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INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

25th April 2020

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school for a 'remote' first half of the summer term. In some ways for us things are similar – planning and preparing lessons, but in other ways completely different – not personally teaching what you had planned. As we embark on this new term remember we are all learning to adapt, change and learn new things. While we are learning to adjust remember it is ok take time to say to ourselves yes well done today you got up and had another go! Just looking at the innovative and focused ways you are all enabling your children to keep learning is inspiring. Keep going you are doing a super job!

School Nurse Team

The Elmbridge School Nursing 0 -19 Team have asked us to update you with information and help they have to offer. Please see below for links that can help parents at home.

The School Nurse Team Organisation website with links to and information on a wide variety of subjects can be found

at: www.childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk

The Surrey Wide 0-19 Advice Line open Monday to Friday 9-5 on : 01883 340 922

Surrey free on line parenting guides from ante natal to 19 years of age at

: surreycc.gov.uk/learnonline register for free with a Surrey post code using the code ACORN

I hope this is of use to you and please do not hesitate to contact us.

Elmbridge School Nursing 0-19 team.

Information and advice for parents and carers from the Royal College of Pediatrics

Please see the link below for advice for you that may be useful during these challenging times.

<https://surreycountycouncil.newsweaver.co.uk/icfiles/1/31744/73505/6340526/97b26be282846d858cf4eeca/rcpch%20-%20advice%20for%20parents%20during%20coronavirus.pdf>

Thought for Parent/Teachers

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

'Parent: What we are being asked to do is not humanly possible. There is a reason we are either a working parent, a stay at home parent or a part time working parent.

Working, parenting and teaching are three different jobs that cannot be done at the same time.

It's not hard because you are doing it wrong, it's hard because it's too much.

Do the best you can.

Emily W King PHD'

Mrs Eaton, who is like lots of people working from home with small children, sent me the above this week to remind everyone that home learning should not and cannot be the same as the teaching that takes place in school. I know that if my daughter were younger there would be no way I would get her to be sitting listening to me 'teaching' her at home. Your children will be learning something new everyday. It might not be something that's in the 'National Curriculum' but they will be learning. Be kind to yourselves, celebrate the successes however small and learn from the failures. Most of all keep going!

Learning Remotely

As we settle and learn more about how we can support learning from home there are, as always, developing guidelines for us to follow. At the current time the advice is that we should be offering a 'blended' learning approach. That means we should be helping parents and carers at home by offering hands on learning ideas and also online learning. Each week the teachers are putting together suggested learning activities. You can access these by following the link in the newsletter, on the website and teachers are now emailing the learning activities to their classes using the emails you have used to contact them. We are offering online learning links through Discovery Education, Education City, Purple Mash and Tapestry (depending on your year group) and also directing you to online platforms which might be useful.

We had thought that we could put together a hard copy of the packs for you to come and collect but we have been advised that we should not be encouraging you out of the safety of your house or potentially putting you in proximity with others. On Monday I will send out a separate parent mail that will outline how we intend to keep offering advice and support through the learning packs and what to do if you don't have online support at home.

Staying in Touch

Next week we will be sending out the annual reports for children via email. If you still haven't emailed your class teacher yet, please ensure you do so that we can send the report to you effectively.

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

Maths on the move

The next one of the videos for Maths on the Move will be put onto the website on Mondays.

Music Link

Mrs Hart from Long Ditton St Mary's has been delivering some music lessons on line and has offered them to us as well!

<https://www.scalesandtales.org/post/make-your-own-musical-orchestra>

Sing Up

Have a sing song any day of the week with Sing Up!

<https://www.singup.org/singupathome/song-of-the-week>

Top Teaching Tip Week 4: Warming up is key

Just as you would warm up your body before a physical work out you can warm up your brain to tell it to 'get ready we are going to learn'. The warm up is warning the brain that it is going to be doing something different and maybe even strenuous! It shouldn't be for long but it can make a difference to the learning that takes place.

A warm up for some maths learning might be to rote count, sing a number song or to say a times table. For some reading it might be to spend a few moments looking at the front cover of a book to talk about what it might be about, to pose a question to think about. For writing it might be to air write some letters or play guess the letter written on each other's backs. It could be a few seconds of just breathing calmly. There is research that shows that warming up before learning has a significant impact on children's thinking skills, questioning skills and how they retain what has been learned. Have a go and see if it helps 😊

Skipping Challenge

1. Sophie 123
2. Georgina 100
3. Mrs Paines 96

Sylvie – 83, Nancy 85



Wake and Shake update!

Miss Griffiths has updated the website with a new wake and shake routine 😊

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10WtayhZvkf7PGeyPybBxBXmp9juO02Of/view>

Learning from Gallery

Keep sending them in and the teachers will choose two from each class to include in the newsletter each week!

Thought for the week:



I hope you have a great weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

We hope that you are keeping well and safe. We hope you have been making the most of the sunshine and enjoying time with your family! I have been busy helping in school with key worker children and planning activities for us to do remotely over the next few weeks, but in my spare time I have started the couch to 5k running app with my daughter, challenging!

Welcome to the summer term at nursery! I can hardly believe it is the summer term already, time has flown by so quickly! I have planned an outline of some themes and activities that we had hoped to do with the children during the summer term. The nature of early years is to plan via the children's interests obviously incorporating key skills that they need to learn and practise along the way!

With this in mind, the planning I suggest is an outline for you, I have chosen mini topics to work through each week. But if you chose to adapt the

activities through different themes, more to suit your child's interests this is fine!

