



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

### NEWSLETTER

#### 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

What a spectacular assembly Spaniel Class! Thank you so much for teaching us about resilience and going for goals. I sat and watched from the side and thought how much you have all grown and how confident you all were – you made it all look so easy! Well done to all of you!

### **RSE Parents Forum**

Many thanks to the parents who came to the RSE parents' forum this week. Following their input to make it even better the school needs to ensure that we:

- Pre-warn parents and carers of any discrete lessons that are going to take place. (PANTS rule, All kinds of Families and Body Parts);
- Provide information to parents and carers that may help them to help their children understand difficult ideas;
- Remind parents that they have the right to withdraw their child from a PSHE lesson they do not think would be suitable.

One excellent 'top tip' I would like to share from the meeting comes from Mrs Best. Her advice about answering 'challenging questions' such as 'Where do babies come from?' is to respond with 'what do you think?' first. Then your answers can be guided by their responses.

There will be more RSE updates to follow as we change our policies and planning so please keep an eye out for future developments.

### **Music Lessons in School**

Lots of parents have registered an interest in music lessons in school. Mrs Lulham is now in liaison with the Surrey music hub to move this forward.

### **Smart Watches**

Some children have been coming to school with 'smart watches' and fit bits. Having discussed this with staff, done a little research on the internet and spoken to other heads I would like your opinions on whether to ban them from school. We have always allowed analogue watches to help children tell the time. The challenge with smart watches is that some can connect to the internet, some take photos, they beep, they can be distracting and they are very expensive.

Come and speak to me if you feel very strongly either way so that I have as much information for and against before the school makes the final decision.

### **Wake and Shake Wednesdays!**

Next week we will be starting 'Wake and Shake Wednesdays'. As you know, at the moment we start the day with a morning march. On Wednesdays we will be replacing the morning march with a 'Wake and Shake' session. This will take place altogether in the hall where the children will be taught various dance routines. Next week to begin with Years 1 and 2 will be starting and Reception will join us in the forthcoming weeks. There will be a chance for the children to win the 'Wake and Shake' trophy each week that will be given out for their super dance moves and behaviour in the session. If your child wins the trophy, they will need to bring it back the following Wednesday ready for the next winner. After the 'Wake and Shake' session the children should feel re-energised, ready to learn and have a positive approach to their day. We are looking forward to waking and shaking! Thank you Miss Griffiths, our PE lead for energising us all with this 😊

### **That Cabaret Night**

Thank you to all the Friends who have helped and arranged That Cabaret night tonight. It looks like it's going to be an amazing experience. Hope to see you there.

### **Birthday Books**

Thank you to Hanna, Nyla, Daniel G, Mosi, Denes, Sophie D, and Anna for each choosing a birthday book to give to their class to celebrate their birthday.

### **Golden Manners' Table**

On Monday Grace, Miguel, George C, Sophie C, Dylan S and Darcie will be joining me on the Golden Manners' table at lunchtime because they have demonstrated they have lovely table manners.

### **Attendance**

The class with the best attendance this week is Dalmatian class with 99.6%.

### **Thought for the week:**

Following on from Spaniel Class assembly and all the ideas about never giving up....

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better do better" Maya Angelou

Have a nice weekend!

**Mrs Paines**

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## **Nursery**

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We have had a very productive and exciting week at nursery!

We have been continuing to develop our listening skills using the percussion instruments to describe and copy sounds that are played.

We have been practising our counting skills using a counting finger, and we have counted and compared different amounts using the vocabulary more, fewer and the same.

We have also received some exciting new measuring tapes, so we have been measuring and

comparing things around the classroom using the vocabulary long, longer, longest, short, shorter and shortest.

The children have continued to be inspired by our role play space station and rocket. They have worked hard making their own space rockets and space booster packs using all the junk modelling kindly received! They have also made their own space landscape pictures using paints and chalks.

They have explored and made pretend space food for the astronauts to eat in space!

We have been sharing and retelling the story of The Three Little Pigs in our small world. They have had the opportunity to build small houses using straw, sticks and small bricks.

We have also been talking about Chinese New Year and how people celebrate. The children had the opportunity to make zigzag dragons in our craft area.

In our baking session the children made fruit smoothies. This was a good opportunity for the children to talk about the different fruits using all their senses. They all listened very carefully and took part well.

The nursery children would like to say thank you to Aurora and her family for looking after the fish and returning them safely in their new home! We are enjoying watching them and talking to them!

Have a great weekend.

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## **Reception**

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In Reception, we continue our 'Traditional Tales' theme with the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children have enjoyed joining in with the re-telling of and the repeated refrains in the story, supported by re-creating the story in our small world area. We have started to build and say simple sentences, talking about the who, what, where parts of a sentence. The children have then

had fun creating their own sentences, the sillier the better!

We have continued our exploration of addition in maths with the children solving word problems through their play. Some children have counted wheels on their train and then added 2 more and some children have counted their hops outside and added 1 more.

