



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

## NEWSLETTER

### 22nd November 2019

## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

We had a Governor monitoring day on Wednesday this week. The Governors come into school each term with a specific focus. This term they were investigating writing, behaviour and computing. In their feedback they wanted me to say to everyone how excellently behaved the children were, how confident they were in talking to them and how much they enjoyed sharing the children's accomplishments! They also commented on the difference the chrome books have made!



### **Pantomime Time!!!**

We are now selling tickets to come and see our 10<sup>th</sup> annual family pantomime Dick Whittington! The panto is completely family friendly, designed for the children and raises money for the school. Over the years the ticket sales have enabled us to: buy the stage, lights, sound system, contributed to the resource hall, music resources, the library refurbishment, library books, reading books, FRED books, chrome books and the must read classroom books! **Tickets are only £6!** And every penny you give goes to the school. The children love seeing their teachers perform on the stage oh yes they do! We value all the support you bring – especially all the audience participation. Please contact the office if you would like tickets for this fabulous show!

### **Anti-Bullying Day Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Well done to everyone for wearing odd socks on Anti Bullying day. The children have now all signed an Anti-Bullying Charter in which they have

pledged to always have kind hands, use kind words and tell a grown up if they are worried about anything. Help for parents and carers can be found at <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents/interactive-anti-bullying-information-tool-parents-and-carers>.

### **Sharenting**

In the weekly Safeguarding bulletin this week was an article on 'Sharenting'. If you can spare five minutes it is worth having a quick read! Here's the link: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/Media/Pages/Sharenting-5-Questions-to-Ask-Before-You-Post.aspx>

### **Brilliant Behaviour**

This week will be the last Brilliant Behaviour awards as we will be preparing for the next whole school focus. So the people we would really like to celebrate are: Sylvie, Harrison, Esther, Betsy, Sophie D, Marley and Joshua S. These people have all demonstrated excellent behaviour this week!

### **Golden Manners Table**

On Monday Fevos, Dorothy, Valkiriya, Edward M, Isabella A and Rayaan will be joining me on the Golden Manners table because they have remembered their manners this week!

### **Birthday Books**

Thank you to Michael and Eva W for choosing a birthday book to give to their class to celebrate their birthdays.

## Attendance

The class with the most attendance this week is with Spaniel with 97.5% for the second week in a row!

## Thought for the Week

'Inner compassion and outer tolerance can easily make a new world, a better world.' Sri Chimnoy

## Have an interesting weekend!

Mrs Paines

---

## Nursery

---

We have had a great week in nursery.

We have enjoyed playing on the stage we have set up outside. We have used the percussion instruments to make music and compare sounds that they make.

The children have spent time talking about their families and people that are important to them. They have drawn some lovely pictures of their families.

We have talked about our Golden Rules and friendship. Remembering that a friend is someone who is kind and helpful, using the phrase: Kind Hands, Kind Words, Kind Feet. We have shared the books Topsy and Tim Help a Friend and One by Kathryn Otoshi.

We have been counting amounts of objects and comparing more or less when looking at amounts. In our small world we have set up a Fairy Woodland and we have continued to enjoy shopping in our role play area.

As the weather has now turned much colder please make sure that your child has a coat every day. Please encourage your child to put their hat up their coat sleeve when they are not wearing their coat and remind them to put gloves or mittens in their pockets as this is what we will be encouraging them to do at nursery.

Please could you make sure that water bottles, coats, gloves, scarves and hats are clearly labelled with your child's name.

You should have received information about the Christmas nativity costumes for nursery this week, please see the nursery team if you need more information.

Thank you. Have a lovely weekend!

---

## Reception

---

In Reception this week we have been 'Going on a Bear Hunt', squashing and squeezing into the little old lady's house and listening to 'What the Ladybird Heard'. The children had fun recalling the characters, sequencing the stories, creating small world and role play areas and then re-enacting the stories. In maths, we have been exploring patterns through colour, action and shape and trying to spot the 'repeating unit'. We have created transient art using found and natural objects and used our technology skills to take photographs before deconstructing our creations. We have also been investigating how to release dinosaurs trapped in ice.

