



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

10th January 2020

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderfully relaxing Christmas, a super New Year and most of all made some marvellous memories with all your family. Thank you very much indeed for all the cards, presents and gifts – I really loved and appreciated them all ☺

This term is going to be very busy indeed not only for the children and teachers but also as a school community. Please make sure you read the newsletter each week. It is a very valuable way of communicating not only what's happening but also what is coming up and how parents and carers can help with school developments.

Norovirus – infection prevention

To help prevent the spread of the Norovirus infection, Public Health England offer the following advice:

Think NORO:

N – No visits to hospitals, care homes and GP surgeries if you are suffering from the symptoms of norovirus.

O – Once you've been symptom free for a least 48 hours, you're safe to return to school and work.

R – Regularly wash your hands with soap and warm water, especially after using the toilet and before eating or preparing food.

O – Only hand-washing will prevent spread of norovirus – alcohol hand gels DO NOT kill the virus.

Norovirus symptoms: feeling sick, diarrhoea, vomiting, high temperature, headache, aching arms/legs

Norovirus affects people of all ages and is transmitted by:

- Close contact with an infect person
- Eating food that's been prepared or handled by someone with norovirus.
- Touching surfaces or objects that the virus has landed on from an infect person.

Please help to prevent the spread of the norovirus infection.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

In September all schools will be required to teach Relationships and Sex Education. As an early adopter of this part of the curriculum we have already introduced aspects of the RSE curriculum. Part of ensuring we get the teaching and learning right is to consult with parents about the content of the curriculum. While you can't change what it is we have to teach, the Government would like us to know what your concerns may be about the curriculum.

To that end I will be holding a special Parents Forum on 22nd January after drop off 9.05am to talk about the RSE we provide in school. It would be super if you could come to tell me what you think about the RSE Curriculum we offer, to discuss any concerns you might have or any ideas you have for improvements.

Attached with this newsletter is our RSE Policy, the Government Guidelines and the Jigsaw Programme we use to teach RSE across the school.

If you can't make it on the 22nd please fill in a Change One Thing slip or email the office to let me know your thoughts and ideas.

For more information you can look at this link:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships->

[education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-faqs](#)

And also

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education/relationships-education-primary>

ELT News

As part of the Ember Learning Trust all the schools began the new school year to take part in an INSET day based on improving the work of support assistants in school.

Our three best spellers will be taking part in the ELT Spelling Bee next week too – very exciting and good luck to them 😊

Whole School Targets

Usually we start the new year with a whole school personal and social target for all the children to be working towards. This year we will be changing this slightly for the children. Instead of whole school targets each year group will be picking a specific personal and social target for that year group to be working towards. Please see each year group section for more information about what they have chosen.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Georgia, Bea, Sophie C, Daniel, Lauren, Oscar FS, Theo M for each choosing a birthday book to give to their class to celebrate their birthday.

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is Dalmatian class with 98.3%

Thought for the week:

‘Challenges are what make life interesting. Over coming them is what makes life meaningful.’
Joshua Marline

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Welcome back and Happy New Year to everyone!

We have had a very successful first week back. The children have settled back very well. We have been recalling rules and expectations this week when using nursery toys and playing with each other.

As well as welcoming Mrs Blackwood to our nursery team, we have welcomed four new children to our nursery, Tiago, Darcie, Chloe and Luca. All of our nursery children have been very responsible in helping our new friends to find things in our learning environments.

We have been using positional language in our learning, hiding Sheltie our class mascot around the nursery in different places and using language to describe where he is. We have used the vocabulary: *in, out, on top, under, in front of, behind, next to* and *inbetween* to describe where Sheltie is. These are useful words for you to practise with your child at home.

We have been listening for sounds in our environment and using percussion instruments to describe and compare sounds, sound discrimination is an important part of our learning, which relates to the early stages of phonics, reading and writing but also good listening skills.

WOW cards – We will be sending home WOW cards, these are an opportunity for you to share anything that your child is doing which is above and beyond! For example, making their bed, riding a bike without stabilisers, helping to set the table. Please fill in the WOW card and send it in your child's book bag then we will celebrate it in class and put it in their special book.

Book bags – To help us organise and identify book bags easily we will be putting a piece of ribbon on your child's book bag. The book bags are organised into coloured boxes: red, blue, green, yellow and white. We will be talking to the children about this in class but could you please reinforce the colour ribbon on your child's book bag corresponds to the coloured box where they put

their book bag in the morning. Thank you very much for your help with this.

The children have visited the library this week and should have a book in their book bag, please make sure you return any library books that you have finished with. It is easier for us if you only return library books back on library day which is a Thursday.

We would welcome any unwanted newspaper for a craft project we would like to do and whisks for our water tray.

Have a lovely weekend!

