



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

8th May 2020

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach our 7th week in lock down I wanted you know that you are amazing. The amount of time off is more than the summer holidays during which you would have been able to go out, visit family and friends, go to farms, the seaside and on holiday, spend picnics in the parks and do lots of lovely things with your children. But you haven't. You have worked, home educated, stayed indoors and socially distanced. Do not under estimate how incredibly hard this is and know that you are wonderful.

Thank You

It has been so lovely to see all your messages in pictures and to see the children's faces. Much appreciated by everyone 😊



Super Hero Competition

To celebrate all the amazing home learning you have been doing and also celebrate the work the

NHS are doing for us all, Surrey have asked us to put together a 'Super Hero' competition for all the children. We would like the children to design a poster showing what super heroes the NHS staff are. The winning entries will be sent to Kingston Hospital to say thank you for all their hard work. Every child who enters will receive a special Super Hero sticker and the winners will receive a Super Hero book. You can post your child's entries or deliver them to the school post box as part of your daily exercise or photo shop them or email to your class teacher. Have a go and good luck!

VE Day Celebrations

Tomorrow is the 75th VE day bank holiday! We had planned many exciting things to do, including dressing up and a street party. You could always do this at home and get the children involved in creating their own 'street' party in their homes – making decorations and food and learning a song to perform to you and their grandparents. The BBC have a lesson plan you could follow and a song to learn (see link below). Discovery Education have some short video clips you can watch together to inspire you to make the day special in some way. We would love to see any photos and work you might have 😊

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/ve-day-2020/zksjjhv>

http://teach.files.bbci.co.uk/bringthenoise/lesson/plans/VE_Day_Take_You_Home.pdf

Bereavement Helpline

Supporting families across Surrey and surrounding areas

COVID-19 CRISIS
BEREAVEMENT
HELPLINE
01342 313895

9am - 12 noon, Monday - Friday,
Calls out of these hours are monitored



Information, advice and guidance to help and support bereaved children and young people and for those facing a loss of a loved one during the Coronavirus outbreak and beyond

- ★ How to talk to your children
- ★ Physical and emotional responses from children
- ★ Choosing the right words
- ★ School support
- ★ Age appropriate information
- ★ Making memories
- ★ Family advice and support

Throughout this challenging time our trained support workers will be there to support you and your children

Contact us: www.jigsawsoutheast.org.uk / info@jigsawsoutheast.org.uk

Follow us for our latest advice and resources: [f](#) [t](#) [i](#) [v](#) [y](#)

Reg. Charity No. 747038 Company No. 08890000 Private, 54 Edward Drive

Jigsaw South East have a special support helpline for anyone who may need it. As with all things sometimes the right words and what not to say are crucial in helping children manage in difficult times. I pray that none of will have to use this but remember it is there to help.

Support from Surrey County Council

The Educational Psychologists at Surrey County Council have created a comprehensive support pack for parents

https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/surrey/fsd/files/educational_psychology-coronavirus_covid_resource_pack_1.pdf

It has a wealth of ideas and links to further information and help for all of us to support each other, and particularly our children in these exceptional times. Topics include home learning, anxiety, loss of normalcy and cancellation of looked forward to events, bereavements, internet safety and well-being. It can be dipped into as and when you need it.

Staying in Touch

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

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

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

Labrador Class:

labrador@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Top Teaching Tip Week 5: Relax and cut yourself some slack

I will never forget my very first day teaching my first class. Having spent weeks of the summer holiday getting my classroom prepared, display boards sparkling, organising the whole terms (and years) planning, reading all the 'must read' teaching books I felt excited to teach and I was going to be the best teacher ever. I stood in front of Elm Class and I was ready. I remember I completed the register, which went very well considering, and then I looked up at all their faces and – nothing. I literally couldn't think of anything to say or do let alone teach. I looked desperately at Mrs Robbins, my TA, and said 'what do I do now?' She simply smiled and said send them off to play. I couldn't sleep that night. I droned on and on to my husband that I shouldn't be a teacher, all that training and I knew nothing about teaching. I went to work the next day not at all prepared, tired and frankly

scared. The head teacher came to see if I was alright in the morning (part of her usual rounds) and I burst into tears saying 'I can't do this job' and she had made a dreadful mistake employing me. She let me ramble on and when I eventually calmed down she simply said 'Monica relax. Give yourself a break. You are not going to be the best teacher that ever was on your first day. Give yourself time to learn and practice. Have fun. Everything will come in time.'

