



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER 17th April 2020

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations everyone one for all your hard work, lovely Easter activities and news. I know it is challenging at the moment because things are different but there is definitely a resilience among everyone that needs to be celebrated. Super work!

Sing Up

From the 20th April, parents and carers will be able to access a new **Sing Up** at Home area. We use Sing Up in school to support our singing in class, assemblies and choir. This space will be totally free and accessible and you can use it to enjoy learning some new songs at home. (They also do lots of great well known songs, some pop songs, and the children love learning them). This will be the link to go to directly www.singup.org/singupathome Enjoy from the 20th April!

Weekly Learning Challenge

I have attached this to the end of the newsletter. Don't forget to send in proof you have completed it in order to receive a Golden Certificate 😊

Maths on the move

Starting next week for Year 1 and Year 2 there will be a special Maths on the Move video lesson provided by Pleiades for you to take part in at home. Maths on the move is an active way to learn new maths techniques as well as keep more active. There will also be a lesson outline and work sheet included in the link.

Covid for parents

Please see below for useful information about the Covid 19 challenge we face from some trusted

sources including the Government resources they want all parents and carers to have access to.

Handwashing Advice and Video

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

EBUG – fun games and resources teaching children about microbes and antibiotics

<https://e-bug.eu/>

Active Surrey –ways to keep active at home

www.activesurrey.com

NSPCC Digital safety and well being

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/cco-parents-digital-safety-wellbeing-kit.pdf>

Keeping Children Safe online message

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/cco-childrens-digital-safety-wellbeing-kit.pdf>

Story Book for children about Covid 19 (I would read this first before you look at it with your child. It might not be suitable for all of our children)

<https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/system/files/2020-04/My%20Hero%20is%20You%2C%20Storybook%20for%20Children%20on%20COVID-19.pdf>

First Aid Advice for looking after someone with Covid 19 from home

<https://is-hosted-email-api.prod.appspot.com/api/v2/public/email/6559663297921024/6082963932446720>

Plans for After Easter

As we start back after Easter please remember our plans for helping to ensure the children are making progress in their learning from home.

Reports –We plan to have the reports sent out to you from 1st May. This may change if sickness becomes an issue.

Phone Calls – After Easter the teachers will begin calling you at home to speak to the children, find out how they are getting on and to listen to what they are finding hard and help them through this.

Planned Weekly Learning –These weekly planned learning activities will be put in the newsletter and on the website each week.

Emails – The teachers and staff will continue to respond to the emails you send.

Learning Packs – When these are ready to go we will let you know.

Online Learning – To support learning from home we are using Discovery Education, Education City and now Sing Up and Maths on the move.

Staying in Touch

Nursery Class: sheltie@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Corgi Class: corgi@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Beagle Class: beagle@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Dalmatian Class:

dalmatian@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Husky Class: husky@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Spaniel Class: spaniel@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Labrador Class:

labrador@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Please note that teachers will not be responding to emails over the Easter two week break.

The Lychgate Magazine

This cannot be delivered in the usual way but you can access the online version by following the link below 😊

https://issuu.com/stmaryslongditton/docs/the_lychgate_april_may_2020

Top Teaching Tip Week 3:

‘Practice makes perfect’

I should imagine that you might be rolling your eyes at this top tip thinking ‘yes, I know, my parents and grandparents said the same thing!’ But it is true – even if we might say oh it’s boring I can do it already. Learning to be better at something isn’t always about learning new things or something you haven’t done before. It is also about practicing something until you can do it without thinking. David Beckham is suggested to have practiced taking corners and free kicks hundreds of thousands of times? Why? To be able to do his best without thinking. There are lots of research articles explaining why ‘practice makes perfect’ in teaching, and in life. Most of them are based around the idea that there are 4 stages to learning. 1. You don’t know what you don’t know. 2. You know about something but you can’t do it. 3. You can do something but you have to think about it. 4. You can do that something without even thinking about it. To get to stage 4, the mastery stage or unconscious competence, you have to have practiced.



