



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

18th September 2020

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy Friday! Looking around school today there were lots of tired faces after the week of active learning. I should imagine that a lovely rest will be needed by children and teachers alike this weekend!

New Gate Times

Thank you for helping us with next week's new gate times. My thoughts are that so long as the majority of people come to school at their allotted time, if there are one or two who need to come later or earlier due to sibling drop offs, it should not make any difference because they can just come straight in. The success of this system working will be reliant on everyone trying their best to arrive at their allotted times so that there is not a large group of parents and carers and children amassing outside at any point.

It may not work! We may have large numbers clumped together – we will know very quickly if it works or not – and if it doesn't we will amend the times again.

Please remember that at the end of the day the teachers cannot talk to you. Please use the rule that unless we contact you, everything is going well. And if you do need to talk, please email the office to request a time to speak to the teacher. At the end of the day their priority is dismissing the children safely and to the right person.

One Parent Only and Sibling Safety

When dropping off or picking up please try to ensure only one parent or carer comes with each child. Again this is to help us limit the number of

adults interacting and to try to prevent large groups outside of school.

If you are waiting with a younger or older sibling it would be really helpful and safer to keep them with you rather than running around the car park or outside of school. We are next to the road and it would only take one moment of misjudged running for a dreadful accident to happen.

Year Group Information Questions:

If you have any questions, please email the class emails for the teachers to put together a list of Q and A's to email out to everyone.

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

Safety Weeks

As part of Safety Week this week the children all took part in a 'fire drill'. We explain to the children that although this is a practice and not the real thing it is important to know what to do in the case of an emergency. You can ask them about the fire drill, the loud bell and what they have to do in school as a beginning to talk about what you would do in your own home if there were an emergency.

The children also took part in the Jigsaw lesson about worries and what to do, who to go to if they have a worry and the NSPCC 'Pants' rule which you can find here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzbMEVYiyg>

And again you can use this to talk to your children about ways to keep safe.

COVID Updates

I know there is continual speculation on the news about what may or may not happen surrounding the current situation. I thought it might be useful to give you all some information about our school and the plans we have in place should the need arise.

Colds and Runny Noses

Currently the NHS states that it is acceptable 'to send your child to school with a 'minor [cough](#) or [cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.' As we approach the cold and flu season let's be sensible but safe and always talk to us if you are worried or concerned. We want the children to be in school as much as they can be to help move their learning forward while being as safe as we can.

Hygiene, Hand Washing and Happiness

We have extra cleaning taking place throughout the day, toys being sterilised overnight where necessary and equipment left 'out of rotation for 72 hours'. Handwashing is happening at regular times each day and also when the children need to (after sneezing, coughing or putting hands in mouths for example).

We have been dedicating extra time to well-being and happiness in the form of physical exercise (mile a day), mindfulness, heart math, emotions charts, worry boxes and circle times. We are currently in the process of asking all the children about their experiences and how they feel they can help themselves to maintain a 'happy' feeling, as well as what things they can do if they are feeling unhappy.

Home Learning

We are continuing to work on our home learning offer based on the parent survey. Over the next few weeks we will be using Tapestry to set a piece of

homework for your child to complete using this. The idea is that if we use it regularly, if we do go into a local or national lockdown, we will all be familiar enough with using Tapestry to get the most out of it. More information will be cascaded out to you once all the logins are created.

If we were to go into a National Lockdown we are going to make sure that from day 2 we will have our home learning offer up and running. Day 1 will be to ensure everything is ready and working. Our home learning offer will include a pack for each child of learning activities, reading books and specific phonic work. We intend to deliver daily lessons through Tapestry and call to speak to children each week. Most importantly from the survey is our aim to provide feedback on the work the children have completed to help you help them.

Live streaming lessons are still contentious due to child and teacher safety. When I am sure of the safety of the children and the teachers we will provide these as well.

