



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

17th July 2020

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

What a strange end to a strange year this is. We would usually see you all and be finding out your plans for the summer and wishing you all an exciting time. This year our hopes are that you all have a safe summer and that you might be able to get away somewhere or make memories in a different way.

I am absolutely grateful to all of you for being supportive of the school through this challenging time. I know that not everything we have done has been right for everyone and that when I reflect on decisions made over the summer I know there will be things that might have been better if completed in a different way. Through all of this time your support has been crucial to all of us. Your positive thoughts and wishes have often come to us on days when we all felt like we had had enough. They changed the way we felt and gave us the strength and determination to keep going. Please know that we have all, every single one of us, done our best.

I am also grateful to all the staff. My cousins said to me this week 'Well Monica – I bet this year the summer holiday will just be a continuation of lockdown for all you teachers. You've done nothing for past 3 months with no children in school.' Once I had counted to 10 (several times) and taken a few deep breaths I did not stop talking about all the things the teachers have had to do and manage. They have worked beyond measure to help ensure the safety of the children at the same time as ensuring they are learning at the same time as dealing with the same fears as everyone else. They have managed to be positive through very frightening and challenging times. Most of all they

made sure the children were unaware of how they were feeling and created a new 'normal' for them.

My thanks go to all the teachers for everything they have done.

And the children – whether in school or at home will have done their best and should also be thanked. Some days, after a particularly bleak news broadcast the night before, coming into school and working with them was the best experience. Their spirit of wanting to keep on learning is the reason we are all here and I thank them the most for just being them!

Good Bye Year 2's!

Year 2 it was absolutely marvellous to see you all! How much you have grown, how confident you have become and how excited you were to go to Year 3.

It was brilliant to have you back in school and to learn all about your adventures and the learning you have been involved in at home.

It was amazing to spend some quality time with you and your Leavers' Assembly to all the teachers will be the one no one in school ever forgets – thank you! Mrs Braybrook, our chair of Governors, was most impressed with your singing especially as you sang her favourite song – The Wasp Song. She thought you were all so happy and excited and was delighted to see how grown up you have all become.

Year 2 you have been a wonderful year group. Your kindness to each other and to the teachers,

your ability to 'get along' and the way you have all loved to learn anything and everything has been precious to us. Seeing you this week, we know that you are ready to move on to the next phase in your education – and you are going to all be very successful in it. Keep learning all you can and never forget to stop trying to be the best that you can be! We will miss you very much indeed 😊

September 2020

The parents and carers of children with us in September will have received information about the basic plans for school in September. We will make sure this is on the website for reference. These plans will help you to understand the staggered start times, the outline of the school day and how we are keeping the children social distant. Please make sure you read this both now and in preparation for starting school in September. Talking about the procedures with your child will enable them to get ready for September and understand how to keep themselves as safe as possible.

If new guidance is issued over the summer, we will of course update our plans accordingly. This will hopefully give you an idea of how September will look.

Goodbye and good luck Mrs Emmett

Mrs Emmett is retiring today. She has been an instrumental part of our school for the last 9 years. Mrs Emmett has always been passionate about teaching and helping children to learn and this has always been shown in her determination to make sure each child receives the education they deserve. The thing I will always remember is her belief in the 'power of yet'. Not only for the children but also for the grownups.

Good luck Mrs Emmett and we all hope your retirement is filled with lots of exciting new adventures!

Goodbye and good luck Mrs Blackwood

Mrs Blackwood is retiring today as well. Some of you might not have had the opportunity to get to know Mrs Blackwood as she has worked mostly in Nursery. Mrs Blackwood first started working in our school in 2004 and her work within the Nursery has been inspiring. She has always loved working with children and has brought such positivity, fun and enjoyment to the whole school. Mrs Blackwood's immense kindness to all children has been incredible and the children who have been in her care have been very lucky indeed. I know you will be joining with me to wish her all the best in her retirement!

