



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER

#### 31st January 2020

## LATEST NEWS

### Dear Parents and Carers

Wow Dalmatian Class. What a brilliant and thought provoking assembly! Thank you for helping us to think about how and why we need to do more to help look after our environment. It is a pretty sobering fact to think that in 2050 there will be more plastic in our oceans than fish. Your confidence in speaking and lovely singing were excellent. Well done to all of you 😊

### Smart Watches

Thank you for all of your feedback on smart watches and fit bits. I am going to take all of the information to the Governors next week so that as a school we can make a measured decision in the best interests of all of our children.

**FIND YOUR BRAVE**

As part of Children's Mental Health Week we are holding a **Find Your Brave Day** on Monday 3rd February.

Any money raised will go to Place2Be who work to reach and support children providing mental health and counselling services.

Find Your Brave Show and Tell

- Can you remember a time when you have had to be really brave?
- Did your favourite teddy help you overcome your fears?
- Do you have a picture of you being brave?

Take part in our Find Your Brave Show and Tell where you can tell us all about a time when you have had to be brave and show us anything that helped you.

**Find Your Brave Day**  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February will be Find Your Brave Day. This is part of Children's Mental Health Week.

We have said that the children can come in mufti clothes on Monday in return for a donation to the charity Place2be that funds research into supporting schools to help improve children's mental health.

We have asked the children over the weekend to think of a time when they were brave. They can bring in either a picture they have drawn, a photo or a piece of writing about a time when they were brave. Then in class and assembly we will be sharing our stories about being brave to help the children understand that 'life is full of small brave

steps' and finding 'your brave' is a way to help develop positive mental health.

### Adult Scooters and Bike

Please remember that ALL SCOOTERS AND BIKES should be pushed once inside the school grounds and this includes adults and younger siblings too. This will mean that adults have to stop and dismount from their transport options outside of the school grounds in the best interests of the children in our school. Some children have been to speak to me about adults not following this rule. Remember that all the children will be using the behaviour of adults to inform their learning of what it means to be an adult. If we want them to be excellent, we have to show them how to behave and they will make their choices based on what they see from us. If we want them to follow the rules, we must demonstrate that we are.

### PE Kits

It is very important to make sure that your child has a PE kit in school. Their PE kits should include a track suit for outside PE as well as shorts and a T-shirt and trainers or plimsolls. We will be sending letters out to parents and carers of children who don't have PE kits in school as a reminder to think about what it is like for their child to not have a PE kit when everyone else does. Those children who have to ask for a PE kit from their teacher usually feel ashamed, upset and worried and this can cause them to think of PE in a negative light. If you are unable to purchase a PE kit or you have forgotten it, please let the office or class teacher know so that we can put one together for your child or have a spare one in place when it is PE. This way they won't feel different, left out or forgotten.

### **Safer Internet Day 2020**

During the week of 10<sup>th</sup> February we will be taking part in discussions and activities to show our support for making the internet a safe place to be. Please see the attached letter for more information.

### **Extra Parent Helper Safeguarding session**

Mrs Emmett will be holding an extra parent helper safeguarding session on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Please let the school office know if you will be attending.

### **Birthday Books**

Thank you to Gabriel, Eva M and Clement for each choosing a birthday book to give to their class to celebrate their birthday.

### **Golden Manners' Table**

This week the lunchtime staff have all been helping me to look out for those people who have good manners. On Monday Olivia A, Joseph H, Gabriele, Emilia, Nyla and Finley can all eat lunch with me on the Golden Manners table.

### **Attendance**

The classes with the best attendance this week are Labrador Class and Beagle Class with 99.3%.

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

'All I really needed to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sand pile at school.' H Russi

Have a delightful weekend!

**Mrs Paines**

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## **Nursery**

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We have been very busy at nursery this week.

Our nursery target is responsibility and we are encouraging children to remember to tidy up their

learning when they have finished; this means putting away resources and toys they have been using, so that they are ready for someone else to do their learning.

