



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER

#### 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

This week has been a very interesting and exciting week for the children in school. There have been bubble parties, talent shows and everyone got to watch a virtual performance of Goldilocks and the 3 Bears! (Not quite live but as close as we could get).

Although this isn't quite the last newsletter of the year (I will be writing a very important one next week with plans for September in) this will be the last one with messages from the Teachers.

I would like you all to know that whether at school or home your children have been incredible and you should be very proud of them.

I know that although it has been different, all of us have worked together to ensure the children have been safe, happy and able to move their learning forward. Thank you and well done everyone!

### **September 2020**

We are finalising plans for what school will look like in September and will get these out to you all next week. It will be very important for you to read the plans so that you know start and finish times for your new classes and what other measures we are putting in place to help ensure we are as safe as we can be. Please take time to read them and keep them in a safe place ready for when we start again in September.

### **The Rights of Every Child**

Over the past few weeks in Year 1 and 2 assemblies I have been talking to the children about 'the rights of every child' based on the Unicef Rights of Every Child and the book 'For Every

Child.' This has opened up many different conversations with the children and allowed us to explore complicated issues with them. You can review the book here

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/resources/teaching-resources/for-every-child/>

Two of the most interesting discussions were about Article 19 – 'No one on earth has the right to hurt us, not even our mums and dads. Protect us from anyone who would be cruel.' And also Article 30 'Allow us to say our own prayers in our own words,'. The children considered with great thought and depth these rights and discussed lots of issues around them. If you can access the book online it would be worth visiting the Rights with your child to see what their thoughts are about them and to discuss issues that are raised by them. It is well worth taking the time and provides lots of great insights for all.

### **Keeping in Touch**

The Class emails will be closed from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. We will use them again if a lockdown requires us to.

**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

### Skipping Challenge

1. Mrs Donin 175!!!!!!
2. Mrs Paines 160
3. Esther 140
4. Anna 130

### We are sooo excited!!!!!!

Year 2 – are you ready for next week? We have been counting the sleeps until we see you again and there are only 3 sleeps left until we do! We have got a brilliant VIP experience planned for you to enjoy and we hope to make you all feel like the superstars you are.

### Thought for the week:

“When we learn how to be resilient we learn how to become resilient we learn how to embrace the beautifully broad spectrum of the human experience.” J Dewalt

Remember this is not the last newsletter of the year yet so have a great weekend and please look out for next week’s newsletter and information about September!

### Mrs Paines

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### Nursery

This week we have celebrated the year we have had together in Nursery and talked about how exciting it will be to make new friends and learn new things in September.

The children have enjoyed playing outside chasing bubbles and dancing inside to all sorts of music! They also really enjoyed watching an online Hobgoblin theatre production of Goldilocks.

We have shared favourite stories together and sang songs that we have learnt this year. I spoke to the children about a special song we have learnt together, that I didn’t know before I came to this nursery, and it will always remind me of them all: one tomato, two tomatoes from the BBC nursery rhymes.

We would like to wish Mrs Blackwood well in her retirement and thank her for her generous gift to the EYFS unit. She has donated some exciting large foam building blocks, that will help the children develop so many important skills!

The children this week have enjoyed building volcanoes, rockets and towers!

We have really enjoyed working with all of you and seeing your children grow. It is shame that we couldn’t all be together at this time but we have been thinking of you all. We have really appreciated your support throughout the year.

Thank you so much for the kind gifts and words this week. We hope that you all have an exciting and safe summer.

We wish you all well in your new adventures.  
The Nursery Team

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### Reception

Wow, Reception what a wonderful last week of term we have had! We have been busy this week putting together our mythical creatures art exhibition and have enjoyed the opportunity to share our work with others. We also enjoyed dinosaur day and celebrating the end of term with our bubble parties. We hope you have all enjoyed the week as much as we did.

You have all worked so hard this year and shown so much resilience to all the changes we have faced in the last few months, whether in school or at home, and should be very proud of all that you have achieved.

