



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

NEWSLETTER

27th September 2019

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

What a week! OFSTED came on Tuesday and Wednesday and although I am not allowed to tell the final results until the report is published in about 25 days there are a few things I do want to say.

Firstly, your children were INCREDIBLE. I promise if you had seen the way they were working so hard, behaving superbly and being polite and kind to everyone, you would be so proud of them. We are all absolutely proud of each and every one.

Secondly thank you for completing the parent online surveys. We don't get to see the comments that you put but we did see the overwhelmingly positive responses. It was brilliant that so many of you took the time to respond. And also a **massive** thank you for all the cakes, sweets and good luck cards that were delivered to the staffroom. It was awe-inspiring to see the support you offered and very much appreciated. (Nearly all of the goodies have been devoured so the diets start next week!)

Thirdly thank you to all the Governors who also came to speak to the Inspector to talk about what we do as a school. Their continued aim to help us be the best we can be is excellent.

Finally, a massive thank you to all the inspirational staff. It is very difficult to explain what it feels like to experience OFSTED in school and the relief when the inspection is completed! The team work and support they demonstrated was fabulous. Thank you.

I know that I personally was completely bowled over by the whole community effort that went into

the two days from everyone and I am humbled to be part of such a great community.

Safety Week – 30th September

Next week is our Safety week. Each day the children will be learning about a specific aspect of safety. As part of Safety week I have attached our Safeguarding Policy to this Newsletter. Each year the Safeguarding policy is updated and reviewed. It is the beginning of how we ensure the children in our school are kept safe. Please read the policy, which at the moment is in its draft form waiting to be ratified by the Governors. If you have any suggestions for improvements, please let the school know by dropping your ideas into the Office Post box or sending an email to the school office.

Fun Run at Long Ditton St Mary's

Thank you and well done to everyone who took part. You are simply the best!

Birthday Books

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

Attendance

The class this week with the most attendance is Beagle Class with 99%!

Parent Helpers

Thank you to all those who attended one of the parent helper safeguarding workshops this week. Please remember to return the completed forms to the school office as soon as possible. Please note the times for the reading and library workshops:

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

Respect for ourselves guides our moral. Respect for others guides our manners. L Sterne

Have a delightful weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

We have continued to talk about rules and expectations as things have arisen when using resources and working with our friends. We have spent time talking about growth mindset language, " I can't do that yet " and we have been encouraging the children to think about how they can help each other. We have enjoyed sharing nursery rhymes and we have been using puppets to share our own stories. Some children have even been inspired to make their own puppets in our craft areas to use on the puppet show stand. We have seen some lovely story telling and use of language and story vocabulary.

We have enjoyed talking about jungle animals in our small world and the Tiger Who Came to Tea visited our role play home corner.

We have been learning a days of the week song, made observations about the weather and we have started to talk about the change of season.

Thank you for sending water bottles in with the children - please make sure they are clearly labelled with a name. If your child attends lunch club, we would appreciate it if you labelled their lunchbox with their name also. It would be helpful for lunch club children to have a separate water bottle for class and a separate drink in their lunchbox for lunch if possible. Thank you for all your support with settling your children in, it has been lovely getting to know you all.

Have a lovely, restful weekend.

Reception

Happy Friday! Well done to all the children who came across the playground by themselves this week. A big thank you to all parents for your help and support with this, your children have been super! Next week, please can you drop your child at the inside gate where a member of staff will be waiting to greet them.

We have been continuing to focus on routines this week and getting the children familiar with the school timetable. We have continued to practise counting up to and beyond ten. The children enjoyed exploring different repeating patterns, using coloured objects, printing and interactive games on the class whiteboard. We have further been practising our listening skills by listening to sounds around the classroom, recognizing different sounds through games and exploring musical instruments.

Next week, we have another busy week. As part of a whole school focus on safety, we will be looking at different people who help us. We will also be focusing on hearing the initial sounds in words, for example the 'a' sound in 'apple'. In our maths learning we will begin to look at 2D shapes and where we might be able to find these around the classroom on a shape scavenger hunt.

Home learning ideas:

- If you have time this weekend, please take your child on a 2D shape hunt. Can they find an object in the shape of a circle, triangle, rectangle and square? For an extra challenge, can they find a pentagon or hexagon?
- While out and about over the weekend, what sounds can your child identify inside and out?

Just a few reminders:

- Please bring in any recyclable containers, newspapers and cardboard for junk modelling (please remember no items that have contained nuts)
- Resources request! We are looking to develop our small world, if you have any toy sets you

are getting rid of e.g. Playmobil, Happy Street or Happyland sets etc. We would be very grateful for any donations! 😊

- **On Tuesday 1st October please wear school uniform.** PE will be different just for this week as we have school photos, so no need to bring in PE kits.

Have a lovely weekend!