In our maths work the children have been learning about length, this has involved measuring and comparing long and short things, such as straws, ribbons and play-doh worms.

In our small world the children have been retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. In our craft area the children have been making beanstalks and props for the small world.

In PE, we continued the Chinese New Year theme, the children pretended to be Chinese dragons and moved and danced to Chinese Dragon music.

We are currently changing our role play area into a pizza café and we would be very grateful for any takeaway pizza boxes or pizza menus.

We would also be grateful for any unwanted desktop telephones please see photo.



We have been talking about coughing and sneezing into our hands or elbow so that we don't spread germs. We have also been talking about washing hands before eating at the snack bar and after going to the toilet.

We would be grateful if you could reinforce this by talking about it at home. Thank you for your support.

Would anyone be willing to "fish sit" Barry and Shep our class fish during the half term holidays please? If you are interested, please speak to the nursery team. They have a small tank for transportation and the children really enjoy watching and looking after them.

Have a lovely weekend!

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## **Reception**

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This week we have been looking at the story behind Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated across the world. We created our own dragon dances in our music and movement learning this

week and performed them in groups to the rest of the class. This was a very exciting opportunity that the children enjoyed a great deal! We have also used the story of Chinese New Year to learn about ordinal numbers. We have put the animals from the race in order and used first, second, third etc. to describe their position. We have also been making Chinese fans and drums to decorate our new Chinese restaurant role play in the outside area.

Next week we will be moving on to looking at a new traditional tale, the Billy Goat's Gruff. We will be challenging the children to build their own bridge using resources in the classroom and look forward to using our problem solving skills! In our creative learning we will be designing our own trolls, thinking about what they might look like and what materials we could use to make them. We will also begin to look at subtraction, discussing the subtraction sign and counting backwards. We will continue to build sentences and work towards writing these independently.

#### **Home Learning Ideas:**

- Can your child remember and retell the story of 'The Great Race'? Can they remember how Chinese New Year is celebrated?
- What does your child already know about bridges? Can they think about how to build their own?

#### **Reminders:**

- If you would like to, please contact your class reps to reserve a place on the phonics workshop.
- Please send your child to school each day with their FRED folder and reading book if they have one.

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## **Year 1**

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Well done to Dalmatian Class who performed a super assembly this week. They worked really hard to learn their words and song, and we were impressed at how confident they were!

This week Husky class has been busy learning about the differences between fiction and non-fiction in literacy. Dalmatian class will be focusing on this next week now they have finished preparing

for their assembly. In handwriting, we practised the formation of the capital letters P, Q and R.

In maths, we continued with our unit on measurement with a focus on weight. The children compared various items of different mass using the vocabulary 'heavier' and 'lighter' and had to order objects from heaviest to lightest. They also used weighing scales to weigh objects using non-standard units. Next week we will be focusing on capacity and volume. The children will once again use non-standard measures to estimate and measure the capacity of different containers.

In RE this week, the children have continued their study of Christianity with a focus on the church and the special ceremonies that take place within churches. In ICT, we have been learning how to find a website and also thinking about how we can keep ourselves safe when using the internet.

#### **Home Learning Ideas**

**Husky Class:** Please practise your lines for our assembly in a clear, loud voice. The children's lines for their assembly should be in their book bags. If you need new lines, please see Mrs. Russi.

- Look at a non-fiction text together. Does it have a 'Contents' and 'Index'? Where are these located within the book? What do they tell us?
- Using different examples of bottles of liquid within the home environment, use mathematical vocabulary to describe them. Are they full? Empty? Half full? Which bottle has more than.... less than...

#### **Key Vocab for Next Week**

- endangered, species, animal, non-fiction, fiction, fact, information
- capacity, volume, full, empty, more than, less than, half, half full, quarter

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

#### **Reminders**

- Monday is 'Find your Brave Day' and the children can bring in a show and tell relating to

a time when they have been brave. This could be a photo, drawing or object. It is also **mufti day** in return for a donation.

