



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER

#### 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Wow! Thank you to everyone for coming to school today in something that 'makes you feel happy!'. You all looked very positive and cheerful coming through the gate and celebration assembly with Year 1 and 2 was brilliant! We took a few moments in our reflection to think about the importance of being happy and how we can find ways to make to help ourselves feel happy.

### **Thank you!**

What a lovely Monday we all had with all the lovely cards, gifts and thoughts from everyone to celebrate Teacher Day. I have not experienced that before - it certainly brightened up Monday for us all! Thank you!

### **End of the Day Pick Ups**

Thank you everyone for sticking to their designated drop off times in the mornings. This continues to be working well and we have hardly any queues in the morning now.

At the end of the day it is slightly trickier and we just need to sharpen up on a couple of things. Firstly - please only come at the designated time if you can. If you are earlier, please don't wait 'in the queue' or near the queue. This can be confusing for other parents who assume you are waiting in line.

Secondly – I have asked the teachers to only release the children to the person who is at the front of the line. For this to work effectively we would ask you all to keep moving forward towards where the teacher is dismissing the children. Once you have your child please move away as safely and quickly as possible. This is also another reason to only be in the line if you are waiting for

your class – again it is confusing for all if you are waiting in the wrong class time line.

Thirdly – Please try not to wait near the tree or school grounds after school. I have asked the children still in school to try not to speak to their friends while they are waiting to be collected but obviously they do want to talk. The challenge is, it is hard for the teachers to dismiss the classes if they are having to call and recall names of children having a good old chat.

You are all working very hard to make sure everyone is safe and with a few little tweaks hopefully we can ensure we get as good at dismissing the children at the end of the day as we all are in the morning.

### **Attendance - the good, the bad and the not very nice**

Our current attendance is 97.1% which I think you will agree is incredible considering the current climate. Despite this super attendance it is my responsibility to remind all parents and carers about the importance of regular school attendance, our attendance policy and what might happen if your child is taken out of school with an 'unauthorised' absence.

You can read our attendance policy on our website: <http://longditton.surrey.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Attendance-Policy-2019.pdf>

Any absence below 90% is monitored by the school and the Inclusion Officer (previously known as the Education Welfare Officer). As a school we do not authorise any holidays during term time and if parents and carers do take their child out for a holiday during term time they may be at risk of receiving a penalty notice fine.

As a school we expect all children to attend every day. Surrey County Council issues all heads in Surrey guidance on term time absence. The important part of the guidance, that our school has agreed with, states that 'pupils are expected to attend school 100% of the time' and that we must 'issue penalty notices for 5 or more days unauthorised leave of absence.' For us this means that **any absence request of 5 or more days**, regardless of the level of attendance, **may attract a penalty notice**. Holidays are not considered to be an 'exceptional circumstance'. Also any **unauthorised** absence over a period of 6 weeks of **5 days** or more will also be referred to Surrey for a Penalty notice. Please note that the money for these fines does not come to the school but goes to Surrey County Council.

It is very important that parents and carers always let the school know why their child is not attending school. This can be done with a phone call or an email on the day of absence followed up with a letter when the child returns. 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' and 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' documents identify 'Educational Neglect' as a kind of abuse and that schools are responsible to make sure children registered with them are seen and safe.

As we are living through some very strange and challenging times I would ask that you contact us if you are considering taking your child out of school during term time – for any reason. Talking to us before you take them out may be the difference between an unauthorised absence only and a referral for a penalty notice fine.

We will be treating any request for absence with an open mind and compassion. However, we should remember that an education is every child's right.

### **Hot Lunches after half term!**

Following the success of Fish Finger Fridays we are going to try to have hot meals for lunch every day after half term. Because the meals are being transported to us, there may be some alterations to the menu set on the 12/15 website. Occasionally we may have to have packed lunches as well if there is a special event that needs to use the hall. But hopefully with the planning we have put into

place the hot meals will be great for everyone. If your child currently brings in a packed lunch and you would like them to have the hot meal, please email the school office by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October so that we can prepare for the correct amount of lunches. Please note that we are not be able to cater for a mix of hot lunches and packed lunches once hot meals are reintroduced every day, your child can either have a hot school lunch or a packed lunch from home.