We hope that you have a fantastic summer break and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

The Reception Team

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## Year 1

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WOW, we cannot believe it is the end of the summer term already. This year has flown by and so many crazy things have happened. We have been so proud of all the children and how they have coped since returning to school in June. The children have been very resilient and adapted really well to all the change. We have loved teaching everyone who has returned to school. We have also really missed everyone who has stayed at home and we look forward to seeing you in September.

This week we have been looking back on the year and talking about all of our favourite memories in Year 1. Some of these included, Sports week, outdoor learning and the Christmas production! We also have thought about all the different writing skills we have learnt this year including punctuation, adjectives and conjunctions.

In literacy, we have been writing letters to our new teachers to tell them all about ourselves. In Jigsaw, we talked about changes in life and new changes in September. This week we have also been lucky enough to have some free time on the Chromebooks, exploring the programmes we have been using this year.

Thank you so much for all the cards and gifts, we really appreciate it. We were all very touched by the thoughtful cards and lovely presents. We feel very spoilt, thank you! Thank you for all your support and help throughout the year. Have an amazing summer, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

### Summer activities

- Build an indoor den
- Have a treasure hunt
- Bake some cakes
- Go on a bug hunt
- Dance around the house
- Climb a tree
- Roll down a really big hill
- Eat an ice cream

- Give lots of hugs
- Send us a postcard (Our address is Long Ditton Infants 25 Ditton Hill Rd, Long Ditton, Surbiton KT6 5JB)
- HAVE FUN!

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## Year 2

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you have enjoyed the last week of home learning. Thank you for the lovely letters you have written in reply to our invitations. Also for the beautiful postcards you have written from a seaside location. In school we have enjoyed learning all about the seaside and have all decided we would love a trip to St Ives. In Maths we have really loved all of the exciting games we have played whilst recapping the skill we have learnt too.

Today we are all in school busy preparing for your special visit next week. We know that this will be an exciting and memorable day for us all and we are sorry current circumstances mean that parents are unable to join us this year. The weather looks like it will be amazing and so we can spend some time celebrating outside as well.

Please can you bring in a named carrier bag so that we can send home all of your learning from Year 2.

Have a great weekend and see you next week.

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## The Friends

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We made it! A very extraordinary year and congratulations! I for one am waiting for my PGCE in KS2 teaching.

The Friends have tried to raise money where we can and hopefully one last effort for the year will top up the funds to spend on the school next year. Thanks to everyone who got involved and donated to the event we held.

We have the Scarecrow trail, see the flyer for info. Register via the link and donate the £5 by bank

transfer to the Friends. The Scarecrows should be displayed by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Change Challenge was very challenging to count. Money all counted and the winners are:

- 1st Spaniel
- 2nd Dalmatian
- 3rd Labrador
- 4th Husky
- 5th Sheltie
- 6th Corgi
- 7th Beagle

Congratulations to all and thank you to everyone who donated, in total we raised £380!!

We have a Facebook uniform group if you're on Facebook, check it out, put up photos of anything you want to sell or ask for a donation for the school. You can also email [ldiuniforms@outlook.com](mailto:ldiuniforms@outlook.com) for your choice of second hand.

Last shout out, the Friends committee need you. We are looking for class reps for next year. If you'd like to dip a toe (ok maybe foot!) in the water to see if you'd like to join the Friends committees, this is a lovely way to get involved. We love welcoming new faces and making new friends. Do get in touch with [desireeharris@sky.com](mailto:desireeharris@sky.com)

Have a lovely, safe summer, and we'll see you actually in person with a bit of luck in September.