Reception

Happy New Year and welcome back Reception! We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break. We have been so impressed with how settled the children have been coming into school following the break. This week the children have been retelling all the exciting things they have been up to over the Christmas holidays. They have written a recount of the presents they got and the people they have seen. We have also begun to look at addition, the plus sign and adding two groups of objects together. The children have helped us to redesign our outside area and set up our new role play areas in the two classrooms. What a busy week!

For this half term our theme will be Traditional Tales, we will begin by looking at the story of The Three Little Pigs. We will be encouraging the children to retell this story using a story map. To extend our understanding of the story further we will be conducting our own experiment to see which material would be best to build a house. In our PE this half term we will be focusing on music and movement, this will start from next week. In maths we will further continue to look at addition, embedding the use of the addition sign and counting on to find the answer to addition problems.

Home Learning Ideas:

- We have changed the role play areas in each class following a vote based on the children's

ideas. Beagle class now have a Vet's surgery and Corgi class have a Police station. What can you find out about your class role play theme?

Reminders:

- Please make sure that your child's FRED folder and reading book, if they have one, is in their book bag every day.
- Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school by Tuesday 14th January as this is when we will start PE for the term and all items are named.
- We would be very grateful for any donations of newspaper for our arts and crafts activities.

Year 1

Happy New Year! The children have settled in well back at school this week and have been excited to share what they got up to over the holiday period. In literacy, the children wrote a recount of their Christmas holidays trying to remember to use full stops, capital letters, conjunctions (joining words) and adjectives (describing words). In handwriting, we practised forming the capital letters G, H and I.

We started our new topic 'Our Planet' this week and began by thinking about what we already know about the planet and what we would like to find out about. We read the story 'Zebo and the Dirty Planet'. In the story Zebo goes to visit planet Earth and decides to bring some of the animals back to his planet as Earth is so dirty and endangering the animal habitats. The children then wrote a list of how we can help our planet using bullet points. In science, we learnt about endangered animals and what it means to be endangered. Some of the animals we learnt about were Amur tigers, black rhinos, orangutans, hawksbill turtles, and whales.

In maths, we recapped our number bonds to 10. The children used 10 frames and numicon to show different ways of making 10; they also wrote the different number sentences. Using the Chromebooks to play different number bonds games was also really enjoyable for the children. It has been lovely to see the children's growing confidence on the Chromebooks!

Next week in maths we will be recapping addition and subtraction using a number line. In literacy, we will be continuing to focus on our environmental theme by looking more in depth at recycling. The children will consider what we recycle through stories, videos and written follow ups, including designing a poster to encourage people to recycle. In music, we are going to start to learn 'The 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)' by Jack Johnson.

Key Vocab for Next Week

- Add, plus, subtract, minus, takeaway, equals, number line, greater, less than
- Reduce, reuse, recycle, rubbish, litter, plastic, glass, metal, paper

Home Learning

- Practise number bonds to 10, how quickly can your child recall them? E.g. What goes with 4 to make 10? Challenge: Number bonds to 20.
- Write a list of items that are recycled at home

Optional Home Learning Project

This term the children have the opportunity to do a home learning project linked with our topic 'Our Planet'. This could be based on how to save the planet, endangered animals, recycling, climate change or saving energy.

This is not compulsory, however it would be a great opportunity for the children to learn more about the topic and to share their knowledge with the class.

The project can be presented in the format of a poster, fact file, illustrations, or art project (the sky's the limit and the children can use their imagination in terms of how they wish to present their information!) These can be brought in during the last week of half term (wc 10th February).

Show and tell: Monkeys - Please can you ensure you child only brings **one** item for their show and tell.

Reminders

- Dalmatian class assembly 30th January
- Husky class assembly 6th February

Request

Yr 1 are collecting buttons for art projects. If you have any unwanted button, please put them in a

small bag or envelope and post in the black 'Office Post' box or drop in to the school office. Thank you.

Year 2

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely, relaxing Christmas break and thank you again for all of your kind gifts and cards. The children have been keen to share their holiday news and have written brilliant recounts using better bubbles to improve their writing. We have been reflecting on the past year, thinking about our favourite times and one thing we would do again if we could. We looked forward to the exciting events to come in 2020 and thought of dreams and goals for our New Year's resolutions.

This term our new topic is **A Ticket to the World**, which is Geography and PSHE based. We began by discussing, if we could travel anywhere in the world where we would go and if our families have ever lived in a different country. We have used an atlas to identify the continents and oceans of the world.

Over the next few weeks we will be learning about time, reading o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to times. Some of us will learn to read the time to 5 minutes! Please practise reading the time as often as possible at home. Why not see if you can tell the time with your family. What time do you need to leave the house to come to school? What time do you get home?

In the next couple of weeks, Year 2 will be proudly showing you our class assemblies. Labrador Class has already begun practising and Spaniel Class will begin next week.

Key vocabulary: minutes, hours, time, half past, quarter past, quarter to, o'clock, resolution, goal, resilience.

