



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

6th March 2020

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

What a very busy week we have had! The children have been reading, writing, acting and singing all to promote the positive impact of reading. Well done everyone 😊

Year 1 Shrewsbury House Music Festival

This week 22 year one children took part in the Shrewsbury House Music Festival. They were very excited to walk up the road and loved singing in their hall in front of all the parents and carers from the 5 schools taking part. I know we might be slightly biased but our children were absolutely excellent and sang 'I love the flowers' with such enthusiasm – we thought they were the best. Congratulations to all those that took part!

WhatsApp

Advice from professional bodies is that schools do not use WhatsApp as a form of communication to parents. As a school we comply with this advice and do not use WhatsApp to communicate with parents at all. Parents can, do and have set up their own WhatsApp groups to aid communication between themselves. These parent WhatsApp groups are always set up privately by parents and are for parents. These are *private groups* and are nothing to do with the school.

We would expect all parents and carers using WhatsApp groups, or any other social media, to communicate with each other in a way that is representative of our school values. Kindly. Cooperatively. Respectfully.

Remember that the only ways we, as a school, will communicate with parents and carers are:

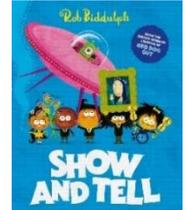
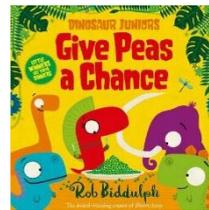
- Via ParentMail
- Phone calls

- Letters
- The Newsletter

Anything on any other social network medium is not from us.

As always our message to you is that if you are concerned, worried or confused about anything please always talk to your class teacher first. They will be the ones that know the most information about your child and the class.

Author Visit 11th March



Rob Biddulph 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.

Sense and Sensibility

At the moment on the news, in the press and in many adult discussions there is an awful lot of talk and worry about the Coronavirus and what this may mean for us all. Remember that this situation is *unique* and we will all have to find our way through what happens over the coming weeks and months. Guidelines are changing. Rumours are spreading. Please let's be sensible in our reactions to news and events and in our *interactions with each other*. Our children are always watching us. It is important that we try to show them how to be the best they can be – even in uncertain or challenging times. As a school we will keep you updated with all the information we have and on any actions we

take or advice we have to give. As a community we need to ensure we are working together, remembering our Values and looking after each other for the good of everyone.

ELT Internet Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers.

This will be held at Thames Ditton Junior School on Wednesday 25th March at 6pm.

The workshop is for the parents and carers of all the ELT schools so you are all welcome to attend.

The 80's Friends Ball is on Saturday!

This is going to be a wonderful evening full of musical memories (for me – though perhaps not for those much younger!). Thank you to all the Friends who have worked exceptionally hard to put on the evening, for all those 'added little touches' that no one really notices unless you know. I am getting my best shoulder pads out ready!

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.

Golden Manners' Table

On Monday these people can come to join me on the Golden Manners table because they have demonstrated lovely manners! Sophie D, Elsie, Luna, Rahaf, Rufus, Teddy F, Jack and Quentin. Thank you for having lovely manners!

Birthday Books

Thank you to Maia, Lola, Dexter, Alex W for each choosing a birthday book to share with their class.

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance this week are Labrador, Spaniel and Husky all with 98%.

Thought for the week:

"Everyone has genius in them. Letting it out, through trial and error, is the key. No one has ever

made progress without making mistakes." M Dooley

Mrs Paines

Nursery

What a fabulous Book Week in Nursery, it was wonderful to see all of your favourite books. We really enjoyed sharing all of the children's bedtime stories and the children spent time drawing their favourite book characters. We also enjoyed the theatre visit telling the story of "The Greatest Fairy Tale". We had some very special visitors, year six from the Junior school joined us to read stories with our children.

This week in our maths work the children have been using positional language, for example, in front of, behind, next to, in between, at the side, on top and under. We have spent time hiding our soft toys in different places to describe where they are using positional language.

In our role play we have had a police station, the children have enjoyed dressing up as police officers and role playing how the police help us in different ways.

The children have been practising washing their hands. We have also talked about keeping clean and healthy. If your child has borrowed any clothes from nursery we would really appreciate them being returned so that we have plenty of spares when we need them.

Thank you for collecting junk modelling for our craft areas - at the moment we have plenty but we will let you know when we need some more!

The children have been very resilient in the rain this week! Please remember they are offered the opportunity to play outside in all weathers and should have a suitable coat to wear. We have been encouraging the children to put on their coats and do up their zips independently.