Raffle Ticket Reading

From next week we will be promoting reading three times at home with the introduction of a 'Reading Raffle Ticket'. Each time a child reads three times at home, as signed off in their reading record, they can show their book to their teacher who will give them a raffle ticket. Each week all the raffle tickets will be put into the hat and two will be drawn to win a small 'well done' prize. This will be for Years 1 and 2 until Reception are ready. Hopefully this will encourage more reading at home!

School Lunches

For Reception parents we know school lunches may seem quite daunting. You might have come from a nursery where everything your child ate was written down or your child might be a fussy eater or a grazer. Regardless of whether it's a packed lunch or a hot school dinner we monitor what the children are eating. If we notice a pattern, we will contact you and see if we can work together to help. Children do go home from school hungry – they are very busy people! Remember that they will suddenly be self-regulating their eating. There won't be one person there just for them – we want

them to be independent but we will encourage and guide them.

While we are currently providing packed lunches, your child can of course change to bringing in a healthy packed lunch from home. Please email the school office giving at least 1 day's notice if you are going to do this. And if you do bring in a packed lunch from home, remember no chocolate, fizzy drinks, no nuts or sesame seeds or food containing these ingredients, and try not to put too much in. Sometimes if there is a massive amount of food, that puts them off straight away.

Birthday Books

If your child has a birthday and you would like to make a donation celebration to the school, you can do this by sending in £3 for your child to buy a Birthday Book. This book is donated to their class in Celebration Assembly on Friday for the children to read and a special dedication is put inside the front cover with your child's name and birthday. We have a box of books – picture story book and chapter books – for children to come and choose a birthday book.

As a healthy school we do not allow cakes or sweets to be brought in to celebrate – and the book is a long lasting memory of your child attending our school for years to come, so it's wonderful!

If you would like to send in a donation for a birthday book, please put this in an envelope marked with your child's name, class and 'Birthday Book' and post this in the black 'Office Post' box on the brick wall outside the main entrance to the school building.

Thank you to Gabriele, Theo R, Joseph W, Elliot, Jacob D and George for all choosing birthday books to give to their classes.

Zoom French and Spanish Lessons

Kathryn from La Jolie Ronde is offering some zoom French and Spanish classes for the children to take part in. If you would like more information, please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information!

Thought for the week:

'Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good that put together overwhelm the world.' Desmond Tutu

Have an awesome weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

We have had an AMAZING week at nursery!

The children have all come in and settled well at their own pace, we are very impressed with all of them. They have had the opportunity to explore the learning environments. We have spent time getting to know each other and learning routines. The children have been exploring the toys and activities which have included: the cars, the building blocks, painting and craft activities, Duplo, the farmyard and the town small worlds. Some children found imaginary dinosaur eggs in our garden and built a nest as a team! Some children have been exploring sea life in the water tray, learning to put on the water aprons and some of the children have been dressing up in our superhero capes! Lots of good sharing and turn taking happening using our sand timers to make it fun. We have also enjoyed singing nursery rhymes and counting songs together and shared lots of stories!

A few reminders:

- If your child is staying for lunch club, please make sure that their lunch box is clearly labelled with their name.
- If the weather forecast is sunny please apply sun cream to your child before they come to nursery, we are unable to apply sun cream to the children.
- Please remember if you are new to our nursery you will have received a book to decorate, with your child's name and photograph, we would greatly appreciate if you could return these to the nursery with your child on **Thursday 24th September.**

Thank you for your understanding and patience at home time, it is important that people arrive at the correct time slot and leave promptly. We are currently unable to talk to people at the door but please be reassured that your child is fine and we will contact you with any concerns, remember no news is good news!

Please make sure that your child has a good rest this weekend.

Have a lovely weekend.

Working on manners at snack time

Reception (Year R)

What a busy and exciting week we have had in Reception! We have been blown away by how confident and settled the children have been particularly when leaving their parents at the gate in the morning. The children have had lots of fun settling into their new classes and have done an amazing job learning the new rules and routines of the reception day. They have been busy making new friends and getting to know the staff in the reception team.

Next week we will continue to consolidate the rules and routines and will be thinking about what makes a good learner. We will be using this to make sure that we are being the best learners that we can be. Following safety week, we will be discussing several important topics such as, fire safety, road safety and online safety. The children will be think about different ways they can keep themselves and others safe.