I am so impressed to see there have been some lovely things happening across the Sheltie network:

Indie has been busy counting and sorting his cars, Brilliant!

Lennox has been making cupcakes, Delicious!

Hari has been learning about gardening and helping at home, Fantastic!

Jose has been creative and produced a wonderful picture reminding us how much we are missing our friends at nursery, Beautiful!

Please keep sending us emails to let us know what you are up to and remember we are here to support you if you have any questions. Enjoy the weekend!

Home learning link:

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

Reception

Dear Beagle and Corgi classes

We hope you all had a fantastic Easter and have been enjoying the lovely weather. We have really been enjoying catching up on all your news.

Thank you for sending us all the photos of the activities and learning you have been doing.

Mrs Dawes and Miss Howden have also been chatting to lots of families over the telephone this week and it has been great to speak to you in person. It makes us feel much more connected to you and not miss you all quite so much. If we haven't managed to speak to you yet, we will hopefully do so over the coming weeks.

Over the Easter break, we have been thinking how we could support you better as well as giving you some more ways that you can keep in touch. You should have received an e-mail outlining how to access Tapestry and the Education City learning platforms. If you have yet to receive this, then please send an e-mail to the class e-mail address and we can ensure you receive the information.

In response to requests from some parents for more guidance on establishing a routine and on how much focussed learning to do, we have included a modified Reception routines timetable and information about how we will structure the

home learning opportunities from this point onwards (please see website).

Please remember that all these resources are here to support you and there are a variety and range of activities offered that hopefully give you some ideas or focus. There is absolutely no expectation for all of them to be used or completed; they are merely a resource should you choose to use them.

Stay safe

The Reception Team

Home learning link:

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

Year 1

We hope you had a good first week back teaching! Below is the home learning for this week. Please do not feel the pressure to do everything listed; we understand that everyone's circumstances are different and you can 'dip' into what suits both you and your child best. We want the learning to be fun and if it becomes a battle, then it is counterproductive. Please be guided by your child's interests, concentration, ability and your own set of individual circumstances.

There is a new wake and shake video up on the website which your child can have a go at. Videos like this are a great way to have a quick break from learning or just a way to have fun! We hope you enjoy!

Reminders:

Please keep a couple of kitchen roll tubes for our D&T coming up.

Home learning link:

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

Year 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you managed to enjoy Easter and got out into the amazing weather we have been lucky enough to have.

This week it has been great that so many of you have been emailing us with questions regarding the learning and ways to move the children forward. We are glad that most of you seem to

like having more of a structured timetable to follow. Please remember that this is just a guide, home learning is a lot quicker than learning in school so do bear this in mind. If you are finding it is too much to try to cover all of our learning suggestions please don't worry, be guided by your child's response and how home learning fits into your family's day.

We are glad to see so many of you have been using 'Purple Mash' and Education City to support your learning. Well done!

This week in Maths we have begun to learn about tally charts and pictograms. Well done to those of you who successfully completed your tally charts and pictograms. Next week we will continue data handling learning and will introduce bar charts. For those of you who like a challenge in Maths there will be a Maths Mastery problem for you to solve as well.

In Literacy next week we will be using a picture as inspiration for creative writing. There will be an opportunity to recap different types of vocabulary that can be used to add interest to our sentences, using an activity on Education City. We will continue our learning about Amazing Animals, beginning by thinking about living and non-living things. We will then learn about what living things need to stay alive and their habitats. Next week in our topic learning we will be doing lots of exciting things including making instruments, reading challenges and a super Science experiment involving creating a parachute! Our physical challenge for this week is a range of stretching activities. Can you beat the number of repetitions your child completes each day? Good luck! We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Home learning link:

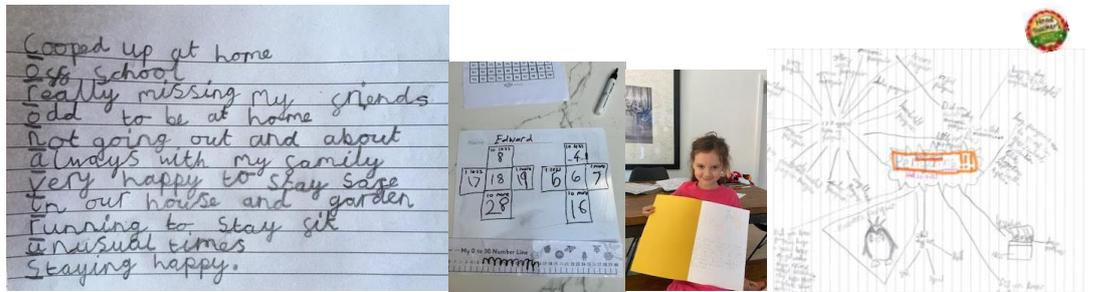
<http://longditton.surrey.sch.uk/meet-the-classes/year-2/>

School Office

ACHIEVEMENTS

Have a look at the wonderful learning from home gallery!

Well done everyone 😊



Nora – 7
Freddie F – 7
Leo W – 6
Indie - 4

(I have been sending cards and stickers to the birthday children – please be aware that the post is taking longer than it should so if you haven't had yours it is on the way! Mrs Paines)

DIARY DATES

April 2020

Saturday 25 th	World Penguin Day
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May 2020

Friday 8 th	May Bank Holiday
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25 th to 29 th	Half term break
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June 2020

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