We re-visited our Jigsaw theme of 'how to be a good friend' during Anti-bullying Day and created some odd sock designs around which we wrote labels for what makes a good friend.

Next week, we will be continuing to sequence stories, thinking of different endings for familiar stories or continuing stories with what happened next. We will be exploring patterns in nature, seeing if we can spot errors in patterns and creating our own for others to follow. We are also going to start practising for our songs for the Christmas production.

### Key vocabulary

Pattern, repeating unit, sequence, time connectives (first, next, then, finally).

### Home Learning Ideas:

- Practise segmenting and blending simple words to support your child's reading. Asking your child to s-i-t (sit) to the table or hang their

coat on the p-e-g (peg) will help them to hear the sounds in simple words and then blend them.

- Use lego or coloured pencils to create simple patterns and ask your child to follow the pattern, create their own or spot a deliberate error.
- Ask your child to sequence a simple daily routine e.g. bedtime - undress, put on pyjamas, get into bed, read story, say goodnight.

### Reminders:

- Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school and that all items are labelled.
- Please make sure your child has a warm coat every day.
- Please look out for the letter about our nativity costumes and lyrics to our songs in the children's book bags.

---

## Year 1

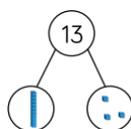
---

This week has simply flown by in Year 1. The children have worked hard and can be very proud of themselves.

In literacy, the children have written their 'Wish' stories over the course of the week, initially planning and then focussing in turn on writing the beginning, middle and end of their stories. This required a lot of concentration! Next week, we will be revisiting previously learnt concepts covered over the course of this term with the children rotating through a carousel of independent literacy based learning activities.

In handwriting, we practised forming the letters *W X Y Z* in cursive script. Once again, we practised forming the letters in the air and on whiteboards before writing them in our books. These were quite tricky letters to form!

In maths, the children were learning to use dienes to represent tens and ones and to partition numbers into tens and ones using the part-whole model.



They also used number lines and a hundreds square to find one more and one less than a number. Next week, we will revisit the mathematical concepts covered this term with the children rotating through a carousel of independent mathematically based learning activities.

This week the children have really enjoyed learning about hibernation in science and thinking about the animals that do and do not hibernate. They were also fascinated to learn about Neil Armstrong in history and consider some questions that they wanted to find out the answer to with regard to his life. The children also enjoyed carrying on with their 'Starry Night' pieces in art.

### Home Learning Ideas

- Practise the letter formation for **w, x, y, z**. Try to make this fun in the context of 'playing teachers' so the children can teach you how they have practised the formation at school.
- Please talk to your child about capital letters and full stops and why they are important. Pick them out in stories and discuss them in any opportunities when writing for a purpose (ie a thank you letter, letter to Santa, etc)
- Can the children tell you the animals they know that hibernate? What other animals can you find out about that also hibernate? Can they draw a picture of the animal?

### Vocab We Will Be Using Next Week

- Maths: add, take away, 2D shapes, 3D shapes, part-whole model
- Literacy: capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, adjectives, conjunctions

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

### Reminders:

#### Costumes for Christmas production:

- **Husky: Donkeys**
- **Dalmatian: Inn keepers**  
(unless you have received a letter)

---

## Year 2

---

In Literacy this week we have been focussing on the book called 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne. We thought about what would be through the tunnel and used our imagination to write about what it might look like, feel like and what we could smell and taste. We then wrote in the first person as if we were one of the characters and described how he might be feeling.

In Maths we have continued our work on shapes. This week we have focussed on 2D shapes and their properties. We thought about how many sides and vertices they had. We have begun to look at right angles in shapes and used right angle checkers to find out which shapes have right angles and which ones don't.

In Dance we made up some Tudor dances based on our knowledge of the Tudor times. We thought about the clothes they wore in the Tudor times and how it might feel to dance in these clothes. In PSHE as part of Anti-Bullying week, we have thought about what bullying is and ways that we can help stop it from happening. We signed our class Anti-Bullying Charter to show that as a school we say no to bullying.

This week was our last Hockey session at Surbiton Hockey Club and we are all amazed by the skills the children now demonstrate playing hockey. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have helped us by walking to the Club.