Goodbye and Good Luck Mrs Russi and Miss Riding

Good luck to Mrs Russi who will begin teaching in another school in Surrey in September. Mrs Russi has been a brilliant asset to us this year and we have been very lucky. Her understanding of children's needs and education is second to none and we have all been grateful for her commitment to our school. Good luck Mrs Russi!

Miss Riding is going to University in September. Miss Riding has demonstrated such dedication and kindness in her time with us. The children have loved working with her! Thank you Miss Riding and good luck in your University Career!

Home Learning Survey

Thank you very much if you have completed the Home Learning Survey. All the replies, the good, the bad and the ugly, will be shared with the Governors and staff to help us improve what we do should the need arise in the future. I can't promise that all of your suggestions can be acted upon but I can guarantee that each one will be discussed and considered and will influence our future home learning offer in September.

Keeping in Touch

The Class emails will be closed today but we will use them should the need arise in the future.

Thought for the week:

“A butterfly lights besides us like a sunbeam, and for a brief moment it’s glory and beauty belong to our world: but then it flies again. And though we wish it could have stayed, we feel so lucky to have seen it.” Unknown

Thank you very much for the cards and gifts you have given me! I feel very spoilt and pampered and will be enjoying every one of them over the summer 😊

Good luck to everyone moving on to new adventures. Thank you to all for your support this year. Stay safe and well. Enjoy the summer as if it were the best one that you have ever had and treasure each moment.

Mrs Paines

Year 2

Dear Parents/ Carers,

What an emotional week it’s been!

We have thoroughly enjoyed our celebration days with your children and it has been so special to spend time with them and have our amazing Graduation Ceremony. We were sad that parents couldn’t be there but given the circumstances we managed to enjoy our time together.

We wish you all the best for the future in your new schools. We hope you come back to visit us really soon!

Thanks for all the cards and generous gifts, we feel very spoilt.

Have a great summer!

Year 2 Team

School Office

It was lovely to see the Yr 2 children back in school again this week and watch them perform their songs at their Leavers’ Assembly – they did so well keeping on their mortar boards and sashes, even when they collected their Graduation Certificates!

We wish them all Good Luck in their new schools in September.

We would also like to say ‘goodbye’ to the leaving parents/carers, some of whom have had 3 children attend our school at different times. We hope we will still see you from time to time.

We wish everyone a happy and safe summer holidays. Take care.

ACHIEVEMENTS



Birthdays over the summer:

Fevos – 5
Charlie F – 6
Evelyn – 6
Darcie – 7
James – 5
Oliver – 6
Noa – 6
George – 6
William M – 4
Eseosa – 4
Lennox – 4
Felix – 7
Frankie – 7
Neveah - 7

DIARY DATES

September 2020

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd	School closed for children – Staff INSET
Thursday 3 rd	Year 1 and Year 2 children back to school – staggered start times – please see separate letter
w/c 9 th September	Reception and Nursery induction week
w/c 16 th September	Reception and Nursery children start



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

NPCC
National Police 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.

Supporting families across Surrey, parts of Sussex and Kent



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.

www.jigsawsoutheast.org.uk | 01342 313895

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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

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STORES RE-OPENING
29th JUNE

WAYS TO BUY UNIFORM THIS SUMMER

In Store
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Book appointments online at www.pmg-schoolwear.co.uk

Government Guidelines state that we must limit the number of people in our stores at any one time

To avoid queues we will only accept people into the stores with appointments

This includes Refunds and Exchanges

In order to ensure your shopping experience is as smooth and safe as possible and is Covid Compliant

We have :

- Installed Hand Sanitisers
- Supplied PPE for staff and customers
- Taken social distancing measures

We ask you to :

- Attend 1 Parent with 1 child only
- Pay by Credit/Debit Card
- Book Early as appointment slots are limited
- Wear a face covering if possible

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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 and they will pass your query on to the relevant store.