Homework - to research facts about your own choice of country. It may be a country that a family member or friend knows well or a country you have been on holiday to. Use the A3 sheet provided to design a fact sheet all about your chosen country. Also, if you know anyone who has had experience of living in a different country, who would be willing

to share artefacts and photos, etc. with Year 2, please speak to the class teacher.

Reminders: Labrador Class look forward to seeing parents/carers on Thursday 16th January at 9.05 for our assembly!

School Office

Change of address / telephone numbers

It is important that you inform the school office of any change of address, contact telephone numbers, email address, or emergency contact details for your child. If any of these have recently changed, please give the new details by email to the school office at info@longditton.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible so that we can update your child's records.

Empty batteries recycling

We have a battery recycling container outside the school office so please can children or adults bring in any empty batteries for recycling.

Friends

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Hope you all had a restful, and fun break. Good luck with any resolutions this year or whatever you choose to abstain from for January (dry Jan, Januhairy, Veganuary...!)

Kicking off to a good start this decade, we have That Cabaret! which is AT THE SCHOOL, not as previously advertised as being in the pub on 24th January. We still have some tickets at the advanced price of £12 which is cheaper than the door price of £15. It's a really fun night!

The delish Halloumi Bites van will be on hand to feed everyone, but you'll need to pre order via a link which will be provided, but in the meantime check out their menu.

We're looking for raffle prizes for this evening and the Ball too, so if you won a prize at the fair that you can't use, please re-gift it back to us. If you

have anything new you won't use please re-gift this to us too!

Coming up we have the pamper evening, this was a big success last year. If you are or know a therapist that could offer a treatment on the evening to advertise their business, then do get in touch at longdittonfriends@outlook.com

There are some tickets left for the Ball, 80s themed, wear your best Pretty in Pink and please join us for Cocktail and Dreams when we go Back to the Future.

There are also discounted rooms, if you would like to stay over then call the Crown plaza and give the code DIT. (subject to availability and conditions).

Other things planned for the year;

Ground Force day 29th Feb (I know you were wondering what to do with the extra day!)

- 80s Ball 7th March
- Pamper Evening 18th March
- Ground Force day 25th April
- Pudding and Pyjama MAYhem! 1st May
- Ditton Fair 3rd May
- Teacher appreciation week 4/5/6th May
- Rock and Roll Bingo/Quiz 14th May
- Ground Force Day 6th June
- Tropical Beach Party (summer fair) 13th June
- Gin Garden Party 3rd July
- End of year Family Fun day 11th July
- Dragon Boat race 26th July

Have a great weekend

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Resilience



Leo P
Theresa
Sophia A
Hanna
Jonah
George

Golden Certificates:

Emilia B
Noa
Teddy
Gabriele
Iromi
Evie
Maia
Ryley
Poppy C
Susie
James C
Idris

Credit Card:

Maia



Sophie C - 6
Amaya - 7
Conor - 4
Lucas - 4
Bea - 7
Oscar FS - 7
Theo M - 5

Outside Achievements:

Maia received her 5m Swimming distance award
Iromi completed Level 6 in the swimming Turtle award scheme
Oscar G received a medal for learning how to ski
Poppy C made her Rainbow Promise
Sylvie achieved level 3 swim skills award and 15m distance award
Annabelle achieved Duckling 3 Swim England award

DIARY DATES

January 2020

Wednesday 15 th	6.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 16 th	9.05am Labrador class assembly – parents/carers of children in Labrador are welcome to come and watch
Wednesday 22 nd	9.05am Parents' Forum with Mrs Paines
Thursday 23 rd	9.05am Spaniel class assembly – parents/carers of children in Spaniel are welcome to come and watch
Tuesday 28 th	Yr 2 visit to Wagamama (Spaniel)
Thursday 30 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 2 visit to Wagamama (Labrador) 9.05am Dalmatian class assembly – parents/carers of children in Dalmatian are welcome to come and watch

February 2020

Tuesday 4 th	Yr 2 to Stokes Field – Winter visit (Labrador)
Wednesday 5 th	Yr 2 to Stokes Field – Winter visit (Spaniel)

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

KT6 Litter Pickers

2ND SUNDAY OF
EVERY MONTH
9.30 - 10.30AM



12th January 2020

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

JOIN US FOR A FABULOUS EVENING...
FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2020

That Cabaret

THIS FABULOUS WEST END SHOW IS
COMING TO WOW US IN LONG DITTON

TICKETS £12 in advance / £15 on the door
AT Long Ditton Infant School

HOSTED BY Stewart Briggs

7:30PM FOR 8PM START

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:
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Supporting children through the loss of a loved one

COMMUNITY FUND | NHS Guildford and Waverley Clinical Commissioning Group | jigsaw south east

INFORMATION EVENING

How to support your children when someone close to them is dying

Wednesday 29th January 2020 7 - 9pm

- ✦ Exploring when to tell the children
- ✦ Physical and emotional responses from children
- ✦ Choosing the right words
- ✦ School issues
- ✦ Age appropriate information
- ✦ Making memories
- ✦ Family advice and support

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