In music and movement, we have explored our feelings through music as well as thinking of how we move our bodies to express different feelings and how different music can make us feel happy or sad.

Next week, we are celebrating Chinese New Year. We will be hearing the story of the Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. In maths, we will be thinking about ordinal numbers and we will be making a polar world while thinking about the properties of ice.

### Key Vocabulary

Add, plus, counting on, jumping forwards, characters, setting, once upon a time,

### Home learning:

- Think of some addition word problems for your child to solve e.g. if I have 4 potatoes and I add 2 more, how many will I have altogether?
- Practise saying short sentences with your child in preparation for writing. If they say 1 or 2 words then model extending this into a sentence. If they say a long sentence then model simplifying it.
- Talk about how we celebrate the New Year in preparation for Chinese New Year.
- Look in a picture book and find the words with the -igh trigraph

### Dates for the Diary

- Phonics workshops - 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> February - please see ParentMail email sent out today for details.
- Beagle Class Assembly 12<sup>th</sup> March.
- Corgi Class Assembly 19<sup>th</sup> March.

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## Year 1

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This week the children have been busy learning about saving energy. We thought about different ways we can save energy at school and worked with a partner to make a list of these. We then wrote letters to Mrs Paines and Mrs Emmett sharing our ideas on how we can save energy at our school. In handwriting, we practised the formation of the capital letters M, N, and O.

In maths, we focused on measuring length. The children worked in groups to order different sized wooden blocks. They had to think very carefully about if the blocks were longer or shorter than each other and what we could put at the bottom of the blocks to stop them moving. A block, number line and ruler were some great suggestions. We then moved on to measuring using non-standard units. We worked in pairs to measure the length of the table using different objects such as cubes, lolly sticks, pencils, hands and even our feet! The children had to make estimates beforehand and record the estimates and the answers on a sheet. The children really enjoyed measuring different objects using a ruler in the next session.

Next week we will be focusing on endangered animals again. In literacy we will be reading the story 'Oi! Get Off Our Train' by John Burningham. We will be comparing this story with non-fiction texts relating to endangered animals. **If you have any books on endangered animals, please can you bring them in Monday (please make sure they are named).** In maths, we will be focusing on measuring weight.

### Key Vocab for Next Week

- endangered, species, animal, non-fiction, fiction, fact, information
- measure, weight, heavier, lighter, scales, kilogram, gram

### Home Learning ideas

- Look at different foods in your kitchen, what unit are they measured in?
- Find some fiction (story) and non-fiction (information) books and spot the similarities and differences between them.

- Dalmatian Class: Practise lines for assembly in a clear loud voice, the children should have them in their book bags. If you need new ones please see Miss Griffiths.
- Husky class: Find out one interesting fact about Canada

**Show and Tell:** (Elephants) Please can you ensure you child only brings one item for their Show and Tell

### Reminders

- Dalmatian class assembly 30<sup>th</sup> January
- Husky class assembly 6th February
- Please can you ensure your child has weather appropriate uniform for outdoor P.E
- **If you have any books on endangered animals, please can you bring them in Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January (please make sure they are named).**

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## Year 2

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This week in Literacy and PSHE we have continued learning to think about our emotions, linked to the film **Inside Out**. We have identified times when we have felt these emotions and thought about how it made our body feel. Our spelling and grammar focus this week has been on using apostrophes for possession. Eg The bike belongs to Sam. It is **Sam's** bike.

We continued our learning about the time in Maths, thinking about the different units we use to measure time. We identified how many minutes are in an hour and seconds in a minute. How many minutes are there in half an hour? We have become more confident when reading o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to and recognising times to 5 minutes.

In Geography we have been using atlases to find out and identify the countries in Europe. We have labelled the countries on our own maps. We're really enjoying our Ticket to the World topic! The children's homework posters look great on our displays! In RE this term we have been learning about the Qur'an which is the special book for

Muslims. We identified and wrote rules for how to treat the Qur'an with respect.

The children have all begun work on their hand puppets in DT. They have tried hard to thread their needle, tie a knot at the end of the thread and use a basic running stitch to join their fabric together.

We would like to say well done to Spaniel Class who presented a fantastic assembly this week. They worked really hard to learn their words and song, and performed brilliantly! A particular well done goes to Isaac for his super acting skills.

**Next week** in Maths we will be learning more about time, looking at digital clocks and timing how many times we can complete activities in a minute. We will be reading and performing poetry in Literacy and then creating our own poem in the style of "The Magic Box" by Kit Wright.

### Reminders

Visit to Wagamama Restaurant – Spaniel Class Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January and Labrador Class Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

**Homework:** Please complete the time activity, recording what you do at the weekend and what time you do them. **CHALLENGE!** To add digital times.

**Key vocabulary:** minutes, hours, time, half past, quarter past, quarter to, o'clock, emotions, anger, joy, fear, sadness, apostrophe, challenge, needle, thread, stitch.

