



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

20th September 2019

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you very much indeed and well done to all the KS1 children for coming through the gate independently, with a smile and saying good morning in a most respectful way. It has really made my week this week! You are all **amazing** ☺

SCHOOL PARLIAMENT – PE KITS

School parliament is one of the ways we try to ensure we get feedback from the children about what they like and what they would like to improve about school. This month we talked about PE – what they liked about PE and what they would like to change. They all loved gymnastics, outside games, learning how to use rackets and using the 'big table tops' to jump off. They would like to have more specialist's sports coaches in school and Miss Griffiths, our Sports Lead, is already on the case investigating using Sports Premium money to get dedicated sports professionals into school over the year. One thing that the children all thought the same about was getting changed. They said they do not like getting changed in school because it takes too long. I discussed this with the teachers and we have decided to trial having the children come into school on their PE days IN THEIR PE KIT. This will mean that on PE days the children will come to school dressed in their PE clothes. The teachers will identify which days are PE for your class, in the newsletter and on the boards or windows outside the classrooms, and on that day the children can come to school in PE kits. If your child has plimsolls please get them walk to school in a different pair of shoes and bring their plimsolls with them in their PE bag. This will be a trial for half term when the teachers will review the impact of this change for the children. As ever with changes

some things will work well and some things will be challenging to begin with. Please remember our Values of Resilience and Patience as we trial this change.

Reception Parents Meeting

Monday at 9.05am there will be the meeting for Reception Parents to find out some information about Reception for this year. If you can't make the meeting there will be handouts with the information on for you! Please note this meeting is not about FRED (our phonics programme) which will be held later this term.

Emailing the Office

Following on from my request about not emailing the office last week we have actually had an increase in the number of emails received from parents about non-emergency issues. Whilst the office will deal with the majority of queries I have instructed them not to respond to all requests to afford them the time to carry out the tasks. This will mean that you might only get a receipt read to show the information has been passed on. I will bring emailing up once again with the Governors so that we can investigate a good balance of communication versus valuable time spent responding.

Safety Week – 30th September

Over the next two weeks the children will be learning about the different ways we can keep ourselves safe – both in school and at home. We have carried out a fire drill already and we will be practising a 'lock in' with the children at some point. The lock in is to ensure children are safe inside school if there was something dangerous outside.

We will also be talking to the children about the NSPCC Pants rule and the number they can call if they are worried, basic emergency first aid (the recovery position), dialling 999 in an emergency, road safety, fire safety, E Safety and personal safety. Often parents say 'we shouldn't be worrying children about these things' but the advice from fire, police and ambulance professionals is that if children know what to do if they were ever in an emergency, they would know what actions to take – and that is empowering for them. Over the years I know of at least 2 instances where a child knowing to dial 999 has been used to ensure safety of a parent. If you have any concerns, please speak to your class teacher.

Fun Run at Long Ditton St Mary's

Ilse and Coralie came to speak to the children about all the exciting free activities they have planned for Sunday at Long Ditton St Mary's Junior School as part of the Cycle Race and Fun Run. Everyone is welcome – and it sounds like it is going to be wonderful!

Birthday Books

As a healthy school we do not allow the children to bring in sweets for the class for treats on their birthdays. We do celebrate their birthdays by asking instead for a book to be donated to the school. We have some birthday books in the office and your child could bring in £3 to buy one of their choosing. Or they can donate a book they no longer want to school. Or you can purchase one for them. We put a dedication with your child's name inside and how old they are and this is kept in the class. Yesterday, while working in a class, one child chose to read a birthday book that had been donated to the school by a former pupil and it was lovely for the children to be reminded of that person. If a book is donated the children also get their names in the newsletter to say thank you! This week we are saying thank you to Joseph W, Nancy and Tate for choosing birthday books to give to their classes to celebrate their birthdays.

Attendance

Each week in Celebration Assembly we celebrate the class with the best attendance. This is one way

we promote and celebrate regular school attendance in our school. The class with most attendance each week will receive attendance stickers in recognition of coming to school the most. The class this week with the most attendance is Dalmatian Class with 99%!

Parent Helpers

Calling all parents/carers interested in being a 'parent helper'

Our parent helpers are truly amazing - not only do they enable us to offer more activities to the children, but the support they give makes a huge difference to the children's learning. If you would like to join our happy group of "Helping Hands" or simply find out more, please join me at one of our parent helper / safeguarding meetings this month. Please see dates below.