The Friends



## ACHIEVEMENTS



Dexter – for always showing respect  
George – for always showing enthusiasm in his learning  
Amelie – for being a cheerful and positive member of the bubble  
Indie – for settling in so well and learning the new rules  
Riley – for being a kind friend and always ready to cheer others up  
Edward – for being an excellent learner  
Poppy C – for being brave and showing courage  
Calla – for showing great resilience in making bubbles

### Golden Certificates



Bonnie – sharing and taking turns with her friends  
Theo – taking care of reception resources and always being ready to tidy up  
Orange Bubble – for your resilience in coping with all the changes this half term  
Miss Riding – for being such a fun, happy and supportive member of Purple Bubble – good luck in your learning in September  
Purple Bubble – for your excellent attitude to their learning and for their kindness and support for each other  
Claudia - always making sensible choices  
Alex B – making fantastic progress in reading  
Oliver B - being a fantastic helper  
Yellow Bubble – for super teamwork and helping others  
Eleanor – being an enthusiastic member of the bubble  
Leo T – writing a super description of the Gruffalo including using similies  
Joseph – for a great contribution to the creative projects  
Rainbow Bubble – for their dedication to work together and getting along  
Ellis – for settling into the bubble so well  
William – for a super postcard about St Ives  
Lime Bubble – for their continued super learning at home and sending your work in

### Credit Cards (4x Golden Certificates)



Jacob D  
Georgia  
Iromi  
Olly

### Other Achievements



Ellis came 2<sup>nd</sup> in a local art competition for Cygnets Art School. His drawing was titled Satly the Singing Robot.

Poppy C – 7  
Sean – 5  
Theresa – 7  
Dylan - 7

## DIARY DATES

### July 2020

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	School finishes for summer holidays for Nursery, Yrs R & 1 – see letter for more info
w/c 13th	Special Yr 2 Leavers' Celebration – Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> – see letter for more info
	Yr 2 induction visit to LDSMJ – Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> of Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July – see letter from Juniors
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	End of Summer Term



**YOU CAN SAVE ME**

## KNOW

During lockdown, some children and young people may be being abused and exploited at home. They can be made to believe that they should never tell anyone and that the abuse is their fault. Shut in with their abusers, they have little chance to escape or to tell anyone.

These children need your help! As a neighbour or key worker visiting homes for any reason, you may be the only person able to spot abuse and report it.

## LOOK

- Guarded behaviour of a child around particular individuals
- Sudden changes in behaviour
- Children with bruises, burns, bite marks or fractures
- Children appearing withdrawn, anxious or frightened
- Hearing or seeing shouting and violence towards a child
- Children seen carrying or using drugs
- Children being late or arriving home late in different cars
- Unaccompanied children visiting a house where only adults live

## ACT

- Stay curious and look beyond the obvious
- If something doesn't feel right, it might not be
- Even if you're unsure, it's better to report your concerns
- Do not attempt to intervene yourself
- If you have a safeguarding manager / lead within your organisation, notify them immediately
- Call the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency
- Call the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000

The Children's Society

**NSPCC**  
National Public Children's Council

# EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

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## INFORMATION EVENING

### How to support your children when someone close to them is dying

15TH JULY 2020 7.00 - 8.30PM ONLINE VIA ZOOM

- \* 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

Register in advance for this meeting:  
<https://bit.ly/3eSmRZL>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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## INFORMATION EVENING

### How to support your bereaved child

5TH AUG 2020 7.30 - 8.30PM ONLINE VIA ZOOM

- \* Children's understanding of grief
- \* Physical and emotional responses from children
- \* Facts about grief
- \* Managing fears and worries
- \* Age appropriate information
- \* Practical ways to support

Register in advance for this meeting:  
<https://bit.ly/3dXzu4i>

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**• We strongly recommend ordering online this year**

- We are anticipating a huge online demand and post is taking longer than usual so don't leave it too late
- Our cut off date is August 14th After that date uniform may not be with you in time for the new term
- To reduce visitors to the stores this year there will be no click and collect facility

**BOOK EARLY, BUY EARLY – AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

As you can imagine phone lines are going to be tremendously busy so if you need to contact us we recommend by email. Each stores details are on our website or alternatively email [customerservices@pmgschoolwear.co.uk](mailto:customerservices@pmgschoolwear.co.uk) and they will pass your query on to the relevant store.