**Literacy Homework:** Please write an adventure story about the Everywhere Bear who gets lost. Where does he go? What does he do there? Who does he meet? Remember to use capital letters and punctuation correctly, and try to include wow words such as adjectives and adverbs.

**Key vocabulary:** shape, 2D, square, triangle, hexagon, pentagon, rectangle, vertices, sides, right angle, character, first person, adjective, see, feel, touch, smell, taste, bullying, charter

**Next week:** Remember we are going to Stokes Fields on Monday, you will need to wrap up warm with gloves a must! Don't forget your wellies!

---

## School Office

---

### Christmas production - The Nativity

Please remember to return your seat booking form to the school office. As a reminder, a copy will be attached to the ParentMail.

---

## Friends

---

Our fabulous **Christmas Fair is being held on Saturday 7th December from 12-2.30pm ...** but it'll only be fabulous with your help! Here's how you can get involved:

Please sign up for some volunteer slots for the big day (feel free to sign up other halves, grandparents and older children (year 5 and above) too!):  
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60B0B48A8A82AAAF94-christmas>

We are also welcoming contributions of:

- **Sweets, sweets, sweets!** Standard sweets and party bag toys (for the Lucky Loot Bags) and fudge and larger packs of sweets and chocolate bars (for the Festive Sweet Stall)
-    **Unwanted Christmas wrapping paper**, old Christmas cards, gift wrapping accessories, ribbons and crackers
- **Unwanted good quality gifts** (for Elfridges and the Posh Tombola) and soft toys and new books and children's toys (for the Prize Table)

If you know of anyone who would be happy to donate **raffle prizes**, please let us know.

Nearer to the event we will be encouraging you to purchase raffle tickets and bring in a bottle for the bottle tombola... but not yet!

Thanks everyone!

From Mrs Christmas and her Elves 

**Tickets for the 80's Ball are now on sale.** It's all set to be a fun evening of throw-back and nostalgia, you should have had a printed order form also sent out by ParentMail. So sign up fast!!

Thinking to the New Year, please save the date -  
24th January 2020 - for our **London Cabaret**  
coming to Long Ditton. The fabulous That Cabaret  
are back for their second year. They have new  
material so do come along for a listen and a laugh.  
Tickets will go on sale after the fair.

Have a great weekend!

Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### ValueStars: Tolerance



Jack H  
Anna  
Denes  
Theo R  
Jake  
Joe

### Golden Certificates:

Sophia A  
Charlie J-S  
Harvey  
Charlie F  
Lauren  
Martha  
Sean  
Theo M  
Dylan S  
Rebecca  
Joshika  
Miguel

### Credit Card:



Millie  
  
Michael – 7  
Eva W – 6  
Poppy F – 4

### Outside Achievements:

Eilidh received a medal for taking part in the 2km run at Chessington World of Adventures  
Olivia S received a medal for hockey  
Thomas G achieved his 5m ASA Rainbow Swimming Award  
Marley was awarded star of the week for being brave  
Lauren achieved her 15m ASA Rainbow Swimming Award  
Martha was awarded her strength and suppleness bronze award in gymnastics  
Rory was awarded a medal for rugby  
Oscar G received a medal for best football player

## DIARY DATES

### November 2019

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 2 to Stokes Field – Autumn visit
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm Rocksteady concert – parents/carers of children who take part are invited – please let the school office know by email if you will be attending.

### December 2019

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.15 Children’s Christmas Production dress rehearsal</li> <li>• 1.30pm Christmas Decoration afternoon</li> </ul>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Children’s Christmas Production
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Children’s Christmas Production
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Children’s Christmas Production
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	School closed for polling – General Election
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children</li> <li>• 7.00pm Pantomime – tickets available</li> </ul>
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm (tickets available) & 4.00pm (sold out) Pantomime
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Lunch for children &amp; staff</li> <li>• 3.00-4.00pm Nursery &amp; Yr R Christmas Disco (run by teachers)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	3.00-4.00pm Yrs 1&2 Christmas Disco (run by teachers)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery last day – finish for Christmas Holidays
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.15am Christmas Assembly at St Mary’s Church – all welcome to attend</li> <li>• 1.30pm Last day of term – school finishes for Christmas Holidays</li> </ul>

### January 2020

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

# EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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



Dear Parents and Carers

**DITTON LIGHTS UP 2019** will be held on Thursday 5th December from 5.30pm till 7pm. As well as seeing the fabulous Manny's tree lit up with lights for the festive season the event will include a BBQ, mulled wine, mince pies, games, tombola and St Mary's School choir carol singers.