Even if you have been a regular helper in the past, you will need to attend one of the safeguarding workshops before you can come in again this year.

This year we are slightly adapting the parent helper system to make the organisation more manageable and efficient.

Baking will be done as part of a rotation morning organised by the class teachers and they will be asking for helpers via the class reps nearer the time. **All helpers must have a current DBS check and have attended a safeguarding parent helper meeting.**

Library helpers will be working with their own child's class and the rota will be organised by the class reps for each class. **All helpers must have a current DBS check and have attended a safeguarding parent helper meeting. You will also need to attend the library workshop on Friday 18th October at 9.00am.**

Reading helpers will continue to work across the school and not with their own child's class. We have found this is the most effective way to target and improve children's reading enjoyment and skills. If you would like to share your passion for books and help motivate and inspire children to read, this is the role for you - please join us! **Come along to the one of the safeguarding meetings and attend one of the reading workshops either**

Tuesday 15th October at 9.00am OR Wednesday 16th October at 2.30pm.

Safeguarding meeting dates (every parent helper **MUST** attend one, even if they were a helper last year)

- Tuesday 24th September at 9.00am
- Wednesday 25th September at 2.30pm
- Thursday 26th September at 9.00am

Please note that the workshops are for parents/carers who are interested in helping out in school and we ask that children are not brought to the meeting. Thank you.

Please let the school office know by email if you will be attending one of these workshops so that we can ensure we have enough information packs for everyone.

Reading workshop for parent helpers

- Tuesday 15th October at 9.00am, OR
- Wednesday 16th October at 2.30pm

Library workshop for parent helpers

- Friday 18th October at 9.00am

Thought for the Week

'Show respect even to those who don't deserve it; not as a reflection of their character, but as a reflection of yours.' Dave Willis

Have a courageous weekend!
Mrs Paines

Nursery

We have had a lovely week getting to know your children. We have been busy putting photos on coat pegs and photos on the birthday balloons. We have spent time exploring the different parts of our learning areas. We have been colour sorting, singing the alphabet and number songs, sharing nursery rhymes and stories. We have been talking about sharing and taking turns with our friends using examples as they arise and through sharing and discussing stories. We have enjoyed playing in our role play home corner and our Peppa Pig small world. As a

healthy school we encourage our nursery children to have a snack from the snack bar and to drink plenty of water during their time with us. The school provide fruit and from now on we would like the nursery children to bring their own water bottle to school every day. Please make sure that it has a non-spill lid and is clearly labelled with your child's name and only contains water.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Reception

Following our first full week in Reception the children are settling well and doing a fantastic job remembering the routines of the day. They have impressed us with their numeracy skills and become amazing artists, painting self-portraits. The children have also shown us their technology skills by taking selfies and photos of the activities they have completed this week.

Thank you for ensuring that your children do not play on the trim trail after school. We had our first PE session on Tuesday morning. The majority of the time was taken up with practicing our dressing and undressing skills but both classes managed to get some time being active outside too! Any help you can give us with encouraging the children to be independent at home, particularly with jumpers, shoes and socks, would be much appreciated.

Next week we will continue with class discussions relating to our own and others safety both in and out of school. This will follow on from our sessions this week on who to talk to if you're feeling worried or upset and the ways we can be kind and respectful to one another around school.

A reminder that it is parents and carers information meeting for Reception next Monday at 9.05am. We will be talking about the Early Years curriculum, the FRED programme for early reading and writing and the ways you can support your child at home. We hope to see you there, but remind you that we will be providing handouts containing the information from this session for any parents or carers who cannot attend.

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Finally, the children have been working hard to come into class independently in the mornings this week. Please continue to encourage them to do so next week and for those who are feeling brave, you can start to leave your children at the gate from Monday morning, if they are happy for you to do so. Reception staff will be in the playground to guide them to their classrooms.