- Please ensure that all of your children's kit is appropriately labelled (book bags, water bottles, hats, etc.). This is extremely helpful to both the students and the teachers and helps to develop independent organisational skills.
- Husky Class Assembly on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 9.05am

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## Year 2

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This week in Literacy we have been reading poems by famous poets, including Christina Rossetti and Robert Louis Stevenson. We discussed what we noticed about the layout of the poems, and looked for any patterns or rhyme. We identified the different types of vocabulary the poets used to create atmosphere in their poems, such as similes and metaphors. In pairs we rehearsed and performed our poems, speaking clearly and using expression. We have also been creating our own poem in the style of "The Magic Box" by Kit Wright.

Continuing our work on time, we have been matching times shown on an analogue clock with the digital times. We also used a class stopwatch to estimate and measure how many times we could complete activities in 15 seconds and 30 seconds. For example, writing as many letters of the alphabet as we could, standing up and sitting down on our chairs!

In Geography we have been revising our knowledge of the continents of the world. We then focussed on the continent of Europe and found out some fascinating facts about France. For example, we found out that every year, a famous bike race called the Tour de France takes place in France. Also The French flag is known as the tricolore because it has 3 colours - blue, white and red.

We have used the Chromebooks to research information about Chinese New Year using the Espresso website. We recorded the facts we discovered and then used them to create a fact file on the Purple Mash programme, inserting captions and pictures.

Of course, for Labrador Class the highlight of the week was our trip to Wagamama! We had a great time! We tasted some delicious fruit smoothies and ate our own noodle meal. Thanks so much to the parents who helped out. Unfortunately, it was not possible for Spaniel Class to visit this week due to a problem at the restaurant. Fortunately, the visit has now been rearranged for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

**Home learning:** Please find a poem that you enjoy reading and write it out neatly in your book. Look carefully at interesting vocabulary the poet has used and practise reading your poem out loud to a family member. You will share your chosen poem in class during Literacy next week.

**Next week** in Maths we will be estimating and comparing the weight of objects using balance and kitchen scales. In Literacy we will be completing and editing our poems written in the style of "The Magic Box". As a reward for filling up the Gem Jar, Labrador Class have requested a treat of bringing in a teddy for the day, ice pops and a movie. We are going to do this on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Reminders** Labrador Class visit to Stokes Field is on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February and Spaniel Class on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather! Monday is a Mufti Day for 'Find your Brave Day'. The children will have the opportunity to do a 'Find Your Brave Show and Tell' sharing their own experiences of when they have had to be brave. Any donations will go to the Place2be charity that focus on providing mental health and counselling support to children.

**Key vocabulary:** capital, continents, oceans, hour, minute, second, rhyme, rhythm, simile, metaphor.

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## Friends

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Lots going on so please forgive us on the communication front, we'd hate for someone to miss out!!

Thanks to everyone who came to That Cabaret evening last Friday, it was a great night and we raised £339.

On 4th Feb there will be a meeting in the George Evelyn pub for the **pamper evening**; if you can help organise this or have ideas to share, or you just want to get out of the house! please come along at 8pm.

### **Crowne Plaza 80's Ball 7th March 2020**

We are looking for donations of 80's props, if you have any you'd be willing to loan us please get in touch!

**ROOMS:** We have now reserved a number of rooms at the Crowne Plaza for people wishing to stay overnight after the ball. We have secured a discounted rate of £120 per room per night for a Standard Double Bed & Breakfast, normally £134. You can book by calling the hotel direct on 020 8786 6504 and quoting our unique reference code "DIT".

The cancellation policy is before 4pm one day prior to arrival to avoid a one night's charge.

Rooms are available to book at this special rate up to 8th February, after which time the hotel will release our allocation for general sale.

