



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

14th February 2020

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

My goodness we are half way through the academic school year! It is unbelievable how quickly this time has gone.

This week's newsletter is packed with very important information so please ensure you take five minutes over a coffee or tea to read it thoroughly ready for next term.

Good Luck Miss Ruddick and Congratulations!

Today we say goodbye to Miss Ruddick as she is relocating to Yorkshire with her family. Miss Ruddick has been an incredible teacher, colleague and leader in our school and we are all going to miss her very much. Most recently Miss Ruddick led our whole school in attaining the Enhanced and Gold Healthy School Status and made sure the Jigsaw PSHE programme is embedded across the school. And Miss Ruddick is also expecting her second child! As she moves to continue her exciting life I know we will be wishing her every success in the future in her career and parenthood. Good luck Miss Ruddick, thank you for all your hard work and dedication, we will miss you!

Police Day Visit

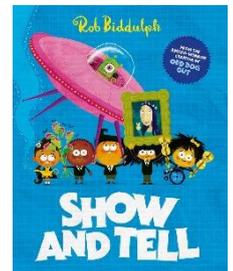
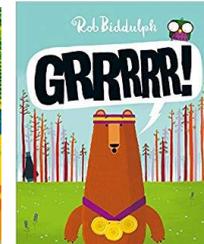
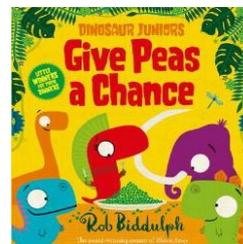
On Thursday 27th February the police will be visiting our school to work with the children. We have had visits from the police in the past but this day is going to be like no other! The Police will be spending all day with us helping the children to learn and understand about: the role of police, police cars, forensics, fitness and police dogs. We are all incredibly excited for this amazing day!

Carpark is out of bounds

Please remember that the carpark is part of the school and is private property. It is very important that parents and carers do not wander into the carpark during the school day (either the beginning, middle or end). We have spoken to the children about this so please ensure you help them know how important it is to follow the safety rules by following the safety rules.

World Book Day and Book Week

The week beginning Monday 2nd March is the beginning of our annual book week in school. The Hobgoblin Theatre Company will be performing 'The Greatest Fairytale' on the Monday to start the week off with anticipation. World Book Day itself is on **Thursday 5th March** and we will be asking the children to come into school in their **pyjamas or a onesie**. This is different to past years when we have dressed up as favourite book characters because this year's theme is to promote bedtime stories. (We won't be dressing up as book characters this year.)



On 11th March we will be visited by Rob Biddulph a real life author! He will be working with the children in a special assembly about being a children's' author and his new book 'Show and Tell'. He will also have books available to be bought and signed. More information about our author visit will be provided after half term.

Safer Internet Day 2020

This week we marked Safer Internet Day 2020 with many classroom activities and a whole school assembly led by our Computing Lead, Mrs Bradley. It is an area we know you are keen to engage with and sharpen knowledge and awareness of what the risks are and how best we can all manage them so that children continue to use the internet safely to enhance their learning experiences. The ELT will be hosting an Internet Safety evening for parents and carers on 25th March at Thames Ditton Junior School. More information about the timings will be given after half term.

Extra Parent Helper Safeguarding session

Mrs Emmett will be holding an extra parent helper safeguarding session on Thursday 2nd April at 9.00am. If you would like to help in school or Nursery, and have not yet attended a safeguarding meeting or completed a DBS check, please come along on 2nd April. Please let the school office know if you will be attending.

Handwashing and Cleanliness



I hope you received the information from Public Health England about the coronavirus. It clearly states that handwashing is vitally important. Over the half term please spend some time helping your child to ensure they know how to effectively wash and dry their hands so that when

they come back it is something they do brilliantly.

Hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue is the best way to prevent the spread of almost any germs, including Influenza (flu) and Coronavirus. Please remember to follow the NHS advice to 'catch it, bin it, kill it'.

<p>CATCH IT</p> <p>Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.</p>	
<p>BIN IT</p> <p>Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.</p>	
<p>KILL IT</p> <p>Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.</p>	

Accidents

Our accident policy, that has been reviewed by the Governors, states that we will record and send home information about *all* minor accidents as well as more serious accidents. This is because of the young age of our children and the fact that sometimes they are not always able to recognise if an injury is more serious. This may mean that children can receive what can seem like a lot of accident reports. We are being over cautious but feel that is the right thing to do.

Golden Manners' Table

This week the lunchtime staff have all been helping me to look out for those people who have good manners. The first Monday after half term Ezra, Eva M, Rory, Fynn, Emily and Frankie can all come to the Golden Manners table because of their excellent manners.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Mia and Leo T for each choosing a birthday book to share with their class.

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is Beagle with 98.5%.

Thought for the week:

'Keep your circle positive. Speak good words. Think good thoughts. Do good deeds.'

Have a wonderful half term!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Happy Friday!

We have had a lovely week at nursery and the children have been working very hard.

