



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

### NEWSLETTER

#### 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Christmas has arrived! Thank you to all the parents and carers and the children and staff for making the school look festive! The transformation is brilliant and I really enjoyed listening to the children showing me 'their' decorations and explaining how they made them. A job very well done by all ☺

### **It's the Christmas Fair tomorrow!**

I know The Friends have been preparing for months and now they are ready for our annual Christmas Fair. Thank you so much to everyone who has labelled, wrapped, stored, decorated, painted, made, produced or created everything for the fair. We all appreciate everything you have done. The fair is always the first day we feel Christmassy and of course the big man himself will be there. We hope to see you there!

### **Malawi Collection**

At the end of each performance next week we will be asking for any donations for Mmbangombe School in Malawi. Any spare change will help them continue to develop their school and will be greatly appreciated.

### **Golden Manners Table**

On Monday Mosi, Asiya, Evelyn, Gabriel, Jihu and Erin will be joining me on the Golden Manners table because they have remembered their manners this week!

### **Polling Day**

Remember Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December school will be closed for the general election voting!

### **Christmas Jumper Day Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Next Friday the children can come to school in a Christmas jumper in return for a donation to Save the Children.

### **Panto Tickets**

There are a few tickets left for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm and Saturday @ 12pm. I will be selling them at the Christmas fair if you would like to grab one of the last few remaining tickets to this wonderful panto experience!

### **No Discos**

We had been planning to hold Christmas Discos for the children. Unfortunately, due to the busyness of Christmas, we will have to postpone these – we will keep you informed when a new date has been set.

### **Christmas Tree of Kindness**

This is already filling up! We have been talking to all the children about kind hands and kind words and the kindness tree is looking splendid. If you come to the fair tomorrow don't forget to glance at the tree and see all the baubles – each one represents a tremendous act of kindness.

### **Birthday Books**

Thank you to Zachary and Annabelle for choosing birthday books to give to their classes to celebrate their birthdays.

### **Last day of term Church Helpers**

On the last day of term we will be walking to the church. If you able to help us walk to the church and back again with the children please let the office know.

## Attendance

The classes with the most attendance this week are Husky and Spaniel, both with 97%!

## Thought for the week

The new Value of the month is Peace. This week's thought for the week:

'Ego says - once everything falls into place, I will find peace. Spirit says - find your peace and then everything will fall into place.' Marianne Williamson'

## See you at the fair for a marvellously exciting time!

Mrs Paines

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## Nursery

We have had a very successful week at nursery and we are very proud of everyone!

We have been playing music outside and dancing in the frost to keep warm. The children have been practising and encouraged to put on coats, hats, gloves independently - please continue to practise this skill at home.

In our literacy we have been reciting the rhyme Incy Wincy Spider. We have had fun sending Incy down our very own drain pipe. We have also worked on various variations of the rhyme including a lion roaring, an elephant stomping and a dog woofing down the drain pipe!

In our maths we have been practising our counting, using our counting finger, playing with dominoes and matching amounts to numerals using magnetic numbers. We have also been chalking numbers in our outside area for children to recognise.

We have successfully performed on the stage to our first audience. We have been very impressed with all the wonderful costumes and the children have been very resilient when getting changed into

their costumes. Thank you for all your support, we hope you enjoy the shows.

There will be no library until after Christmas and we would kindly ask you to return all school library books by Monday 16th December so that we can check them back in.

We are setting up a Santa workshop in our role play area for the last two weeks, we would appreciate any unwanted wrapping paper, tags or Christmas cards, you know those ones collected at the bottom of the Christmas box every year!

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas fair.

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## Reception

Christmas has arrived in Reception and the children have been busy helping Santa with his Christmas preparations. We have designed and built a Santa's workshop and a post office. Using our measuring skills, we have wrapped presents and written name labels for them.

In literacy, we have learnt how to write a letter and used our phonics skills to help write a 'Letter to Santa' together with their present list. The children have also thought of questions they would ask Santa if they met him. In maths, we have started to learn about 3-D shapes, sorting 2-D and 3-D shapes and going on shape hunts to find spheres, cubes and cuboids.

We have also been very busy practising for our Christmas production. Thank you for providing the children with their costumes. We are looking forward to seeing you all at one of our productions and hope that we will be in good voice! Next week, we will be talking about how we feel about new experiences and changes to our routines. We will continue our shapes work in maths and be creating Christmas cards.

## Learning ideas

- Please continue to practise our sounds set 1.