Reception

The end of another busy week in Reception and what a week it has been! World book week has been full of excitement, with a production of 'The Greatest Fairy Tale Ever', coming to school in our pyjamas and sharing our favourite books with the class. The children have loved being able to talk about their favourite stories and we have begun writing about why they are our favourites.

In our number learning we have been looking at money and recognising different coins. We have also been using our inquiry skills to build bridges. The challenge was to see if the children could build a bridge that would fit a toy sheep underneath and balance a bag of flour on the top.

We also continue to practise for our class assemblies. The children's lines will be coming home in book bags over the next week if you have not received them already, so look out for these. Any practice you can do with them at home would be much appreciated.

Next week we will continue to share and write about the lovely stories the children have brought in from home. We will further our learning about money by seeing if we can recognise coins to use in our play. The children will also begin to think about what the signs of Spring are and if we can spot any of these in our outside area.

Home Learning Ideas:

- Can you see if you can spot any signs of Spring in your garden or the park over the weekend?
- Can you help your grown-ups to recognise and use different coins at the shops?

Reminders/Dates for the Diary:

- 9.05am 12th March Beagle class assembly
- 9.0am 19th March Corgi class assembly
- 25th & 26th March Parent/Teacher consultation appointments
- Any junk modelling donations for either class would be much appreciated!

Year 1

What a super week it's been celebrating reading! On Monday, the children absolutely loved The Hobgoblin's theatrical production of 'The Greatest Ever Fairy Tale'. The children listened with avid enjoyment and considered their favourite part as a written follow-up in independent learning. The literacy focus has continued to be on writing super sentences including adjectives and conjunctions (and capital letters and full stops of course!). For a written task, the children had to consider if they would prefer to find a set of keys to a magical land or a golden lamp that would grant three wishes. On World Book Day, the pupils also really enjoyed reading their favourite bedtime stories with some Year 6 pupils from St. Mary's and writing a book review about the stories. Next week in literacy, we will be reading 'Handa's Surprise'. We will be using the 'Talk for Writing' approach to help us to sequence the story into beginning, middle and end. We will also be writing some descriptions of the delicious fruit in the story with a focus on look, feel and taste.

In maths, the children have been recapping on their addition and subtraction number bonds using a number line to help them. Next week, our focus will be on telling the time to the hour and half hour on an analogue clock. We will also be taking ten away from a number on a 100's square.

In history, the children started to learn about the explorer, Dr. David Livingstone and considered questions that they would ask him if they could. In PSHE, the children enjoyed thinking about healthy and unhealthy food and this learning will continue next week.

Key Vocab for Next Week

- full stop, capital letter, adjective, conjunction, beginning, middle, end
- o'clock, half past, hour hand, minute hand, analogue clock

Home Learning Ideas

- Please continue to support your child with their reading and hear them read daily. This daily reading is invaluable and makes a great

difference to their progress. Can they retell the story to you in their own words? What happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story?

- Begin to tell the time with your children whenever the opportunity presents (especially 'o'clock' and 'half past the hour' times. Ask, where is the hour hand pointing? Where is the minute hand pointing? Telling the time is a life skill and parents can help significantly with this area of learning.
- Describe a food item using adjectives that focus on look, feel and taste

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

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

Reminders

Please remind your children that it is their responsibility to organise their personal belongings at the beginnings and ends of the school day. Do they have their water bottle, book bag, fruit container, jumper and/or any hats, gloves, etc? We are working hard to promote independence at school and would appreciate your support.

Year 2

What an exciting Book Week we have had! On Monday we watched a fantastic theatre performance from the Hobgoblin theatre company. On Thursday we shared our favourite books with reading partners from year 6 at St Mary's Juniors. We were so engrossed in telling our bedtime stories it was brilliant! Everyone looked fantastic dressed in their pyjamas and onesies.

During our Geography this week we have learnt about the USA. We have found many facts about the country and made posters to display the information.

In Maths we've been learning to add using column addition. We all enjoyed using this method and some of us were able to bridge through ten in our additions.

In Dance we have begun to learn some Bollywood dance moves and in groups have started to put them together in a sequence.

In RE we have begun thinking about the importance of Easter celebrations for Christians and recalling events in the Easter story.

During ICT we have used 'Purple Mash' on the chrome books to create a fact file about the USA.

Reading Homework: In school this week we have begun to look at reading comprehensions. These are short texts with some questions to answer. For homework this week the children have a reading comprehension to work on. Please encourage your child to work through this independently, however they may need support to read some tricky words.

Next week we will be learning about subtraction in Maths, we will also be writing fact files about ourselves in Literacy. In ICT we will be using child friendly search engines to find out information about South America.

Key Vocabulary: subtract, take away, left over, myself, facts, family, hobbies, interests, South America, capital city, population, currency.