We have been sharing lots of rhyming stories and playing rhyming games to help the children understand rhyming words. The children have also been making up stories of their own using the finger puppets.

In our maths work the children have been playing number games, this has helped them to understand the rules of playing a game such as taking turns but also we have been practising counting and number recognition.

The children have really enjoyed using our pizza parlour to develop their speaking and listening skills, to make play dough pizzas, making menus and taking orders.

In the outside area the children have been developing their throwing and catching skills using bean bags and big balls. They have also enjoyed blowing bubbles and watching how they react in the breeze!

The children have been exploring the scientific vocabulary for floating and sinking using our water tray areas and a range of suitable objects. We have talked about what happens when something floats and something sinks and we have even mentioned the word "density"!

In our PE sessions we have been learning some yoga moves: some stretching, some balancing and some stillness! We have used the phrases: mountain pose, lotus pose, rainbow, frog, tree, down dog and starfish, just in case they decide to share these moves with you!

Thank you to Sophia and her family who are taking our class fish Barry and Shep home for the half term holidays.

Due to our exciting police visit we will be unable to do library on Thursday 27th February.

Thank you for all your support this half term and have a lovely break!

Reception

Another half term completed and what a busy one it has been! This week in Reception we have been looking at the story of The Princess and the Pea. We have created our own beds for the princess with lots of different mattresses, discussing how many we have and how many we would have left if we took some away. This fit in with our number learning, where we have continued to focus on subtraction. In phonics this week we have been holding and writing our own sentences based on a new picture each day.

After half term we will be moving away from traditional tales and looking at the story of Mr Wolf's Pancakes. We will be using this story to think about different layers of reading comprehension. We will also be recapping both addition and subtraction using word problems in play, ensuring the children can apply their understanding of these concepts. We have also got the local police coming to visit the first week back, to tell us all about what they do.

Key Vocabulary:

Subtract, minus, counting back, jumping back, princess, happy, sad, excited

Home Learning Ideas:

- Can your child hold and write a sentence about something they have done over the half term break?
- Can you create a subtraction word problem for your child? E.g. The car has four wheels but if one needs repairing how many wheels are left?
- Can your child spot red words in their story books at home? E.g. the, you, my, to, said

Reminders:

- Beagle Class Assembly 9.05am 12th March
- Corgi Class Assembly 9.05am 19th March

Year 1

A big thank you to the parent helpers who accompanied us on our visit to the church this week. The children had an educational visit that helped them to develop their understanding of the features of a church and how it is used as a place of worship. Thank you also to all the Yr 1 children who have worked incredibly hard this half term. We are proud of the progress you are making!

In literacy, the children used adjectives to write some lovely descriptions of their respective learning buddies. They also had to write sentences to express their opinion as to whether they would want to be the character of Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk or the Gingerbread man, giving reasons why. We were very impressed with some of their responses! In handwriting, the children practised the formation of the capital letters V, W and X.

In numeracy, the children have been thinking of the sequence of events of a typical day and what activities come before and after certain events. They have also been ordering days of the week and thought about the different activities that they participate in during their week. They completed sentences such as 'Today is Monday, yesterday was ...' and 'Today is Saturday, tomorrow is...'.

The pupils enjoyed learning about deciduous and evergreen trees in Science. They especially liked going into the playground to see and draw the different trees that they could see.

After half term, we will be starting an exciting new topic on Africa. In literacy, the children will be using oral rehearsal to construct sentences with conjunctions about what items they would need to take on a trip to Africa. They will also be learning about proper nouns. In numeracy, we will be recapping counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s to 100 and our number bonds to 10 and 20.

Key Vocab for Next Week

- capital letter, full stop, adjective, conjunction, noun, proper noun
- add, plus, addition, subtraction, subtract, minus, take away

Home Learning Ideas

- Practise counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s up to 100. Play a game of 'Guess my Number'. Your child can choose a number that is a multiple of 2, 5 or 10 for you to guess and write it on a post-it note. They then count up in multiples of that number, leaving the focus number out. Can you guess what the number is?
- Review addition and subtraction number bonds to 10 and 20.
- Read with your child as much as possible.
- Create a half term diary (would be great to see these back at school).

Show and Tell: Show and tell this term is Africa themed

(Giraffes) Please bring in **one** item that is 'Africa themed'. This can take the form of a photograph, fact, drawing, book, item etc.

Reminders

- Please ensure that all PE kits come back to school on the Monday after half term fully named.

Request for Lego

Yr 1 would really like to have their own supply of Lego. If you have any spare, no longer used Lego, the children would be so pleased to have it! Please drop at the school office. Thank you.

Year 2

This week in Literacy we have been sharing stories about Katie (written by James Mayhew), a little girl who loves to visit art galleries and has adventures when she climbs through picture frames into famous paintings. We began by choosing a famous artwork to describe using super sentences and WOW words. Then we devised a plan for our own Katie stories set in the painting we chose, thinking about a descriptive beginning, an exciting middle and an interesting ending. Finally, we used our plans to write fabulous stories, editing them to make improvements and correct any mistakes.

