



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

15th November 2019

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone for donating to Children in Need. We have all taken part in the Big Morning Move with Joe Wicks and have raised money to help such a good cause.

Anti-Bullying Day Wednesday 20th November

Next Wednesday we will be thinking and learning about Anti Bullying. During the day we can all come to school in ODD SOCKS to demonstrate that we are standing up against all types of bullying. We will be learning about what bullying is, how to stand up to someone and ways to get help if they feel they are being bullied. The day is only part of our teaching and learning about bullying and through our Jigsaw PSHCE programme they will also be signing a class anti bullying charter and learning to celebrate difference. Mrs Emmett will also be running an Anti Bullying Workshop for parents and carers on Wednesday afternoon 1.45pm – 2.45pm. Everyone is welcome but in order to ensure the correct amount of seats, please let the office know if you are coming.

Raising Concerns Guidance

Please remember that if you have any concerns about your child, however small they may seem, always contact your class teacher first to arrange a meeting to discuss them. You can do this by writing on the boards in the morning, by speaking to me or Mrs Emmett on the gate, by emailing the office or by arranging a suitable time with your class teacher at the end of the day. The reason that the class teachers are the best first point of contact is that they will have the most information about your child.

Please see the flow chart below to help you understand how we address parental concerns.

1. Speak to the class teacher.
2. If you feel that your concern has not yet been addressed, please ask to see the appropriate Key Stage leader. This is Mrs Lulham for Nursery and Reception or Mrs Bradley for Years 1 and 2.
3. If you still feel unhappy about the measures that have been put into place, then arrange to speak to either Mrs Emmett or myself.

Special Talents

If any parents or carers have any special talents they would like to share with us please let us know! One of the things we would like to continue to increase is the number of opportunities the children have to see different professionals or talented people. In the past we have had engineers, scientists, doctors, police and fire service people. There are many different ways to speak to the children either to year groups, classes or in assembly. Please speak to either Mrs Emmett or myself if you would like to share your talents in school.

Competition Winners – Design front cover

There was such a variety of wonderful designs to choose from but after some consideration the winners chosen are as follows:

Overall Winner – Hanna – Beagle class

Runners Up are:

Mia – Corgi

Theo – Dalmation

Rebecca – Labrador

Indie – Sheltie

Amaan – Husky

Ryley – Spaniel

The winning design will appear on the front cover of the Christmas Fair programme and the runner's up pictures will appear inside the programme. Well done to everyone who entered!

Brilliant Behaviour

The people we would like to celebrate are: Emily W, Sophia, Emilia and Martha. They have all been exceptionally kind to other people this week!

Golden Manners Table

On Monday Dalal, Teddy, Esther, Theo R, Lottie and Isaac will be joining me on the Golden Manners table!

Birthday Books

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

Twelve15 – New Catering Providers

Commercial Services has a new name Twelve15. They have been reviewing and improving everything about what they offer and if you would like to find out more please see their link www.itstwelve15.co.uk/steady

I think the improvements all look very promising and I know the meatballs on Monday were very tasty indeed!

Attendance

The class with the most attendance this week is Spaniel with 97.5%!

Thought for the Week

'A little tolerance or forgiveness everyday is actually better than an apple a day!' Laura Shackelford

Have a happy weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

We have had a lovely week in Nursery. We began the week talking about Remembrance Day and what it means. We made poppies to remember

those who have fought in the war and held a minute silence in the nursery.

We have been making shape hats and giant shapes, going on shape hunts and singing shape songs. The children have been describing triangles, circles, squares and rectangles using the mathematical vocabulary corner, straight side and curved side.

We have enjoyed rhyming using stories and games. In our small world the children have helped to set up a farm. We have been naming animals and talking about noises they make and also what produce they give us, for example milk, eggs and wool. We have also used our small world to tell our own stories and make our own picture books.

In our role play we have set up a shop. The children will be developing their language, vocabulary, imaginative skills as well as making shopping lists and learning about money.

In PE we have been playing the Bean Game and the Traffic Light Game, both games encourage good listening skills.

We began our school library visits this week, thank you to the parent helper volunteers who are running it for us. Our aim is every Thursday your child will be able to choose a book from the library to bring home and share with you.

Next week is Anti Bullying week. We will be talking to the children about making good choices in our friendships and what to do if someone is being unkind. On Wednesday the children are invited to wear odd socks to raise awareness of bullying.

As part of talking about friendships we would like to invite the children to talk about their own family and people that are important to them. It would be really helpful if you could send in one family photo to help the children talk about their own family during next week's activities. This is an important speaking and listening opportunity.

Thank you for your support. Have a lovely weekend.