Look out for Wow leaves in your child's book bag. These are to record your child's wow moments at home so that we can celebrate them in school. Wow moments can be anything from learning to ride a bike to being brave and trying a new vegetable. Simply record the wow moment on a leaf and send it back into school in their book bag.

Reminders:

- Please make sure that you have labelled your child's school uniform and fruit snack, it makes it a lot easier to find misplaced jumpers!
- Please make sure your child pushes their scooter or bike until they are out of the car park at the end of the day rather than riding it.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office either by phone or email to arrange a time to speak to your child's class teacher. Unfortunately, at this time we are not able to answer questions or talk on the gate at the end of the day due to other classes waiting to be dismissed.

Year 1

This week has been Safety Week at school. We have learnt about staying safe at school, at home and in the local community. During circle time, we talked about how to stay safe when using the internet. We designed a poster with information on rules to follow when using the internet, for example never tell someone where you live online. As part of Safety Week we also learnt about Pantosaurus and how to keep our private parts private. Pantosaurus and PANTS is a NSPCC programme that teaches children about this subject. Please follow the link for more information <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

In maths this week, we have practised counting forwards and backwards. We ordered number cards then matched the number words to the cards. We have also been working hard to write numbers in numerals and even filled in a blank number line.

In literacy, we have continued to look at the story, 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. We discussed the beginning, middle and end. We then sequenced the story by sticking three pictures down in the correct order and writing sentences about them. We are working hard to say our sentences out loud before we write them and include full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. We had our first

handwriting lesson this week, in year 1 we write in cursive script. This means we have to do lead ins and lead outs; to help us remember this we say 'start on the line and you'll be fine'. This week we practised writing the letters a, b and c (see below).

a b c

We also had our first dance lesson this week which was great fun! We thought about how different monsters might move and then thought of different freeze frames relating to them.

Next week in literacy we will be looking at 'The Gruffalo' story. We will also use adjectives (describing words) to describe The Gruffalo. In maths we will be learning to find one more and one less than a number. In art we will be creating monster collages and in geography we will continue to learn about maps and their features.

Home Learning ideas

- Can you work out one more and one less than you and your families ages? Challenge: 2 more/less!
- Read with your child as much as possible and record this in their reading record.
- Sequence a story using time connectives (first, next, then, finally).
- Write a list of words to describe a family member or pet e.g. fluffy, cheeky, brown, smiley.
- Learn your left and right (this is very useful when we are using the Chromebooks).

Vocab we will be using next week

Maths: one more, one less, greater, fewer, bigger, smaller, number line, hundred square

Literacy: adjective (describing word), full stop, capital letter, finger space, lead in, lead out

Show and tell (Friday): Lions

Reminders

- If you have any junk modelling at home, please send it into school to be used for during independent learning time.

- Remember PE is on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Your child will be sent home with a library book on Friday's, please bring them back in return for a new one
- Your child will be bringing a reading book home today, please ensure it is in their book bag every day as they will be changing them on different days.

Year 2

We hope you have all had a lovely week and enjoyed the sunshine. A big thank you for all the fantastic posters you have created that are full of fascinating facts about our royal family. They look super on our Regal Royals display board! On Monday morning, we came into our classroom and found a letter from the creature from the book Something Else. The creature told us it had enjoyed reading all our letters and it would visit us again soon. In literacy, we retold the story of Goldilocks and The Three Bears. We made story maps to remember the story and then re-wrote it.

In Maths we have been continuing to learn about place value, deciding how much each ten and unit is worth in a number. We have created 2-digit numbers and ordered them from the smallest to largest number. This week has been Safety Week at school. We have been learning about road and fire safety. We have also learnt about e-safety and how to stay safe when using the internet. As a class, we also discussed how to keep our own bodies safe. Designing our own pants was great fun and helped us learn the pants rule – that our bodies belong to us and parts of it are private. The teachers were very impressed with how grown up and sensible we were when discussing this.