It has just been announced that there will be a **CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION COMPETITION**.

Children are invited to design and make a Christmas bauble or ornament for our Village Christmas tree, located near Manny's.

Label your decoration with your name and age and hand it in to Manny's shop by the deadline of **Sunday 1st December**. Entries will be judged by the St Mary's Church Committee and prizes have been kindly donated by Humphrey and Brand, these will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. All entries will be hung on the Village tree, although unfortunately they will not be returned after Christmas.

Please ensure your child's name label is attached to the decoration rather than stuck on, to ensure it doesn't get lost.

You could use anything to make a decoration such as sticks, jars, pine cones, all sorts of things. So, get creative and start decorating.

Let's make this year's Christmas tree the best one yet!

The Friends



**SCL HOLIDAY CLUBS FOR AGES 4-12!**

FROM  
**£26**  
DISCOUNTS  
AVAILABLE

SCL

Ofsted  
REGISTERED

# WINTER WONDERLAND

**23rd December, 2nd & 3rd January**

**YOUR NEAREST VENUE...**  
**St. Agatha's Catholic Primary School**  
 St. Agatha's Drive, Kingston-on-Thames KT2 5TY

WE HAVE OVER 20 VENUES ACROSS  
BERKSHIRE, HAMPSHIRE, LONDON AND SURREY

**BOOK ONLINE**

[wearescl.co.uk/holiday-clubs](http://wearescl.co.uk/holiday-clubs)

\*Offer expires 6th December 2019. For full terms and conditions please visit [www.wearescl.co.uk/school-sport-activities-terms-conditions](http://www.wearescl.co.uk/school-sport-activities-terms-conditions).

## Christmas Holidays MULTI ACTIVITY **Hype** CAMP

**360**  
sports  
education

CHILD CARE  
VOUCHERS  
ACCEPTED

**St Paul's Catholic  
Primary School**  
Hampton Ct Way, Thames Ditton, KT7 0LP

Activities Include:

Outdoor Team Games (e.g. Capture the Flag)	Nature Trails & Den Building
Indoor Team Games (e.g. Parachute)	Christmas themed Team Games
Dodge Ball, Bench Ball and Handball	Timetabled Outdoor-free Play

**THURS 2nd TO FRI 3rd JAN**

Standard Day  
**£26** 9:30am - 4:30pm

Extended Day  
**£30** 8:15am - 5:45pm

**Who is it for?**

- Girls and Boys aged 4 to 12 of all abilities
- Children under 5 are only permitted to stay for half days
- Children are split into relevant age groups

10%  
SIBLING  
DISCOUNT

**BOOK NOW**

[360sporteducation.com](http://360sporteducation.com)  
or call us on 01252 918888

## Christmas Holidays FOOTBALL CAMP

**360**  
sports  
education

CHILD CARE  
VOUCHERS  
ACCEPTED

**St Paul's Catholic  
Primary School**  
Hampton Ct Way, Thames Ditton, KT7 0LP

Activities Include:

360 World Cup Tournaments	Daily Matches/ Tournaments
Penalty Shoot Outs (Beat the Coach)	Specific Skills Sessions (e.g. Drilling)
Football Camp Record Challenges	Fun Football Related Games

**THURS 2nd TO FRI 3rd JAN**

Standard Day  
**£26** 9:30am - 4:30pm

Extended Day  
**£30** 8:15am - 5:45pm

**Who is it for?**

- Girls and Boys aged 4 to 12 of all abilities
- Children under 5 are only permitted to stay for half days
- Children are split into relevant age groups

10%  
SIBLING  
DISCOUNT

**BOOK NOW**

[360sporteducation.com](http://360sporteducation.com)  
or call us on 01252 918888