Reception

This week in reception we have continued to learn about fireworks and why we celebrate Bonfire night and Diwali. The children have come up with their own adjectives to describe fireworks and have tried writing these. We have continued with our phonics learning, particularly focusing on the children's segmenting and blending skills. The children have also begun to look at finding one more or one less than a given number and adding two single digit numbers together, we have explored this using objects as well as using games on the chrome books.

On Monday we discussed the importance of Remembrance Day with the children and made our own poppies to wear or display around the classroom. The children were very grown up and respectful when taking part in this discussion. On Friday, we helped raise awareness for Children in Need by taking part in Joe Wickes' Big Morning Move. We talked about the importance of helping those not as fortunate as ourselves and how the money we have raised could help to do this.

Next week we will be looking at familiar stories and building our speaking and listening skills when discussing these. We will be trying to sequence the stories verbally and thinking about how we might be able to change their endings. We will also be looking at repeating patterns and whether we can continue a pattern as well as creating our own. It is anti-bullying day next Wednesday so we will be thinking about what makes a good friend and what we can do if we are feeling worried or sad.

Home learning ideas:

- Please allow your children to practise getting changed independently at home, this will ensure that they can change with ease for PE.
- Practise counting up to 20 and then jumping forwards to add one more and jumping back to subtract one less.
- Rhyming is an important skill for children to have to develop their spelling. Play rhyming ping pong: you say 'hat', they say 'bat' and

continue until you run out of words (they don't have to be real).

Reminders:

- Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school and that all items are labelled.
- Look out for show and tell letters coming home in book bags today.
- Please make sure your child has a warm coat every day.

Year 1

It's been another busy and enjoyable week in Year 1. It's been lovely to both see and celebrate the home learning that has been coming into school. Thank you for your ongoing support.

In Literacy, the children really enjoyed the story 'Little Bear's Special Wish'. They especially loved our story map and helping to make up actions to recall the main events of the story. The children discussed settings and will use this understanding to help them to write their own 'wishing' stories next week modelled on the story of 'Little Bear's Special Wish'. The children will write their story over the course of next week and will be thinking about the characters, setting, what their wish will be, the problem of getting the wish, and how the wish will come true.

In handwriting, we practised forming the letters *t u n* in cursive script. We practised forming the letters in the air and on whiteboards before writing them in our books.

Recognising, naming and sorting 2D and 3D shapes was great fun this week in Maths. The children had to think about the properties of the shapes by considering missing shapes, partially covered shapes and through organising shapes by colour and size. The children enjoyed singing shape songs, have a go at them at home: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zps34wx> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zhnvcdm>

Next week, the children will be learning to partition numbers into tens and ones using dienes and the part-whole model. They will also be using a number line and hundred square to find one more and one less than a given number.

This week we started to talk about hibernation in Science and the story of Hanukkah in RE. In PE, we continued to think about how we move safely around a space. We also enjoyed group and partner work practising our throwing and catching skills with beanbags.

Next week, we will continue to work on our 'Starry Night' pieces in art. In Science, we will look again at hibernation and will complete a sorting activity considering animals that hibernate and those that do not hibernate.

Home Learning Ideas

- When sharing a story, can your child orally retell you the main parts of the story? You can make up actions to help oral recall.
- Play 'Can you guess my number game?' Tell your child that you are thinking of a number that is 1 more than.... or 1 less than... Can they guess what the number is?

Vocab We Will Be Using Next Week

- Maths: one more, one less, partition, part-whole model, part, whole
- Literacy: setting, characters, problem, beginning, middle, end, story

Show and Tell: Hippos (something that is special to you and why that is not a toy)

Reminders:

- **Wednesday 20th** is Anti-Bullying Day. The children can wear odd socks to school to reinforce anti-bullying awareness

Year 2

Wow! What a busy week we've had this week! We have learnt all about Henry VIII and his six wives. We have learnt about what happened to them, we learnt that they either got divorced, beheaded, or

survived. We learnt that Henry VIII wasn't a very nice man.

In Literacy this week we have learnt all about Mary Seacole and her life and how she helped in the Crimean war.

In Maths we have been dividing by sharing using blank number lines. Ask your child to show you how to do it and which method they prefer. Next week we will be learning about shapes and recognising the differences between 2D and 3D shapes. We will be focusing on 2D shapes.

On Tuesday we had such a great trip to Hampton Court palace. We were so proud of the behaviour of all the children and how many facts they could remember about Henry VIII for our workshop!

Maths Homework: Help your child to answer the division problems using their preferred method

Key vocabulary: Division, share, divide, Mary Seacole, Henry VIII, palace, Hampton Court, shapes, 2D, 3D, square, triangle, hexagon, pentagon,

Next week: We will be learning more about life in Tudor times.