In Maths we have been learning about the different methods we can use to solve addition problems. We then used these skills to solve subtraction problems. We have used empty number lines, making jumps of tens and units to find the total.

In Geography we have been learning all about Australia. We have learnt about famous landmarks and animals. We have begun to create our own rain sticks by creating artwork in the style of Aboriginal artists.

Spaniels had a great time at Wagamama on Tuesday and learnt about different food groups.

Home learning:

Please enjoy half term and have a rest! If you want to get your child to write a diary of their week on paper, to share with the class when we get back, you can but this is optional.

Choir have been given a song to learn (this is also optional).

After half term in Maths we will be using different methods to solve addition problems, including partitioning, empty number lines and column addition. We will be reading and solving riddles in Literacy and then creating our own riddle about a friend.

Key vocabulary: column addition, partition, hundreds, tens, units, carrying, riddle, verse, clues, question mark

Have a super relaxing half term!

School Office

Spare tights & socks wanted!

If you have any spare school long socks or school tights to fit size 5-7 yrs, please could you drop them in to the school office. Thank you!

Friends

The deadline for **ball tickets** is approaching fast - 24th February. After that you'll have to bribe the Friends committee to see if there's space. The food and drink pre-orders need to be in by 22nd February. Please email

Gabiella.stiles@outlook.com

We have been through extensive wine tasting to bring good quality wines at reasonable prices so any profit made on wine goes to school.

The ticket cost is £55. This includes:

- A welcome cocktail on arrival
- Three course dinner
- tea/coffee after dinner
- Disco dancing,
- photo opportunities,
- edible 80s treats,
- arcade games and a cracking chance to bid for some Amazing prizes.

And you'll be raising money for our fabulous 2 schools; the live and silent auctions are sure to be a showstopper.

THANKS to our Amazing sponsors Humphrey and Brand who are also donating a first prize to the raffle.

Raffle tickets will be on sale after half term.

Change challenge - after half term we will be having a change challenge. English coins or foreign currency, we'll take them all. The class that brings in the most, will win. So bring in coins of any denomination or currency, notes accepted too.

Finally, please sign up for Groundforce day in a couple of weeks, a tidy and usable outdoor area makes such a difference for the children and maximises the space they have.

Have a great weekend, don't get blown away!

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Co-operation



Isaac
Tate
Charlie F
Miguel
Dorothy
Isabella

Golden Certificates:

Anna
Dalal
Luke
Sienna
Esther
Daisy
All of Labrador class
Eleanor
Nyla
Sophia A
Charlie JS
Joe

Credit Card:



Emily
Leo H

Willow - 4
Freddie M - 6
Leo T - 6
Luna - 6
Mia - 5
Freya - 4
Martha - 6

Outside Achievements:

George R received his Learn to Swim stage 1 certificate
Ava was awarded Rainbow of the Week and received the trophy for concentrating so well on her Valentines craft
Emily was awarded 3 swimming certificates – Learn to Swim stages 3 & 4, Rainbow 20m Distance
Olly received his side break fall patch for Kuk Sool
Molly was the first winner of the Wake Up Shake Up trophy

DIARY DATES

February 2020

17th-21st
February School closed – half term break

Monday 24th 8.45am return to school / nursery

March 2020

Monday 2nd Start of Book Week – theatre visiting school: 'The Greatest Fairy Tale Ever Told'

Thursday 5th

- World Book Day
- School Nurse – Yr R 4+ screening
- 6.00pm Full Governing Body meeting - please give one week's notice to Clerk of Governors at clerktogovs@longditton.surrey.sch.uk if you would like to attend

Thursday 12th

- 9.05am Beagle class assembly – parents/carers of children in Beagle are welcome to come and watch
- No Rocksteady

Monday 16th Living Eggs arrive

Thursday 19th 9.05am Corgi class assembly – parents/carers of children in Corgi are welcome to come and watch

Monday 23rd 3.30-5.30pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments – Labrador class only

Wednesday 25th 3.30-8.00pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments

Thursday 26th

- Nursery Celebration Assembly
- 3.30-5.30pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments (not Labrador class)

Friday 27th Chicks depart

April 2020

Thursday 2nd

- 9am Parent Helper safeguarding session – please let the school office know if you will be attending
- 2.15pm Rocksteady concert – parent/carers of those children who take part are invited to come and watch
- Nursery finishes for Easter Holidays

Friday 3rd April 1.30pm School finishes for Easter Holidays

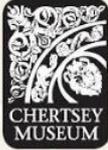
6th-17th April School closed for Easter Holidays

Monday 20th 8.45am Return to school for the summer term

EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

February Holiday Activities



Chertsey Abbey Tiles
18th February 2020
11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm
Cost: £4

**Chertsey Abbey
Puppet Theatre**
20th February 2020
11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm
Cost: £4

Activity is for ages 6-12. Five year olds can participate if accompanied by an adult.

www.chertseymuseum.org/events
Call 01932 565764 to book your place

The Olive Matthew COLLECTOR
Runnymede BOROUGH COUNCIL

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