Just a few reminders:

- Look out for 'Wow Leaves' coming home with children next week (there will be an explanation for these given at Monday's information meeting).
- Reception information meeting is Monday 23rd September at 9.05am in the school hall.
- **PE is on Tuesdays** - children should come to school wearing their PE kit.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Reception Team

Year 1

This week we have been busy choosing lots of different independent learning activities. We are becoming better at finding our independent learning books and completing the activities in them. In maths, we have practised counting forwards and backwards. We ordered number cards then matched the numicon to the card. We have also been working hard to recognise and read numbers in numerals and words.

In literacy, we have continued to look at the story, 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. We discussed the beginning, middle and end. We then sequenced the story by sticking three pictures down in the correct order and writing sentences about them. We are working hard to say our sentences out loud before we write them and include full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. We had our first handwriting lesson this week, in year 1 we write in

cursive script. This means we have to do lead ins and lead outs, and to help us remember this we say 'start on the line and you'll be fine'. This week we practised writing the letters a, b, c and d (see below).

a b c d

We also had our first dance lesson this week which was great fun! We thought about how different monsters might move and then thought of different freeze frames relating to them. In geography we continued to look at maps and created a map of the playground. In science we learnt about different materials and thought about what different objects were made from.

Next week in literacy we will be looking at 'The Gruffalo' story. We will then be writing descriptive sentences about The Gruffalo. In maths we will be learning to find one more and one less than a number. In art we will be creating monster collages and in geography we will be looking at symbols and keys on maps and creating a map of the classroom with these features.

Home Learning ideas

- Can you work out one more and one less than you and your families ages?
 - Challenge: 2 more/less!
- Read with your child as much as possible and record this in their reading record.
- Write a list of words to describe a family member or pet e.g. fluffy, cheeky, brown, smiley
- Write a list of different objects in your house and the material they are made out of.
- Learn your left and right (this is very useful when we are using the Chromebooks).

Vocab we will be using next week

Maths: one more, one less, greater, fewer, bigger, smaller, number line, hundred square

Literacy: adjective (describing word), full stop, capital letter, finger space, lead in, lead out

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Show and tell: Hippos - something that is special to you/why?

Reminders: Starting next week children will be coming to school in P.E kits on their P.E days.

Both classes have P.E on Tuesdays as well as Monday for Husky class and Thursday for Dalmatian class. P.E kits will be sent home on Monday in Dalmatian Class.

Year 2

Firstly, thank you for all of the lovely posters you have created that are full of fascinating facts about our royal family. They look fabulous on our Regal Royals display board! We had a huge surprise when we arrived in school on Monday. We found that a book had been left for us by the creature we discovered in the playground last week! Reading the book, we found out his name was Something Else and that he found it hard to make friends. In Literacy we wrote about how Something Else was feeling and why. We thought about whether we would like to be his friend.

In Maths we have been continuing to learn about place value, deciding how much each ten and unit is worth in a number. We have created 2-digit numbers and ordered them from the smallest to largest number. We have also begun thinking about greater than, less than and equal to symbols ($<$ $>$ $=$). We imagined the symbols were greedy crocodile's mouths and made sure they always faced the largest number e.g. $99 > 1$.

In Science we have been investigating the different materials objects around our school are made from. Also we have thought about the properties of materials and why they have been used to make objects.

In RE we have been learning about Harvest. We discussed where fruit and vegetables come from and how much money they cost. If you have the opportunity to shop with your child this week, please take the time to look at food labels and prices, to find out where it comes from and how much money it costs.

Homework: Please complete the place value worksheet that has been stuck in your homework book. Please return homework by **Wednesday**.

Next week in Literacy we will be creating a new friend for Something Else and writing a character description. In Maths we will be partitioning numbers into addition number sentences, e.g. $76 = 70 + 6$. We will continue our investigation into the properties of a variety of materials in Science.

We will also be designing a palace or castle fit for the Royal Family. The designs will start next week with the intention to make them the week after (w/c 30th). **Please can you send in any**



cardboard boxes, shoeboxes, kitchen towel rolls, etc which we could use (unfortunately we are not allowed to use toilet rolls).

PE KITS

Please note the message from Mrs Paines regarding PE kits. Year 2 will be doing PE on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Vocabulary

Maths – greater than, less than, equal to, partition, addition

Literacy – sentence starter, connective, adjective, noun phrase, exclamation mark

School Office

Nasal Flu Immunisation

Please see the letter from CHS sent out separately by ParentMail giving information about the nasal flu immunisation and how to give you e-consent online. Please contact the school office if you need any help with this.