### **Parent Consultation Meetings**

We have had many discussions about these and how we should carry parent consultations out. I know that some of you are questioning why we are not using zoom but using telephone conversations. The most important reason for us not to use zoom is safety. There have been some concerning practices with parents from other schools while their teachers have used zoom over the last 6 months. I know that all of our parents would not even dream of using and adapting videos of teachers for amusement but it is the schools job to protect our staff from such things.

We also had concerns about where to hold the zoom calls – at home would be an invasion of privacy, teachers with young families would find it a challenge and those without might not have a suitable space.

Please try to support the telephone conversations for parent consultations – we know there are challenges involved in these but the information we need to share will be able to be disseminated effectively.

### **Raffle Ticket Reading**

Ezrah and Claudia were the two reading raffle winners this week. Congratulations!

### **Birthday Books**

Thank you to Finn, Iromi, and Isla for choosing birthday books to give to their classes.

### **Harvest Collection Thursday October 15th**

Don't forget next Thursday is our Harvest Collection. As part of the celebration the local foodbank has asked us to bring in some much needed food items. These are:

instant coffee

meat pies  
tinned hot dogs  
tinned meatballs or mince  
pasta sauces  
small ketchup and mayonnaise  
tinned fruit, custard and rice pudding  
laundry tablets  
washing up liquid  
long life fruit juice

There will be boxes outside to leave your donations. Thank you.

They have also set up a Just Giving page if you would like to contribute a monetary donation. The page can be found here:

<https://localgiving.org/appeal/east-elmbridge-foodbank-harvest2020/>

### Thank you Mr Paines

Thank to Mr Paines for donating a brand new washing machine to the school for us to be able to wash role play costumes, towels and other items!  
<https://www.painesandgray.co.uk/> Is the website ☺

### Thought for the week:

'Compassion and tolerance are not a sign of weakness but a sign of strength' The Dalai Lama

Have a brilliant weekend!

**Mrs Paines**

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## Nursery

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We have had a fantastic week at Nursery!

The children have enjoyed sharing and retelling the story of Dear Zoo in our small world and we have also been learning a jungle animal song *Down in the Jungle*.

In our maths work we have been learning about the 2d shapes circle, triangle, square and rectangle. We have been finding shapes in our learning environment and describing them.

We have learnt some shape songs to help us find shapes. I will upload a video of the songs for you to share and practise with your child.

Outside in the garden we have enjoyed using the parachute developing listening skills, turn taking and working as a team. The children have also enjoyed using the oversized building blocks to build pathways and structures exploring shape and size as they play.

We have been talking about the seasons and the changes that happen in the autumn. In our craft areas we have had fun making leaf crowns and painting using rolling conkers!

As part of our extended safety week we have also discussed Pantosaurus with the children and shared the song from the NSPCC website ([www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)).

The children have also spent time looking at the photos we have been taking of their learning and activities. They have helped to glue the photos into their special books. This has been a lovely speaking and listening opportunity. Thank you for decorating their special books at the beginning!

We have started to share the Wow Stars that have been coming in.

Santiago made a big marble run by himself- amazing!

Leonardo has been excellent at playing football- super!

Alaia has started to swim unaided- fantastic!

Thank you for sharing your Wow Stars, please could you help us by cutting out the stars before you send them in, many thanks!

Library is on Friday, please only return books on Friday, thank you.

At home you could: Go on an autumn walk and talk about the changes that are happening around you.

Words to use this week: circle, curve, triangle, corner, square, straight side

Have a lovely, restful weekend!

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## Reception (Year R)

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The 'All About Me' show and tell sessions this week have been fantastic, and we have enjoyed learning new things about each member of our class. The children have had lots of opportunities in these sessions to practise being a good listener and have asked questions to find out more about their peers. In our maths learning, we have been looking at patterns. We thought about where we can find patterns in the environment, for example on our clothes or in the print on animals' fur. We then moved on to looking in more detail at repeating patterns and practised continuing a pattern and creating our own.

Next week, we will be practising our counting skills by counting objects and comparing two groups of objects to decide which has more or less than the other. We will also continue to practise listening for the initial sounds in words as well as beginning to look at blending some simple CVC words. In addition, the children will be thinking about the next steps in their learning. This will precede the parents' evening phone calls and give the children a chance to have an understanding of what the Reception team feel is an appropriate target to work towards. All children will have one next step that will relate to the prime areas of the Early Years Curriculum, these are communication and language, personal, social and emotional development, and physical development. We will be sending this home next week and will be able to discuss it further during your parents' evening phone call.