- Share some Christmas stories and talk about the traditions of Christmas.
- If you are wrapping presents, please talk about their shape and properties. We have introduced the 3-D shapes of sphere, cuboid and cube.

**Key vocabulary:** cube, cuboid, sphere, 3-D, production, nativity, celebration, excited, nervous.

### Next week

- Christmas Production
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December School closed  
Polling Day
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day.

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## Year 1

The children have loved rehearsing their respective songs for the Christmas production this week and their audiences are in for a treat! Thank you for all your support with helping the children to learn their lines. We are very proud of them.

The children have continued to enjoy working through a carousel of independent learning activities in literacy and numeracy. In literacy, they especially enjoyed writing their school based Christmas Wish lists (both on paper and on the chrome books) and designing a Christmas Party Food List. In maths, the Christmas 'I spy and count' was a big hit. The children also enjoyed using numicon shapes to make ten and put their cutting skills to the test making their shape penguins.

In handwriting, we started to practise the capital letters A, B, C. We will continue to focus on the formation of capital letters next week.

This week, the children retold the Nativity story in RE and did a super job of thinking of questions to ask Mary and Joseph. In PSHE, the children continued to develop their understanding of the term 'bullying' and they considered the top two things they could do if they were bullied.

And last, but certainly not least, the children enjoyed a fabulous afternoon on Friday making

Christmas decorations. The classrooms and school look absolutely wonderful! Many thanks to all the parents/ carers who were able to come in and help to make the decorations.

### Home Learning Ideas

- Please can you read with your child as much as possible and record it in their reading diary.
- Get your child to write their own Christmas cards using their sounds with capital letters and finger spaces.
- Ask them to make a list of all the things you will need for Christmas, e.g. Crackers, decorations etc.

**Show and Tell: There will be no Show and Tell next week**

### Reminders:

- Please ensure that your child's belongings are clearly labelled. The children have many items to organise themselves with at the end of the day and this helps not only your children but their teachers as well!
- The school will be closed next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December for polling
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper Day

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## Year 2

We have been very busy this week practising for our Christmas production, I'm sure you will agree that the children have remembered their words and actions brilliantly!

In Literacy we have read a book called 'The Bog Baby.' Bog babies are small blue creatures that live in the wild, in ponds. We had a letter from the ranger at Stokes Field telling us that some of the Juniors have been taking the Bog Babies out of the pond. We have written them a letter to explain why these creatures should be kept in the wild. We also made posters to tell people about the missing Bog Babies and what they should look out for.

In Maths we have been recapping on all the things we have learnt so far this term.

In D&T we have designed glove puppets that we will be making next week. We thought about what materials we wanted to use and why they would be suitable.

**Literacy Homework:** Please write all the facts you can remember about Bog Babies. Make a list of what people should do if they find one.

**Key vocabulary:** Bog baby, description, wild, creature, pond, design, fix, join, make,

**Next week: Please ensure your child's costume is in school. Don't forget to come and see our wonderful Christmas production!**

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## School Office

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### Absent Notes:

If your child has been absent due to illness in recent weeks, please remember to send an absent note to the school office that should include the dates your child was absent and the reason for the absence. This can either be an email to the school office or a note posted in the 'Office Post' box. Thank you.

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## Friends

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One day to go!! Last min preparations are keeping Mrs Christmas and her team of elves very busy!

We are desperately in need of helpers on the day, if you can help out for half an hour please do sign up on the sheet, we can't do this without you!! There is the usual fun and excitement planned, the big man himself will be on hand to take Christmas wishes so if you want to see him please book your slot when you arrive, then while you wait why not do some crafting, play one of our games, shop in Elfridges or the Christmas market, have a coffee and cake, chance your luck on a tombola of your choice, even have your face painted! There is lots going on for your entertainment Rocksteady show, jumper parade... come along and increase your Christmas cheer!!

A huge thank you to all the elves for helping with the Christmas prep! Well done to the Christmas brochure team. They raised a fantastic £1085. A BIG Thank you to Anna Rubens for sponsoring the cost of the brochure. Never forgetting all the advertisers, without you this brochure wouldn't be possible.

Congratulations to Hanna in Beagle class for winning the cover competition, what a lovely picture! There were so many great entries Mrs Paines had a hard time choosing a winner!

One of the winners of the tree decoration for the Long Ditton tree was Leo H. A big thanks to St Mary's church for inviting Long Ditton infants school to The Long Ditton Lights Up. St Mary's did a great job with the choir while the infants played their cards right.