Friends

Thank you to everyone who came to the AGM last night it was great to see new faces.

If you couldn't come but you have ideas or would like to see what is planned, please come along to the George Evelyn Pub on 26th September at

8pm. the main topic will be the spooky bounce on the 19th October.

We are also having a face painting practice on the 10th and 16th October after school at the pub, so please come along (with children's faces!) for a practice!

We are looking for Graphic designers to join our team, please email

longdittonfriends@outlook.com

if you can help us and your school.

Please join our Facebook page. We will use this to advertise events, reminders, last minute changes. Search Face book for FRIENDSofLDIS

We are looking for a committee to help organise the School Ball next year, if you are interested please email on the above address.

WOW! look at how much we raised last year! £22,000! What an incredible amount! Thank you to everyone! We are humbled and inspired to crack on for this year! NO LIMITS, BABY!!



at Long Ditton St Mary's Junior School

FAMILY FUN DAY
Sunday 22nd September
12-3.30 in the school grounds
FREE ENTRY

WIN a bike in the raffle
Donated by Humphrey and Brand

Bouncy pirate run and slide

- Giant Sumo wrestling • Face painting
- Bar • Bbq • Cakes • Raffle
- Nerf target shooting
- Music and lots more!

Don't forget to cheer the returning cyclists after their 50 or 80 mile rides!

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Responsibility



Rahaf
Amaan
Rufus
Maia

Golden Certificates:

Isaac
Neveah
Finley M
Michael
Oliver B
Leo H
All Year 1 & Year 2
Theo R
Nila

Credit Card:



Joseph W – 5
Tate – 6
Nancy – 7
Jennifer – 7
Patrick – 6
Iris – 7

Outside Achievements:

Sylvie completed 50 junior 2k park runs and received her 'ultra marathon' wristband
Evelyn received a certificate for taking part in the Summer Reading challenge
Nancy received a certificate for taking part in the Summer Reading challenge
Emily W was awarded her 15m swimming certificate and badge
Anna was awarded the Rainbow's cup for Rainbow of the week

DIARY DATES

September 2019

Monday 23 rd	9.05am Reception (Yr R) Parents/Carers Information meeting
Tuesday 24 th	9.00am Parent Helper safeguarding meeting
Wednesday 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.05am Parents' Forum 2.30pm Parent Helper safeguarding meeting 6.00pm Full Governing Body meeting - please give one week's notice to Clerk of Governors at clerktoqovs@longditton.surrey.sch.uk if you would like to attend
Thursday 26 th	9.00am Parent Helper safeguarding meeting
Monday 30 th	Start of Safety week

October 2019

Tuesday 1 st	Student photographs by Imago Juniors photographers
Monday 7 th	Road Safety show
Thursday 10 th	9.15am Yrs 1 & 2 Harvest Festival assembly with Juniors at St Mary's Church
Friday 11 th	Yr R and Nursery Harvest Festival assembly in school (children only)
Tuesday 15 th	9.00am Parent helper reading workshop
Wednesday 16 th	2.30pm Parent helper reading workshop
Friday 18 th	9.00am Parent helper library workshop
Saturday 19 th	Friends' Spooking Bounce
Wednesday 23 rd	3.30-8.00pm Parent/Teacher consultation meeting by appointment (<i>information on how to book an appointment will be sent out w/c 30th September</i>)
Thursday 24 th	3.30-5.30pm Parent/Teacher consultation meeting by appointment (<i>information on how to book an appointment will be sent out w/c 30th September</i>)
Friday 25 th	Finish at 3.00pm for half term break

November 2019

Monday 4 th	Return to school at 8.45am
Tuesday 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15am Open morning for parents/carers of children starting in Reception 2020 (<i>please contact school office to book a place</i>) Fireworks Display at Hinchley Wood Primary
Monday 11 th	Yr 2 lunch-time clubs start
Wednesday 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-Bullying day 6.00pm Full Governing Body meeting - please give one week's notice to Clerk of Governors at clerktoqovs@longditton.surrey.sch.uk if you would like to attend
Thursday 14 th	9.15am Open morning for parents/carers of children starting in Reception 2020 (<i>please contact school office to book a place</i>)
Tuesday 19 th	9.15am Open morning for parents/carers of children starting in Nursery 2020 (<i>please contact school office to book a place</i>)
Friday 22 nd	Nasal Flu Immunisations (Yrs R,1,2)
Thursday 28 th	2.15pm Rocksteady concert – parents/carers of children who take part are invited