Important: Please remember that children need to have their PE kits and water bottles in school every day. We are doing Games outside and so need a tracksuit if possible. Make sure that all items are named.

School Office

Parent/Teacher Consultation appointments

You will be able to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher via your ParentMail account/app from Tuesday 10th March. An email will be sent out to confirm the time this will go live. Please contact the school office if you need any help with booking an appointment.

Friends

Its nearly time for the 80's Ball, we are looking forward to taking a step back to the 80's with

everyone and seeing some amazing throwback costumes!

The Change Challenge is in full swing, please leave us any unwanted currency from your travels. The class with the most collected will win money for their class to spend. The closing date is the 3rd April and the winner announced after the holidays.

Long Ditton Village Fair

This fair has been going on for years and is a much loved event in our local calendar. A group of committed, generous individuals have been organising this event for the last few years, some for even ten years! Quite a few are stepping down and new people are required to pick up the baton and we are invited to give the fair a re-fresh! If anyone would like to join the Long Ditton Village Fair committee please contact jo.munro@live.co.uk Roles to be filled are Chair/Co Chairs; Secretary; Treasurer; PR/Comms/Marketing, indicative commitment would be meeting once a month every month from February to July. If you can't commit to that but happy to be involved in some capacity, please still get in touch.

LDIS PAMPER EVENING on Wednesday 18th March

Pamper yourself with a fabulous range of pre-bookable appointments with qualified therapists offering reflexology, massage, guided relaxation, Indian head massage, facials and manicures. Simply click on this link to select your treatments: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60B0B48A8A82AAAF94-pamper>

A rolling programme of talks and demonstrations will take place throughout the evening including representatives from Lush and The Body Shop. One correction to the agenda on the night is the addition of a demo from Thermomix at 8.20pm!

The price of only £5 includes welcome bubbles. Tickets can be bought on the door or by putting your money in a named envelope in the red Friends post box.

The postponed **Groundforce day** is now scheduled for the 21st March, cross your fingers

for some sun. 9.30am till 1.30pm, hope to see you there!

There is a **committee meeting on Tuesday the 10th March** at 8pm at the George Evelyn pub. All welcome, bring your ideas and enthusiasm!

And finally, do you know a firefighter?? Please get in touch with Longdittonfriends@outlook.com we are trying to organise something for one of our upcoming events.

Have a great weekend
Friends

Pamper Evening

WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH 2020
AT LONG DITTON INFANTS SCHOOL, KT6 5JB
7PM TILL 10PM (LAST TREATMENT AT 9.30PM)

A wonderful evening to give our amazing mums and dads a night off and a chance to be spoilt by their partners and children!

TREATMENTS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT:
MESSAGE | REFLEXOLOGY | NAILS | FACIAL | MEDITATION

TREATS TO PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT:
ALOE | ARBONNE | NEALS YARD | BODY SHOP | CANDLES
ROSELLA STYLE | LUSH WORKSHOPS | GIFTS | JEWELLERY
...AND A RAFFLE WITH PAMPER PRIZES!

Tickets cost £5 and include: welcome glass of bubbles (non alcohol option available) nibbles, access to fantastic discounted treatments and special experiences.
Why not treat your mum to an early Mother's Day treat?

Pamper Evening

7:00pm DOORS OPEN
7:10pm WELCOME BY SIAN
7:15pm KINESIOLOGY TALK BY MEERA - COSMIC THERAPIES
7:30pm ARBONNE / PIANO TEACHING WITH INGRID
7:45pm ALOE WITH KIM
8:00pm KONMARI BY KATRINA HASSAN
8:30pm LUSH TALK AND DEMONSTRATION
8:45pm MINI FACIAL WITH TANYA FROM THE BODY SHOP
9:00pm BODYWORKS BY SARB
9:15pm SCENTSY - HOW TO SCENT YOUR HOME SAFELY BY ASHLEY
9:30pm PIANO MUSIC
9:45pm THANK YOU BY DESIREE

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Appreciation



Megan
Rayaan
Eve
Finn
Freddie M
Luna

Golden Certificates:

Thomas E
Martha
Nila
Joshika
Fevos
George C
Valkyria
Calla
Seungjoon
Lottie
Marley
Iris
Ellis
Corgi class

Credit Card:

Harvey
Joshua L
Charlie H
Sophia A



Maia – 7
Dexter – 6
Lola – 5
Olivia S – 6
Emilia - 6

Outside Achievements:

Jacob D took part in Stars of the Albion international performing arts competition as part of the Russian Children's choir and the choir won 1st place and received an award for best performance in Russian language.