Please note: Next week we will be wearing odd socks on Wednesday to raise awareness for anti-bullying. It is our last week of Hockey at Surbiton Hockey Club. Reminder that we will be visiting Stokes Field on Monday 25th November.

School Office

Nasal Flu Immunisation

This will take place on Friday 22nd November.

Friends

Another week closer to Christmas! The excitement builds!

We have sold all our advertising space in the fair brochure and stand to make over £1000 revenue for the school, BUT we still need to find a printer that can help us out with A5 full colour booklets so

we can maximise the money for school. We have managed to wangle this for free over the years (in exchange for our gratitude, advertising and a warm fuzzy feeling) but so far haven't found a sponsor for this year. Do you work somewhere with printing facilities or for a company who has ongoing printing overheads and a good relationship with their printers.

Please contact jessica2179@yahoo.co.uk if you may be able to help.

We are also collecting old Christmas cards, unwanted gifts, sweets, wrapping paper, ribbons, gift bags and cellotape, Christmas jumpers and dress up outfits. If you have anything to donate please leave it in the box in the bike sheds.

If you haven't booked a spot on our Children's Christmas workshop we still have spaces left - 25th, 26th, 27th 28th.

Christmas Wreath and table centre workshop on the 27th Nov for adults at the George Evelyn pub.

All profits to the school. Contact desireeharris@sky.com if you lost the application form!

We are also hard at work planning the next School Ball. The ball date has been set for the 7th March. This year we are heading back to the 80's. See the poster for details. Tickets will be available from next week. This is a community event between both schools. Long Ditton Infants and St. Mary's Junior school. With the 80's in mind, we are collecting any 80's decor and props including any old vinyl records (please note we WILL NOT be able to return these!)

A big thanks to the lovely Humphrey and Brand for sponsoring our Ball!

In other life, we are looking for BBQ tools to make up a BBQ box with items for use when BBQing. Chopping boards, metal trays, BBQ tools, aprons, dishes to keep the food warm once cooked. If you have anything in good condition, please leave them in the Friends collection box.

Calling all Photographers and graphic designers. We are still looking for people with these skills to join our lovely team. Please put a note in the red Friends box or send us an email on longdittonfriends@outlook.com if you would like to help.

Finally, school uniforms. If you are in need of uniform, PE kit, book bags for library then contact Kim our uniform coordinator on Ldiuniforms@outlook.com

Have a great weekend
Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Tolerance



Frankie
Dexter
Rebecca
Amelie
Evie
Lola

Golden Certificates:

Seungjoon
Grace
Zachary
Finn
Millie
George
Labrador class
Tuuli
Georgina
Erin
Patrick
Idris

Credit Card:



Rebecca – 7
Rahaf – 6
Teddy – 7
Neva – 4
Brenin – 4

Outside Achievements:

Nyla passed her 5th Award Badge at gymnastics and received a badge and certificate.
Georgia passed her gymnastics Bronze award for 'suppleness & strength' and received a badge and certificate.
Patrick was awarded a hockey club medal.
Eilidh was awarded Rainbow of the Week for being very helpful.
Georgina received her Blue Peter Sports Badge 2019
Lottie took part in the Remembrance parade and laid a wreath at the war memorial on behalf of the Rainbows and was awarded a Remembrance badge.
Ava G received a silver medal for gymnastics.

DIARY DATES

November 2019

Tuesday 19 th	9.15am Open morning for parents/carers of children starting in Nursery 2020 (please contact school office to book a place)
Wednesday 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear odd socks for anti-bullying awareness 1.45-2.45pm Anti-bullying workshop for parents/carers – please inform school office if you would like to attend
Friday 22 nd	Nasal Flu Immunisations (Yrs R,1,2)
Monday 25 th	Yr 2 to Stokes Field – Autumn visit
Thursday 28 th	2.15pm Rocksteady concert – parents/carers of children who take part are invited

December 2019

Friday 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15 Children's Christmas Production dress rehearsal 1.30pm Christmas Decoration afternoon
Saturday 7 th	Christmas Fair
Monday 9 th	9.15am Children's Christmas Production
Tuesday 10 th	9.15am Children's Christmas Production
Wednesday 11 th	9.15am Children's Christmas Production
Thursday 12 th	School closed for polling – General Election
Friday 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children 7.00pm Pantomime
Saturday 13 th	12.00pm & 4.00pm Pantomime
Tuesday 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Lunch for children & staff 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

EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

Long Ditton Infant & Nursery School and
Long Ditton St Mary's Junior School

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BACK TO THE 80's Ball

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SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2020
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RETRO ARCADE GAMES | SELFIE STATION

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