DIARY DATES

December 2019

Friday 6 th	Children's Christmas Production dress rehearsal
Monday 9 th	Children's Christmas Production – time tba
Tuesday 10 th	Children's Christmas Production – time tba
Wednesday 11 th	Children's Christmas Production – time tba
Thursday 12 th	Children's Christmas Production – time tba
Friday 13 th	Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children
Tuesday 17 th	3.00-4.00pm Nursery & Yr R Christmas Disco (run by teachers)
Wednesday 18 th	3.00-4.00pm Yrs 1&2 Christmas Disco (run by teachers)
Thursday 19 th	Nursery last day – finish for Christmas Holidays
Friday 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.15am Christmas Assembly at St Mary's Church – all welcome to attend • 1.30pm Last day of term – school finishes for Christmas Holidays

January 2020

Monday 6 th	Inset Day – school closed
Tuesday 7 th	8.45am Return to school for start of Spring term

VACANCIES - School Adverts



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School Meals Supervisory Assistant Required

Start Date: ASAP

Monday to Friday (the school are willing to consider different working patterns)
12:00 noon to 1:15pm (6.25 hrs per week)

Salary: £ 2,436 (Full Time Equivalent: £16,894)

Applications are invited from enthusiastic persons to join our school. We can offer you a school with a friendly and supportive staff and opportunities for professional development.

The successful applicant will have:
The ability to work constructively as part of a team.
A good level of literacy and numeracy.

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.

If you would like an application pack please contact Kellie Nolan on 0208 398 4398 or e-mail knolan@longditton.surrey.sch.uk. Visits welcome.



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School Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a school governor.

Do you have a friend or neighbour who may be interested in this role?

Please ask them to contact the Clerk to Governors at
clerktoqovs@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Please note that the vacancy cannot be offered to a parent of a child at the school as we have already fulfilled our quota of parent governor roles.

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

 **Long Ditton St. Mary's**
Church of England (Aided) Junior School

• Loving learning • loving one another • loving God •

Open Mornings


Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th October, 9.15am

If you are unable to make these times, please contact the school office to arrange an alternative appointment to have a tour of the school.



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Thames Ditton
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Parents of Year 2 children are warmly invited to a

Prospective Parents' Evening

On Wednesday 16th October
Drinks from 6.00pm
Meeting starts at 6.30pm

Guided tours around our school are bookable via the School Office and start from 21st October.

Telephone 020 8398 3039 for further information.

Thames Ditton Junior School
Mercer Close, Thames Ditton, KT7 OBS



SCALES & TALES

PERFORMING ARTS AUTUMN CLUB 2019

MUSIC, DANCE AND DRAMA WORKSHOPS
FOR 7 TO 12 YEARS.

October 30,31 and November 1st
from 9.30 till 12.30pm held at
Long Ditton St Mary's School

Please contact Kelly at khart1234@icloud.com or look at our website www.scalesandtales.org for more details.



ENJOY YOUR HALF TERM AT LDSM!

WORKSHOP INCLUDES DRAMA, DANCE & MUSICAL THEATRE SONGS HELD AT LONG DITTON ST MARY'S SCHOOL

Workshops are held on 30th, 31st October from 9.30 until 12.30
1st November from 9.50 until 2pm. Performance showcase at 1pm until 2pm. Audience welcome.

Children must be between 7 and 12 years old. Fee per child is £65 for the whole three days with discounts for siblings. Pupils need to bring a drink and a snack. On the Friday please bring a packed lunch.

Deposit is required to secure a place and numbers are limited
All teachers and assistants are DBS checked

Face costume makeup is provided on the Friday for the performance. Audience welcome.

For more information or to book a place please contact Kelly Hart at khart1234@icloud.com or look at our website www.scalesandtales.org


Nina's Paint Pod

Arts & Crafts / Messy Play
For 1-5 year olds
Every Monday at 10-10:45am
Long Ditton Village Hall (annex)
Drop-ins welcome!

T: 07511671561
E: ninaspaintpodlongditton@gmail.com