Charlie H was awarded Badge 4 in gymnastics

Nyla received her bronze award for strength & suppleness in gymnastics

DIARY DATES

March 2020

Wednesday 11 th	Author Rob Biddulph visiting
Thursday 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.05am Beagle class assembly – parents/carers of children in Beagle are welcome to come and watch No Rocksteady
Monday 16 th	Living Eggs arrive
Thursday 19 th	9.05am Corgi class assembly – parents/carers of children in Corgi are welcome to come and watch
Monday 23 rd	3.30-5.30pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments – Labrador class only
Wednesday 25 th	3.30-8.00pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments
Thursday 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Celebration Assembly 3.30-5.30pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments (not Labrador class)
Friday 27 th	Chicks depart

April 2020

Thursday 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 3 rd April	1.30pm School finishes for Easter Holidays
6 th -17 th April	School closed for Easter Holidays
Monday 20 th	8.45am Return to school for the summer term
Thursday 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr R visit to Hampton Court Palace (an information letter will be sent home soon) Yr 1 hockey sessions start
Tuesday 28 th	Class photographs by Imago Juniors photographers

May 2020

Thursday 7 th	School closed for polling
Friday 8 th	May Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 19 th	Yr 2 Spaniel class to Stokes Field (spring/summer visit)
Wednesday 20 th	Yr 2 Labrador class to Stokes Field (spring/summer visit)
Friday 22 nd	Yr 1 visit to WWT London Wetland Centre
25 th to 29 th	Half term break – school closed

June 2020

Monday 1 st	Return to school/nursery at 8.45am
Monday 15 th	Start of Sport & Active week
Tuesday 16 th	9.15am Sports event at Long Ditton St Mary's Juniors

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

FRIENDS OF LONG DITTON INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL
PRESENT

Change Challenge!



**FOREIGN CURRENCY, SPARE COINS OR NOTES.
WE NEED THEM ALL!**

Help your child's class win the competition by filling up the class jar with more currency than the other classes.

£100 for the class that raises the most. £50 for the second class and £25 per class after that.

The children will be able to decide (with the teachers help) what they can spend the money on.

The change challenge will run from 2nd March to 3rd April and the winners will be announced after the Easter holidays.

Thanks once again from the Friends for helping us make a difference in our children's lives.

KT6 Litter Pickers

**2ND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
9.30 - 10.30AM**



8th March

Meet by the tree next to Manny's.
All welcome.
Join us on Facebook to find out more!

Booking and Other Information

To Book:
To reserve your sessions online, visit: clubland-playscheme.com/holiday-club.
A member of our team will be in touch to confirm the cost. Your place will not be confirmed until payment is received.

Discounts
Get 5% off your childcare costs with our early bird booking*
Refer a friend and get £5 credit on your next booking**

Accepted Payment Methods

- Cash / Cheque
- Credit/Debit Card
- Bank Transfer
- Childcare Vouchers

Ofsted
Clubland Holiday Club has been running at Thames Ditton Infant School for over 10 years and we're proud to be rated 'Outstanding' with Ofsted.

Our Staff
Our staff are extremely experienced - some have worked with children for over 20 years! Others bring their youth and enthusiasm which results in the perfect team to keep your children safe, happy and entertained whilst they're in our care.
All our staff are trained in Safeguarding and we obtain enhanced DBS checks for everyone who works at Clubland, ensuring the welfare of your children at all times.

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Enquiries: 020 8979 2100 | holidayclub@clubland-playscheme.com | www.clubland-playscheme.com

Clubland Holiday Club

6th-17th April 2020

About Holiday Club
Based at Thames Ditton Infant School, children have the opportunity to take part in an adult-led activity of craft, baking and sport each day.
We aim to inspire creative free play and children can play with dressing up, construction, den building, trim trail, board games, Nintendo Wii, and much, much more all day long!

Session Information and Pricing
Morning: 08:30-12:30 - £15*
Afternoon: 13:00-17:00 - £15*
All Day: 08:30-17:00 - £27*
Optional Extras:
Early Drop Off: From 07:30 - £5**
Late Pick Up: Until 18:15 - £5
*Price includes snack
**Price includes breakfast

Stay 'n' Play
Stay 'n' Play is for children aged from 4*-11 years old.
Activities take place in school grounds, although we sometimes offer an all day trip for this age group.
Our Egg-dyeing Easter programme can be found overleaf.
*children must be in reception at school

Out 'n' About
Out 'n' About is for older children, aged 8-12 years.
We take them out of the setting using our minibuses and offer a range of active adventures that suit this age group such as Canoeing and Go Ape.
We change the activities each holiday so please take a look at what's happening at Easter overleaf!

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