Looking forward into the new year, make sure you save the date for That Cabaret on 24th January.

See you tomorrow 12-2.30pm !!!!

Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Value Stars: Peace



Anna  
Sienna L  
Elizabeth  
Declan  
Maxwell  
Forrest

### Golden Certificates:

Luca  
Elsie  
Mosi  
Harry Al  
Oscar F-S  
Jago  
Eleanor  
Rufus  
Rebecca  
Luna  
Evelyn

### Credit Card:



Asiya

Jacob A - 6  
Harrison - 6  
Maxwell - 5  
Sofia - 6  
Annabelle - 5

### Outside Achievements:

Emily was invested into Ajax Sea Scouts as a Beaver  
Leo H was awarded a prize for his bauble decoration at the Long Ditton  
Christmas Light switch-on event

## DIARY DATES

### December 2019

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.15am Children's Christmas Production</li> <li>Yr 2 choir to sing at Church hall at lunchtime</li> <li>Yr 2 to St Mary's Juniors to watch Christmas production in afternoon</li> </ul>
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> </ul>
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
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.05am Labrador class assembly – parents/carers of children in Labrador are welcome to come and watch
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.05am Spaniel class assembly – parents/carers of children in Labrador are welcome to come and watch
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 2 visit to Wagamama
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 2 visit to Wagamama</li> <li>9.05am Dalmatian class assembly – parents/carers of children in Labrador are welcome to come and watch</li> </ul>

## JOB VACANCIES



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### 2 x Part-Time Teaching Assistants/Playground Supervisors Required

**Start Date: January 2020**

**Role 1:**

Monday to Friday (including playtime)  
08:45hrs to 13:15hrs

**Role 2:**

Monday to Friday (including playtime)  
12:00noon to 15:15hrs

**Salary Range:** £17,316 - £18,242 (Pro Rata) - Scale placement based on experience.

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

The successful applicant will have:

- Experience of working with children between the ages of 3 and 7.
- Experience of working with children of varying abilities and needs.
- Ability to work constructively as part of a team understanding classroom roles and responsibilities.
- GCSE English and Maths (grade A-C) or equivalent.
- NVQ Level 2 desirable.
- NVQ Level 3 desirable.

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.

Closing Date: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Interviews: Thursday 19th December 2019

Please contact Kellie Nolan [knolan@longditton.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:knolan@longditton.surrey.sch.uk) for an application pack.



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

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



### Managing Behaviour Effectively for Parents & Carers

No one has ever said parenting was easy. Living with children can be one of life's most enjoyable experiences, but it can also be unbelievably frustrating. 123 Magic is a simple, precise and effective way of managing the behaviour of children. It's not magic but works like magic!

The aims of the programme are:-

- Job 1: Controlling Challenging Behaviour** – Learn an amazingly simple technique to get children to STOP doing what you don't want them to do (whining, arguing, tantrums, sibling rivalry etc.).
- Job 2: Encouraging Good Behaviour** – Learn several effective methods to get your children to START doing what you want them to do (picking up, eating, going to bed and staying there!, chores etc.).
- Job 3: Strengthening Your Relationship** – Learn powerful techniques that reinforce the bond between you and your children.

#### Will the programme work with children who have learning difficulties?

It certainly can. The program has been used successfully with Autistic, Asperger's, ADHD and ODC children. In fact when parents have children with these difficulties, the clarity of the 123 Magic warnings is especially helpful for the visual and auditory understanding.

The course is a 4 week programme and the following courses available are as follows:-

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 - 4 consecutive weeks 9am-11am at Cardinal Newman School, Hersham**

*If you would like to book onto a course please contact Michelle Talboys - Home School Link Worker on 07703 322066 or email at [hslw@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:hslw@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk)*



## KT6 Litter Pickers

2ND SUNDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH  
9.30 - 10.30AM



Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Meet by the tree next to Manny's.  
All welcome.  
Join us on Facebook to find out more!

## Christmas Tree Orders from the Scouts - Take the hassle out of getting a Christmas Tree and support the local community at the same time!

For the 36th year, 1st Hinchley Wood Scout Group will be supplying Christmas Trees, in association with 1st Claygate & 1st Oxshott Scout Groups. All prices remain unchanged from last year! Non-Drop Nordman Fir and the Traditional Norway Spruce plus undecorated Fir Wreaths are available. Choose your size and delivery date. Delivery is free and direct to your door. Order via [www.1sthwscouts.org.uk](http://www.1sthwscouts.org.uk) before 1st December. Any queries please call 07834 413627.