Now I know that the best lessons we teach are not necessarily the lessons we prepare the most for but the ones where we are relaxed enough to know that things might not according to plan and that's fine. So long as we learn from what went right and wrong and keep going. I guarantee that all of us are learning new things in new ways. We are doing the best we can – yes we could improve and get better – but that is a never ending curve. Even the best lessons I have ever taught I can tell you things I would have improved if I could do them again. So relax. Cut yourselves some slack and have fun!

Learning from Home Gallery

Remember to keep your Golden Certificates completed for the Weekly Learning Challenge. When you have 4 Golden Certificates you can send them in for a Credit Card ☺

Clapping tonight for our Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School Children too!

Mrs Healy saw this and sent it to me this week. And it made me stop and think about how brilliantly the children are coping with the lockdown. Tonight when we are out clapping for the NHS, let's also clap for our Long Ditton children!

Everyone is applauding everyone but our children. These little heroes have stayed indoors more than they've ever known in their lives. Their whole worlds have literally been turned upside down and they don't know why. All these rules they've never known. Not being able to see family or give hugs. Vacations, sports and activities, play dates and school canceled. Adults talking about others becoming unwell, news reporting death after death. Our poor children's minds must be racing. Every day their resilient little bodies get up and carry on despite all that's going on. So here's to our little heroes: today, tomorrow, forever



Skipping Challenge

1. Mrs Paines 160
2. Sophie 123
3. Georgina 100

I have video proof that I managed 160 skips in the living room this week! (It's not very flattering to be honest but I am happy to share if you don't believe it!). I had been trying for 130 so I was completely surprised. Any other challengers more than welcome (adults or children). You have to skip nonstop for 1 minute and you should be able to verify your skips with a witness (or video). Anyone up for the challenge?

Thought for the week:

"You have to fight through some bad days to have the best days of your life."

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Paines

Nursery

Hello to you all.

We hope you are all keeping well, busy and you have been able to enjoy the sunshine! We hope that you have been enjoying the home learning ideas we are setting each week. Please remember that they are a guide to help if you need ideas. We have tried to incorporate themes that might be done more easily in the home environment. As always please adjust and adapt to suit the needs of your child and your family circumstances.

We know that some of the nursery children are working alongside their older siblings in their learning and this is a great opportunity to learn from each other!

Remember little, often and repetition is the key. Daily activities should include sharing a story, counting together and talking to your child about activities that they are involved in, whatever that might be.

Please email us if you have any suggestions of themes or activities you would like us to explore. I have managed to start sending you all some short video clips, hopefully you are all getting access to them. It has taken some rehearsing but keep a look out for some more this week!

Again if there are any specific needs or areas that you need support with, please email me ideas and I can send information to read or even make a short video clip to explain. It is so lovely to see all the lovely activities you have been up to, please keep sending emails to keep us up to date with your activities.

This week's sharing from the Sheltie network:

- Darcie has been doing some painting and some baking, Wonderful!
- Sophie has learnt to ride her bike, bake a chocolate cake and made a brilliant home for her play dog, Fantastic!

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Home learning link:

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

Reception

Dear Beagle and Corgi classes

We hope you have had a good week and have been able to get back outside in the sunshine. It has been lovely to see all of the amazing learning you have been doing at home via Tapestry and our class emails. We have been very impressed with your minibeast fact files and can't wait to hear more about what you have learned. It is fantastic to see how proud your children are to share their learning with the reception team.

This week's home learning will continue with our focus on minibeasts, deepening our knowledge of the minibeast we have chosen. We will also be looking at doubling in our maths learning as well as consolidating our knowledge of the set 2 sounds

we have been learning in phonics. It is important for your child to recap these sounds to ensure that they can independently spot them in their reading and use them in their writing.

We are hoping to move the children on in their phonics with the use of Read Write Inc e-books. In order to do this, we would like all parents to sign up for a free account on Oxford Owl. We know many of you have already done this as the site is offering free storybooks to read with your child. Please go to <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>.