Homework: Please complete the literacy homework that has been stuck in your homework book. Please return homework by **Wednesday**.

Reading:

Children have been given a reading record and one reading book to take home today. Please read with your child and write a comment on how they are reading at home. Please return the reading

book and reading record every Friday to be changed. We are currently assessing the children's reading and your child may move levels in the coming weeks.

Every Friday, your child can take home a library book to read at home. Please ensure that the book is returned on Friday ready for them to choose another one.

Next week in Literacy we will be learning about adjectives and writing a character description.

In maths, we will continue the unit on numbers. We will be learning how to subtract/add 10 from a number and comparing numbers. We will also be learning about Harvest. We will be comparing a harvest in England and in Africa.

Vocabulary

Maths – greater than, less than, equal to, partition, addition

Literacy – sentence starter, connective, adjective, noun phrase

Just a few reminders:

- Please can children come to school dressed in their PE kit on their PE days:
Year 2 will be having PE on Tuesday and Friday.
- Please clearly label all book bags, water bottles and fruit pots with your child's name.

School Office

If your child is absent from school

To report your child absent from school, please email or telephone the school office with the reason for their absence.

Covid-19 (taken from NHS website)

Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

Please follow this link for NHS advice

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

We ask that if your child is unwell that you please keep the school updated and let us know if your child has been advised to have a Covid-19 test.

Also, if you or another member of your household show any of the above symptoms, then you or they will be required to get a test and any well members in your household will be required to self-isolate until you have received the results of the tests. Please let the school office know if this is the reason for your child's absence. In this case, providing your child is well, then your child's class teacher may be able to arrange for home learning to be sent home until we get Tapestry up and running.

If your child does have a test, we ask that you please notify the school office with your child's test result before they return to school. They will then be able to return to school if their test is negative and providing they are well enough to return.

Thank you for your support.

Absent Note

Once your child is well enough to return to school, please remember to provide an absent note with your child's name, reason for absence and dates they were absent. This can be an email to the

school office or a note posted in the black 'Office Post' box.

Appointments eg. Doctors, dentist, hospital or other reason

If your child has an appointment during the school day or is going to be absent for any other reason, then please email the school office to let us know and where possible provide a copy of their appointment letter eg. hospital appointment. Please also let us know the time you would like to collect your child from school. For some absences (not medical related), you may be required to complete an Exceptional Leave of Absence form.

Friends

Thanks to everyone who joined the AGM Zoom meeting last night, we had more attendees than ever before! We hope you got lots of out of the meeting and are ready to join in with the fun! Please see the attached AGM agenda, the minutes will be shared next week.

Thank you so much to the outgoing committee and class reps for all their hard work and efforts its much appreciated! and Welcome! to the new committee and class reps, it's exciting to be working with you all. Do take a look at the attachment for the new Friends committee and the class reps.

If you are interested in being more involved please text Desiree our chair on 07932542380 or email the friends on longdittonfriends@outlook.com, we're very friendly and inclusive and not at all scary!

With current viral constraints the lack of events will hit our fundraising hard. You can really help with this, NOT by giving your money!! What a bonus! All you need to do is use smile.amazon to do your Amazon shopping, it works the same way and Amazon make a donation to the charity you set up, i.e. our lovely school. There is a flyer attached to show you how, and if you use the app, you need to update the app setting to the school. But its dead easy!

Also there are lots of shops on the Giving Machine website, if you go to the shop via their webpage, they make a donation too! Its free money! And the school could potentially raise thousands! Tell you family, tell your friends, get them to add the school to their charity and shop for a good cause!

We are excited to hold our first event
Groundforce Day

3rd October 9.30am - 1.30pm

This isn't so much about fundraising but more of a clean up of the school grounds. No children are allowed this time.

If you would like to help out, please sign up below in your year bubbles. Link below

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/805044da5a628a7fb6-ground>

If this is not your thing and you would still like to help out. You can donate money towards the skip or bring something pretty to plant. Plants or bulbs. Donations in the Red Friend's box or donate online to Sort code: 40-44-11 Account: 71122193 using the reference "Groundforce Day" please.