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## School Office

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There have been a number of events added to the Diary Dates page – please take a look.

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## Friends

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Hopefully you already have the date for our Green Gym Ground force day. See attached poster to help you shed the Christmas leftovers!

The 80s Ball is coming up soon, Thanks to our sponsors Humphrey and Brand. If you are able to

make any donations to the raffle please let us know. Also we are looking for 80s props/decorations; if you have any we can use/borrow, get in touch. Do get your tickets, form is attached, there are a few left!

Tonight is our That cabaret show from the west end. Thanks to Odeon Kingston, Five Guys restaurant, Surbiton Golf Studio, Bocketts Farm, Hobbledown Farm, Hollywood Bowl in Tolworth and our local Garden Centre Squires for their amazing raffle prizes. Do come along for a few laughs and some singing!!

The Book People Big Book Boost. If you have birthday invites why not get books for presents?! Spend over £10 at the book people and you can select Long Ditton Infant and Nursery school to receive £1 for each order, this can be used to buy books for the school.

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost>

Pre-loved uniform will be available from Monday to Friday in the bike shed. We have a full range available so come and have a look. If you are not available at pick up times, please send a request to our uniform coordinator on [Ldiuniforms@outlook.com](mailto:Ldiuniforms@outlook.com) and we can sort out what you want and drop it into the bike shed for collection.

Book sale! We have got lots of lovely books for all ages, please come and have a look, and take some away! These will also be in the bike shed Monday to Friday, please leave a donation.

If you would like to donate books or uniform at any point, please drop it off in the bike shed boxes.

Lastly to end cold gloomy January we will be having our first cake sale of 2020 on Friday 31st January at pick up. If you are a baker or love shopping, we would like your cakes and treats, Jamie Oliver, Mary Berry or Mcvities. we love them all! Please leave your donations in the bike sheds after drop off on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>.

Have a great weekend, The Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Value Stars: Resilience



Millie  
Rebecca  
Freddie F  
Alex P  
Luca  
Theo R

### Golden Certificates:

Sophie C  
Freddie M  
Isaac  
Spaniel class  
Lola  
Dylan A  
Lottie  
Nancy  
Ava G  
Joshua  
Emily  
Theresa  
Riley  
James S  
Ezrah

### Credit Card:



Dylan S  
Amaan  
  
Matina – 5  
Mosi – 5  
Denes – 5  
Nyla – 6  
Daniel G – 6  
Evie – 5  
Mehrab – 4  
Hanna – 5

### Outside Achievements:

Georgina was awarded a certificate for year group Spelling Bee champion  
Isaac was awarded a certificate for being a Spelling Bee finalist  
Nancy was awarded a certificate for being a Spelling Bee finalist  
Esther received her Learn to Swim level 2 swimming certificate  
Anna was awarded the Rainbow of the week cup for being kind  
Oscar F-S was made a Lodge leader at Beavers

## DIARY DATES

### January 2020

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 2 visit to Wagamama (Spaniel)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 2 visit to Wagamama (Labrador)</li> <li>9.05am Dalmatian class assembly – parents/carers of children in Dalmatian are welcome to come and watch</li> </ul>
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Chinese New Year lunch for children

### February 2020

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 2 to Stokes Field – Winter visit (Labrador)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 2 to Stokes Field – Winter visit (Spaniel)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.05am Husky class assembly – parents/carers of children in Husky are welcome to come and watch
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Nursery tour for prospective parents for September 2020 – please contact school office to book a place
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr R Phonic workshop for parents/carers – please book a place with your class rep</li> <li>Yr 1 visit to St Mary's Church in morning</li> <li>Safety around dogs assembly</li> </ul>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Yr R Phonic workshop for parents/carers – please book a place with your class rep
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Yr R Phonic workshop for parents/carers – please book a place with your class rep
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	School and Nursery finish at 3.00pm for half term break
17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> February	School closed – half term break
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.45am return to school / nursery

### March 2020

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Book Day</li> <li>School Nurse – Yr R 4+ screening</li> </ul>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.05am Beagle class assembly – parents/carers of children in Beagle are welcome to come and watch
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Living Eggs arrive
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.05am Corgi class assembly – parents/carers of children in Corgi are welcome to come and watch
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Celebration Assembly
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Chicks depart
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Nursery finishes for Easter Holidays
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	1.30pm School finishes for Easter Holidays

## 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 and Nursery School

# GROUNDFORCE DAY



Come and join fellow parents in tidying the school gardens and grounds.

No skills required!

our next groundforce day:

**SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2020**  
9.30AM TO 1.30PM

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

PRESENT OUR

# BACK TO THE 80's Ball



TICKETS  
£55

WELCOME  
DRINK

**SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**  
7PM FOR 7.30PM UNTIL 12.30AM  
**CROWNE PLAZA, PORTSMOUTH ROAD**

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