Reception Team

Year 1

This week has been very busy with visitors. We were very proud of all the children in Year 1 who have worked very hard all week and were friendly and kind to the visitors. Well done Year 1!

In literacy, we read the book 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. We learnt about adjectives and thought of different ways to describe the characters in the story. As part of the independent learning activities, children went on a monster hunt looking for monster posters, wrote a list of objects a monster needs to scare people and re-wrote parts of The Gruffalo story.

In maths, we learnt about one more and one less. We made a human number line and counted backwards and forwards. In RE, we looked at The Creation Story and what Christians believe. In Jigsaw, we discussed what makes a good learning environment. As a class, we came up with ideas to make our classroom a good place for learning.

Next week is Safety Week. We will be learning about how to stay safe at school, at home, in the local community and when using the internet. In literacy, we will be creating our own monster. We will then label the features of the monster and write sentences to describe them. In maths, we will learn about grouping objects together and the maths symbols to show more than/less than.

Home Learning ideas:

- Draw your favourite animal, write a sentence to describe it. Can you use an adjective in your sentence?

- Collect a group of objects. Can you put them into groups and explain your reasoning? Eg. Toys with numbers on and those with no numbers, shapes and not shapes
- Walk like a monster? Can you make a sequence to perform to the class?
- Design a poster for the classroom to show good learning, eg. listen to others

Vocab we will be using next week

- Maths: greater than, less than, equal, more, less, number, group, order
- Literacy: adjectives, describing words, capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, list
- **Show and tell:** Elephants something that is special to you/why?

Reminders:

- Please make sure that all clothing, book bag, water bottles and fruit tubs are labelled with your child's name.
- Next Tuesday is individual class photos. **For this day only, please can children come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit to change.**
- Every Wednesday your child is given a FRED book to take home, to be returned to school the following Monday. The book is coloured coded and half the size of an A4 page. Please go through this book with your child at home. They will know the story as they will have read it during FRED lessons at school. Please re-read the story, encourage your child to answer the questions in the book and recap green/red words. In Year 1 children do not get a FRED folder. If you have any questions, please see us at the end of the day.

Year 2

This week in Literacy we have finished reading 'Something Else' and found out some very good news about the little creature. Ask your child to explain! We have created our own characters who could be a friend for Something Else and written a character description of them using interesting adjectives.

In Maths we have been continuing to learn about place value. We have partitioned numbers into their tens and units in the form of an addition number sentence, e.g. $25 = 20 + 5$. We have used a hundred square to add multiples of 10 to a number. Our challenge was to take away tens.

As part of our Regal Royals topic we have been looking at the homes of our Royal family and have designed our own castles. We thought about the features of a castle, such as the moat, portcullis and arrow slits, and why they are important. Next week we will use the recyclable materials you have kindly donated to create our castles.

Home Learning to write a character description of your favourite story book character. Remember to include super adjectives and a picture too.

Next week is Safety Week. We will be thinking about Fire Safety, Personal Safety, Road Safety and how to keep safe when using the Internet.

Year 2 will also be starting our hockey sessions at Surbiton Hockey Club on Thursday. This will now replace Friday's PE sessions until stated otherwise, so please can PE kits be worn on a TUESDAY and THURSDAY. **Please note that next Tuesday 1st October, children should wear their school uniform to school and bring their PE kits to change into after their school photos.**

Vocabulary – tens, units, hundreds, castles, moats, partition, adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions.

School Office

Individual School Photos – Tuesday 1st October

All children should come to school wearing their school uniform (except Nursery).

Children in Years 1 & 2 should bring their PE kits to school to change into after having their photo taken.

Children in Reception do not need to bring in their PE kit.

Nasal Flu Immunisation

Please note that closing date for giving your e-consent for your child to have the flu immunisation is Friday 15th November.

Friends

Drum Roll... Drrrrrr.... The total raised from DittON Yer Bike last Sunday... £8760!!! Amazing!

£6432 from the Virgin Giving page that is still open and taking donations, plus another £2327 on the day at the fair. What a fab start to the year! Thank you all so much, £2919 will go to the Royal Marsden and £2432 between the two school (after covering expenses).

A lot of parents, carer, friends, family, teachers and children worked hard organising, baking, BBQing, sponsoring, fun running, eating and drinking, running stalls and entertainment, cycling and getting wet. We made a great team, so a big thank you and pat on the back!

Of course this is just the start to exceeding the £22K we raised last year, so what's next?

- 1st October there will be a meeting for the Christmas Fair, the biggest event we have. We are looking for lots of help here! If you think you will be able to help in any capacity PLEASE come to the George and Evelyn on the 1st at 8pm. Also if you would like to get involved in the elf prep email us on longdittonfriends@outlook.com and we'll be in touch.
- 5th October we are having a Ground Force day. For those unaware, this is where we just have a garden clear up, do some planting, weeding, pruning etc. It's a great way to get involved in the school and meet other parents, we provide refreshments and breakfast and there's even a creche, all you need to bring are gloves and some tools to use and we'll get the school ship shape for the Spooky Bounce!