Remember learning to drive and trying to change gear, steer, look in the mirror, move your feet, look ahead for danger and listen to the instructor at the same time? When you first started it all seemed impossible. But now when you drive how often do you even think about how you change gear or use the mirrors? How did you get from one to the other – practice, practice, practice.

With the children's learning it is the same. Current educational research suggests that the everything the children learn and do should always include an element of practice to consolidate their learning. So this means that it is ok for them to be doing something they can already do sometimes because we want them to be able to do what they can do with unconscious competence – mastery. Yes-they can write their names – but can they do it without thinking, perfectly formed with each letter sized equally. Yes-they know their times tables but can they use what they know to work out multiple money amounts or times on a clock. Yes-they can write a sentence with a full stop in all their writing do they always do it without even thinking about it. The challenge for teachers is trying to get them to practice something they can already do in a way that makes them buy into the learning? In school our lessons will always include an element of practice what they can already do until eventually they can do it without thinking about it.

There are lots of articles about this – have a look it can really help in all sorts of areas of our lives.

Skipping Challenge

1. Sophie 123
 2. Georgina 100
 3. Mrs Paines 96
- Sylvie – 83, Nancy 85

Learning from Gallery

We have had some fabulous photos from home demonstrating the wonderful learning that you are all doing at home. I have included as many as I could in the newsletter. Keep sending them in and the teachers will choose two from each class to include in the newsletter each week!

Thought for the week:

'Positive thinking is more than just a tag line. It changes the way we behave. And I firmly believe that when I am positive it not only makes me better, but makes those around me better.' H Mackay

Have a positive weekend ☺

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Home learning link:

<http://longditton.surrey.sch.uk/meet-the-classes/nursery/>

Reception

Home learning link:

<http://longditton.surrey.sch.uk/meet-the-classes/reception/>

Year 1

Home learning link:

<http://longditton.surrey.sch.uk/meet-the-classes/year-1/>

Year 2

Home learning link:

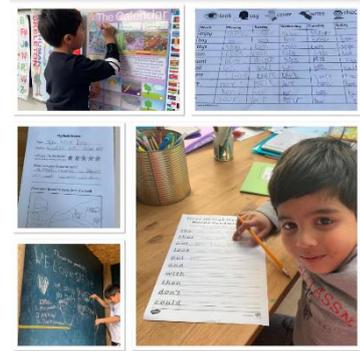
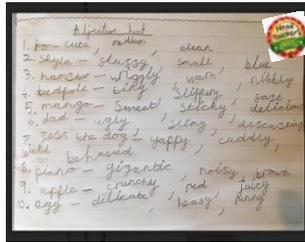
<http://longditton.surrey.sch.uk/meet-the-classes/year-2/>

School Office

ACHIEVEMENTS

Have a look at the wonderful learning from home gallery!

Well done everyone 😊



Daily Learning Diary Challenge

Dear Parents and Carers

Please make sure your child completes the chart over the time they are away from school. They should spend at least five minutes on each activity and tick it as complete when they have. They can bring the chart back to school and if all the boxes are completed bring it to me to receive a Head Teachers award! Special Golden Certificates will be given to those who can complete the bonus learning challenge too!

Learning Challenge Chart

Day	Reading	Writing	Maths	Physical Activity	Topic
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					
Bonus Learning	What else did you learn about this week? (Cooking, gardening, painting, games etc)				



Leo P - 7
Ezrah - 5

DIARY DATES

April 2020

Wednesday 22 nd	Earth Day – raising awareness of environmental issues worldwide
Thursday 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St George's Day • National Shakespeare Day • Ramadan begins
Saturday 25 th	World Penguin Day

May 2020

Friday 8 th	May Bank Holiday
25 th to 29 th	Half term break

June 2020

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