This is the first time that many of the children have read FRED books, rather than ditties. The books have a slightly different format and the stories are longer and require more stamina for reading. We plan to introduce the same book to all children at first, this will be a recap for some of you but it will be good to re-familiarise yourselves with the format of the books.

Please find below the link to learning outcomes for this week together with some learning ideas. 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

Colin the Corgi

When colin arrived at Mrs McQuillans house he went outside and met Domino the cat from next door and played on the rope swing until teatime.



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

Year 1

We hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend with your families. A big thank you to everyone for sending in your fantastic home learning. We really enjoy reading all your emails and looking at your photos. We appreciate that it is a difficult time at the moment and learning on some days will be more successful than others. Please contact us if there is anything we can do to help and answer any questions you may have. Have a lovely week.

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

Year 2

Dear Parents and carers,

How are you all? We hope you are all keeping well. It has been so lovely talking to some of you and the children on the phone in the last few weeks. For those of you we didn't manage to get hold of we will be calling in the next couple of weeks. It's great to chat to the children and yourselves to find out how you are and how the online learning is going.

This week we have been really impressed by the effort you are all putting in to the school work. We are aware that some weeks it seems like there is a lot of things to print off and so this week we have tried to minimise the amount of paper work where possible. If you can, you and your child could read the information and instructions on the screen and only print out recording sheets where necessary. It really doesn't matter if the activities are completed and recorded on a different piece of paper. Please do what works well for you.

Next week in Maths we will be focusing on addition and subtraction using the blank number line method and column method. We have included some notes that will hopefully be useful but please let your class teacher know if you need any additional support.

In Literacy and Topic, we will be learning about explorers and adventurers! We will begin by researching a famous explorer and then decide what qualities an adventurer needs. We will find out more about habitats, focussing on the rainforests that we may discover on an expedition to South America. Our creative activities include making equipment for our expedition and creating a 2D or 3D rainforest scene.

We hope you all manage to have a lovely relaxing bank holiday weekend, and we are all keeping our fingers crossed for some good news from Boris on Sunday!

Home Learning Link

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

School Office

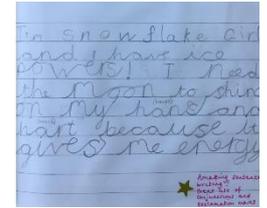
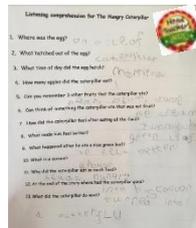
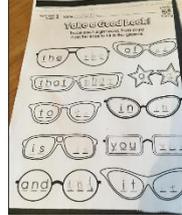
We hope you and your families enjoy the sunshine and any VE Day celebrations you may be joining in with or having at home this bank holiday weekend. We will meet again some sunny day! (and hopefully soon).

Take care.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Have a look at the wonderful learning from home gallery!

Well done everyone 😊



Credit Cards

Amaan
Sophia S
Sean

Other Achievements

Martha completed her first perfect cartwheel!

Valkyria – 6
Edward M – 6
Joe – 5
Ariana – 4
Thomas G – 5
Christopher - 7



DIARY DATES

May 2020

Friday 8 th	May Bank Holiday – 75 th Anniversary of VE day
Sunday 24 th	Eid al-Fitr (Festival of Breaking the Fast)
25 th to 29 th	Half term break
28 th -30 th May	Shavuot (Jewish festival)

June 2020

Monday 1 st	International Children's Day
Saturday 20 th	Summer Solstice
Sunday 21 st	Father's Day

EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

Do you need help to achieve a healthy weight for your children?

Be Your Best is a **FREE** service for Surrey families with children aged 0-11yrs.

The Be Your Best programme offers both targeted and universal support, and is all about helping your family by supporting you to eat better and move more.

Eligible families will be offered 6 1:1 virtual nurse led consultations with community nurses and have access to 6 virtual, fun and educational workshops.

Sessions include:

- Live cooking workshops
- Interactive supermarket tours
- Family Physical Activity Sessions
- Meal planning for the whole family
- Reducing anxiety and screen time
- How to become an active family



For more information please visit www.bybsurrey.org or email beyourbest@surreycc.gov.uk or call 07972 188697