**AUCTION LOTS:** Can you help? We are looking for "experience" donations for the Auction that will be taking place at the 80s ball this year.

- Do you have a holiday villa you could donate for a week? 🏠
- Do you know an actor, singer or comedian that could donate tickets and a meet and greet? 🎭
- Do you have contacts with a decent restaurant that would donate a chefs table experience?
- Can you get signed sporting memorabilia or tickets to games?

These are simply suggestions. If you, or the company you work for would be happy to donate something for the live auction at the ball please contact one of the Auction Ball Committee:

Macarena Powell, Jessica Corkan, Jayne Lloyd or Emma Pericas Sims. Alternatively email [longdittonfriends@outlook.com](mailto:longdittonfriends@outlook.com)

### **Eco Party Wear**

Help your school and the environment by hiring our fabulous new range of colourful party wear. Sets include plate, bowl, cup and cutlery.

Available in 6 different colours. Red, blue, yellow, white, green and pink. A mixture of colours will be provided. For example: A party for 15 children will cost £5. For an additional £10 fee save yourself the hassle and return them for us to wash up.

We will be sending out a sign-up sheet link for the **Green Gym Groundforce day**. If you are unable to make it but would like to show your support, we will be having a cake sale on the 28th February to raise money for the things the garden needs. Alternatively, you can give a donation that will be used towards mulch or a skip.

There are **books and uniform** in the bike sheds all the time, please help yourself and make a donation to the Friends in the post box, label the envelope books or uniform so we can track how much we are making! So far £10.50, every little helps.

Please see flyer and ticket request form attached for the **quiz night at the Juniors**. If you're an avid quizzier, you don't need to have a child at the school yet so feel free to sign up and go along, it's a great way to see the school if you have a child that might go in the future!

Have a great weekend everyone.

Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Value Stars: Resilience



Frankie M  
Lauren  
Archie  
Asiya  
Esmae  
Megan

### Golden Certificates:

Sylvie  
Freddie T  
Thomas G  
Dalmatian class  
Jack  
Erin  
Georgia  
Leo T  
Idris  
Denes  
Eva M  
Sophia S  
Labrador class

### Credit Card:

Ava G  
Nancy



Gabriel – 6  
Clement – 5  
Eva – 5  
Eve - 5

### Outside Achievements:

Sophie A achieved gold medal in her gymnastics assessment  
Ava G was awarded a bronze medal for gymnastics  
Claudia was awarded her 20m Rainbow Distance swimming certificate  
Charlie H received a flight certificate for flying on Concorde  
Aurora received a flight certificate for flying on Concorde  
Emilia was awarded the Rainbows' Cup for good listening and joining in

# DIARY DATES

## February 2020

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Find Your Brave Day – wear mufti for a donation to Place2be
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>	<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 2 Spaniel class to Wagamama (rescheduled)</li> </ul>
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

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Start of Book Week – theatre visiting school: 'The Greatest Fairy Tale Ever Told'
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
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	3.30-8.00pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery Celebration Assembly</li> <li>3.30-5.30pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments</li> </ul>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Chicks depart
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Parent Helper safeguarding session – please let the school office know if you will be attending</li> <li>2.15pm Rocksteady concert – parent/carers of those children who take part are invited to come and watch</li> <li>Nursery finishes for Easter Holidays</li> </ul>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	1.30pm School finishes for Easter Holidays

## EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (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 7TH MARCH 2020**  
7PM FOR 7.30PM UNTIL 12.30AM  
**CROWNE PLAZA, PORTSMOUTH ROAD**

3-COURSE MEAL | AUCTION  
RETRO ARCADE GAMES | SELFIE STATION

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THE FRIENDS OF LDSM PRESENTS:

# QUIZ TIME!

**THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY**  
In the School Hall at Long Ditton St Mary's School

Doors open 7.30pm  
Quiz starts 8.00pm

Bar available  
Bring your own nibbles

**£6 PER TICKET**  
ADULTS ONLY

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