built, have been replaced. The new ones are much more fit for purpose and look very smart! The grassed area in nursery has been replaced with artificial grass that nursery can use all year round. Lots of broken lights around school have been replaced with LED bulbs, walls have been painted and washed, Husky Classroom has been painted, plants have been tended, chrome books for the EYFS have been purchased and loads of old broken equipment has been skipped! I hope you will agree that the school looks clean and bright! Over the coming year plans are already in place to secure markings for the playground. Thank you to Mrs Nolan, Mr Mahoney, Mrs Harris and all the teachers for all their hard work over the summer to get our school in tip top condition.

School Term Dates

I know lots of holiday companies have sales on at the moment and it would be very beneficial if you

looked at Surrey's Term Dates to make sure when taking advantage of the deals that you check school is not open. Surrey Term dates can be found at <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/term-dates>. Our school dates are on the website and are currently being updated with 2020 and 2021 dates. Please note that we will finish on 17th July 2020 and have the final three Surrey Term days (20th, 21st and 22nd July) as training days when school will be closed for the children. This may also help you to save money when booking. Please remember that children have the right to an education and that attendance is very important to allow them to achieve all they can.

Polling Closures

Please keep an eye on the newsletter and parent communications about the possibility of a general election. We are the polling station for the Long Ditton residents and so may have to be closed if one is called. We are hopeful that that won't happen but I thought it prudent to ensure you are as informed as possible.

Friends First Aiders

On 22nd September the Friends are joining with Long Ditton St Mary's Juniors for their fun run and cycle race. They are looking for people to help man the first aid tent. Ideally if you were first aid trained or if you are simply a willing volunteer, please let them know that you can help.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Jake, Elliot, Jacob D for choosing birthday books to give to their classes to celebrate their birthdays.

Thought for the Week



Have an awesome weekend!
Mrs Paines

Nursery

The Nursery staff have been visiting the new children at their homes this week and getting the Nursery ready for next Wednesday when children who were attending Nursery last year will be returning.

Reception

This week the teachers are making their home visits and we will welcome the new Reception children Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Year 1

Year 2

Applications for starting in Yr 3 at Junior School September 2020

Is your child starting school in September 2020?

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **04 November 2019** and **15 January 2020**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

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In the next couple of weeks your child will bring home a leaflet informing you how to apply for a Junior school place starting September 2020. In the meantime, please follow this link for up

to date information on schools and the application process.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

School Office

Student Photos

Individual student photos and sibling photos (siblings attending our school and Nursery only) will take place on Tuesday 1st October and will once again be taken by Imago Juniors photographers.

Nasal Flu Immunisation

This will take place on Friday 22nd November and will be administered by Nurses from the immunisation team at Children and Family Health Surrey. A letter from CHS will be sent out about this next week by email. This year you will be able to give your e-consent online and information on how to do this will be in the letter. The nasal flu immunisation is offered to all children in years Reception to 6.

Friends

Welcome Back! and Welcome to our school to any new parents/carers receiving this newsletter! Welcome to our lovely school that we are all super proud of! We are looking forward to meeting you all at the various events we have ALREADY got booked in! We are always looking for helpers to organise and run these events that bring in money to help make the school a vibrant, fun and educational place for your children to spend their days.

We had a great year last year, even over the summer raising £1057.50 from the Dragon Boat race in Kingston. Thank you to everyone who took part, who cheered us on or who donated money!

This Sunday there is a **Long Ditton Alive** event at St Mary's Church from 10am-4pm where there will be music, games and Art exhibitions from local schools - please come along and support us!

On the 22nd September we are having a joint **Family Fun day** with the Junior school. **DittON Yer Bike** will end the ride at the Junior school and we'll have a BBQ, face painting, giant slide, and a Fun Run. Please do come along to St Mary's school and have fun with us and the other riders. There will also be a Raffle, and tickets will be sent home in book bags early next week.

Other things we have planned this year are:

Friends AGM 19th September 7.30pm at the school. Please come along and see what we do, who we are and what we plan to raise money for this year, and how you can get involved.

Ground force day 5th October

Fireworks night at Hinchley Wood school 5th November

Children's Christmas workshops 25th/26th/27th/28th November

Adults' Christmas wreath workshop 27th November

Long Ditton Christmas lights switch on 5th December

Christmas Fair 7th December

That Cabaret 24th January

Ground force day 29th February

The Ball 7th March

Pamper Evening 18th March

Ground force day 25th April

Pudding and PJ mayhem 1st May

Teacher appreciation week 4th/ 5th/ 6th May

Ground Force 6th June

Summer fair 13th June

End of year family fun day 11th July

Kingston Dragon Boat 26th July

If you'd like to contact the Friends Committee any time, please use the Red post box outside the office.

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Responsibility



Betsy
Valkyria
Daisy
Sophie C

Golden Certificates:

Spaniel class
Freddie
Felix
Labrador class
Amaan
Husky class
Levi
Dalmatian
Elizabeth

Credit Card:



Idris – 6
Jake – 7
Jacob D – 6
Elliot – 6

Outside Achievements:

Bea won medals on holiday for competing in darts and crossbow competitions.

EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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



Come & meet your neighbours at
LONG DITTON
Alive
& see all the amazing activities
on offer in Long Ditton

Saturday 7th September, 10am - 4pm

Live Music, Community activity information
and demonstrations, Bar & Hot drinks, Food,
Treasure Hunt, Fun games for children,
Guided walks round the historic churchyard.

Venue: St Mary's Church & Community Hall,
Church Road, Long Ditton, KT6 5HH

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HUMPHREY & BRAND

DITTON YER BIKE

join us for a charity
BIKE RIDE
Ditton to Ditton 50 or 80 Miles

All monies raised will go to Long Ditton St Mary's School,
Long Ditton Infant School and The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity
Contact: rebecca.lowth@hotmail.co.uk
Closing Date: 26 July 2019

SUNDAY
22 SEPT 19

In aid of
The **ROYAL MARSDEN**
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Long Ditton St Mary's
Church of England (Aided) Junior School



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