- 15th October there is a meeting for the School Ball. In March we are holding our annual School Ball and we are looking for a team of people to help organise this with us, if you are interested in helping or getting involved in this team please do come to the Limping Fox pub at 8pm, we look forward to seeing you there.

In other news, we are looking for PE kits for the 'Preloved School Uniform shop' if you have any outgrown PE kit, grey tracksuits, T-Shirts etc, please let us know. We have a new email address for donating and requesting, we will take and send out packages via the bike sheds, contact us on lduniforms@outlook.com and we'll get back to you.

Everyone should also get a welcome letter in the book bags for the new committee, but please take a look at the stunners you have on the team this year, if you need to get hold of you class rep or committee member here are faces to put to the names. Don't forget there is also the Red post box and the email address above, we all love a good natter so please do say hi!

Have a lovely weekend

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Responsibility



Rory
Daniel G
Betsy
Lottie

Golden Certificates:

Alex B
Emilia
Theresa
Poppy H
Jennifer
George R
Tate
Joshua L
Noa

Credit Card:

Theo R



Florence – 7
Olivia G – 7

Outside Achievements:

Oscar G received a medal for taking part in a golf tournament
Martha, Freddie M, Nancy, Michael, Charlie J-S, Harry D all completed 7 laps in 10 minutes at the Junior school Fun Run
Georgia completed 6 laps in the Junior school Fun Run
Maia read 21 books over the summer holidays

DIARY DATES

September 2019

Monday 30th Start of Safety week

October 2019

Tuesday 1st Student photographs by Imago Juniors photographers – all children to wear school uniform (except Nursery)

Thursday 3rd Yr 2 start hockey sessions at Surbiton Hockey Club – wear PE kit to school, bring spare shoes in case wet.

Monday 7th Road Safety show

Thursday 10th 9.15am Yrs 1 & 2 Harvest Festival assembly with Juniors at St Mary's Church
Yr 2 - **No** hockey Yr 2

Friday 11th

- **Yr 2 hockey** – wear PE kit to school, bring spare shoes in case wet
- Yr R and Nursery Harvest Festival assembly in school (children only)

Tuesday 15th 9.00am Parent helper reading workshop

Wednesday 16th 2.30pm Parent helper reading workshop

Friday 18th 9.00am Parent helper library workshop

Saturday 19th Friends' Spooky Bounce

Wednesday 23rd 3.30-8.00pm Parent/Teacher consultation meeting by appointment (*information on how to book an appointment will be sent out w/c 7th October*)

Thursday 24th 3.30-5.30pm Parent/Teacher consultation meeting by appointment (*information on how to book an appointment will be sent out w/c 7th October*)

Friday 25th Finish at 3.00pm for half term break

November 2019

Monday 4th Return to school at 8.45am

Tuesday 5th

- 9.15am Open morning for parents/carers of children starting in Reception 2020 (*please contact school office to book a place*)
- Fireworks Display at Hinchley Wood Primary

Monday 11th Yr 2 lunch-time clubs start

Wednesday 13th

- 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 14th 9.15am Open morning for parents/carers of children starting in Reception 2020 (*please contact school office to book a place*)

Tuesday 19th 9.15am Open morning for parents/carers of children starting in Nursery 2020 (*please contact school office to book a place*)

Friday 22nd Nasal Flu Immunisations (Yrs R,1,2)

Thursday 28th 2.15pm Rocksteady concert – parents/carers of children who take part are invited

December 2019

Friday 6th Children's Christmas Production dress rehearsal

Monday 9th Children's Christmas Production – time tba

DIARY DATES

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.

www.longdittonstmarysschool.co.uk
school@ldsm.co.uk
020 8398 1070
Find us on Facebook/ldsmjunior and Twitter @ldsmjuniorsch

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 0BS

Clubland Holiday Club
Open from 7.30am - 6.15pm

Stay'n'Play 4* -11 years
*in reception
Offering a wide range of fun activities & games with weekly trips or onsite visits

Out'n>About 8-12 years
Day trips for the older age range

Session Times & Prices
Half days - £13
(8.30am - 12.30pm or 1.00pm - 5.00pm)
Full day - £26
(8.30am - 5.00pm)
Extended day - £5
(Breakfast 7.30am or late pickup 6.15pm)

Sports
On-site visits
Trips
Craft
Cookery
Role play
Games
Waterfights
Messy play
& lots more!

Ofsted Outstanding

To apply, please complete a booking form and email with proof of payment to: holidayclub@clubland-playscheme.com

DON'T HANG ABOUT
this Autumn

Click here to Book

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

Wild Play holiday club
at Claremont Landscape Garden
October half term 10.30-4.30. 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

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tired, dirty, happy children
National Trust

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