A reminder about the Uniform FaceBook page for buying selling used uniforms, join the group and take a look. If you have anything to donate but you don't use FaceBook please get in touch, ldiuniforms@outlook.com and we will gladly take it off your hands and sell it on.

Thanks
The Friends



ACHIEVEMENTS



Value Stars Respect



Asiya – for respectfully tidying up the classroom
Eva – for respecting people and helping them when they are upset
Valkyria – for always saying please and thank you
Calla – for being an excellent role model

Golden Certificates



Charlie – for super writing
Finn – for being very sensible
Joshika – for a fabulous e-safety poster
Edward – for excellent writing
Elizabeth – for working hard and being super helpful
Thomas – for always trying his best and challenging himself
Harry – for story sequencing and excellent use of phonics
Esmae – for excellent contributions to class discussions

Credit Cards (4x Golden Certificates)



Leo H
Daniel G

Other Achievements



Theo R – 7
Joseph W – 6
Freya C – 5
Tate W - 7

DIARY DATES

September 2020

Monday 21st Safety Week

October 2020

Tuesday 6th Individual student photos by Imago

Monday 19th Creative Week

Wednesday 21st Parent/Teacher consultation appointments

Thursday 22nd Parent/Teacher consultation appointments

Friday 23rd Finish for half term break

26th to 30th School & Nursery Closed for half term break

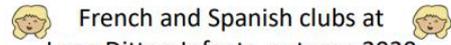
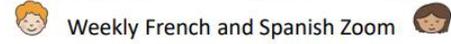
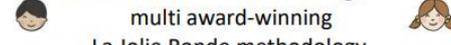
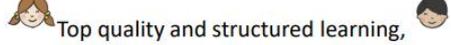
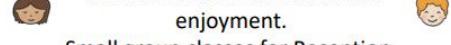
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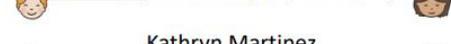
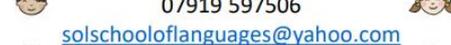
Monday 2nd Return to school & Nursery

Monday 9th

- Nasal Flu Immunisations for Yrs R, 1, 2 – more information will be sent out soon
- Healthy Week

Monday 2nd Primary school applications for Reception and Year 3 open online (closing date is 15th January 2021)


 French and Spanish clubs at Long Ditton Infants, autumn 2020

 Weekly French and Spanish Zoom classes after school following the multi award-winning La Jolie Ronde methodology.

 Top quality and structured learning, within a framework of fun and enjoyment.

 Small group classes for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.
 Reception: French Mon 3.30pm, Spanish Tues 3.30pm
 Year 1 and 2: French Mon 4pm, Spanish Tues 4pm

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 A bientôt! ¡Hasta pronto!



WHY SHOULD KIDS LEARN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?



EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a special introductory discount of £40 for members of Long Ditton Infant & Nursery School if they sign up by Monday 25th January. Parents should quote LDIT250121 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try. Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#).

The nearest classes to Long Ditton Infant & Nursery School are as follows (please click for a map and further details):

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| Perform Kingston (Drama for 4-7s) (1.8 miles) Wednesdays at 4pm | St Johns Parish Hall Grove Lane, KT1 2SU |
| Perform Kingston (Drama for 7-12s) (1.6 miles) Wednesdays at 5.05pm | St Johns Parish Hall Grove Lane, KT1 2SU |
| Perform Kingston (Drama for 4-7s) (2.7 miles) Saturdays at 9.30am | Alexandra Infants School Alexandra Road, KT2 6SE |
| Perform Kingston (Drama for 7-12s) (2.7 miles) Saturdays at 11.15am | Alexandra Infants School Alexandra Road, KT2 6SE |
| Perform TW11 (Drama for 4-7s) (3.3 miles) Tuesdays at 4pm | Teddington Methodist Church 1 Stanley Road, TW11 8TP |

There are others too. Click to find all the nearest [here](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).

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