Finally, the Reception team would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and children who made cards or drew pictures for national teacher day. It was a fantastic way to brighten up a gloomy Monday morning!

### Reminders:

- Please ensure your child's school uniform is labelled, particularly jumpers, as the children often take these off and forget where they have left them.
- We would be very grateful for any junk modelling donations, as you can imagine we

get through it very quickly! These can be given to your child to bring through the gate in the morning or handed to a member of the Reception team in the afternoon.

- Make sure you sign up for a parents' evening telephone appointment via your ParentMail account, these will be held during the week beginning the 19<sup>th</sup> October and the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

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## Year 1

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This week, an alien crash landed in Rainbow Class and Year 1 went in search of Pog. Mrs Pog wrote a letter asking for help and the children rose to the challenge admirably. They used their adjectives to write a clear description of Pog and now our 'missing posters' are up all around the school, so hopefully we will find him soon. We also used our new mapping skills to draw a map of the crash site and the clues left by Pog. The children even managed to add a key to their maps. In maths, we have been ordering numbers from smallest to greatest and then using the symbols for greater than and less than to compare the numbers.

In science, we have continued our materials topic by describing the properties of some of our materials. We found objects in the classroom and sorted them by their properties. Finally, we asked ourselves questions such as 'why would a paper towel not make a good cup?' and explained our answer by thinking about the properties of the materials e.g. paper.

This week our homework has been set on Tapestry. Please access the memo on Tapestry and you will hear us reading a story. In class, we have had a go at drawing a story map of a familiar story and then using it to re-tell the story. We are hoping that you will choose a story you enjoy from home, draw a story map and then re-tell the story to your family, using the map as a prompt.

Next week, we are starting a 2-week topic on dinosaurs. The children have been thinking about what they would like to know about dinosaurs and

we are going to be answering the questions and creating our own fact files.

Thank you for all our cards and pictures this week. It was a lovely surprise and made us all smile. It made us feel really special to feel appreciated but your children make coming to school a pleasure.

Have a super weekend

Year 1 Team

### Home Learning

- Please listen to the story on Tapestry and create your own story map.
- Why not find out some facts about dinosaurs? Choose a dinosaur, draw a picture and write a few sentences about its appearance. You could try to use some of your adjectives (describing words).

### Vocabulary

Maths: greater than, less than and equal to, number names

Literacy: adjectives, noun, full stop, capital letter

Science: transparent, translucent, opaque, flexible, rigid, hard, soft, absorbent

**Show and Tell:** Elephants

### Reminders

Please remember

- to send in spare clothes to school that can be kept in your child's PE bag.
- to ensure reading books and records and FRED folders are kept in your child's bag.
- to ensure library books are in school on Fridays otherwise children cannot change their book.

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## Year 2

We have had a super week at school and we have all been enjoying the Autumn weather. In literacy, this week we have been thinking about Autumn. We went on an Autumn walk in the outside area and collected various signs of Autumn, for example, brown and green leaves, acorns and pine cones. We then thought about all our senses and

how we could describe these objects using our senses. Once we had gathered our ideas together we created our own Autumn shape poems. In maths, we have been learning about doubling. We have been using a number square to double two digit numbers. In science, we continued to learn about materials and their properties.

### Next week:

In literacy, we will be learning about Black History. We will talk about why we celebrate Black history and why it is important to learn about it. As part of this week's learning we will be learning about lives of Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela. In maths, we will be starting a new unit on multiplication. In art, we will be learning about the artist Georges Seurat and use pointillism to create our own piece of artwork.

### Vocabulary

Maths – times, array, multiply, group, amount, equals

Literacy – sentence starter, connective, adjective, noun phrase, exclamation mark, proper noun

Art- Georges Seurat, artist, artwork, dots, picture, pattern, colour

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## School Office

### Tapestry

Please remember to activate your registration on Tapestry. You should have received an email from Tapestry inviting you to do this. If you haven't, please email the school office.

### ParentMail

Please remember to verify your account. You should have received a registration email from ParentMail asking you to do this.

### Parent/Teacher telephone appointments

You are now able to book an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher via your ParentMail account. If you are having difficulties doing this, please contact the school office.

### Nasal Flu Immunisation – 9<sup>th</sup> November

The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are due to receive their nasal flu spray vaccination on

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Your child will only be able to receive the vaccine if you have given your e-consent. Please see the attached letter from Children and Family Health Surrey on how you can do this. If you do not want your child to have the vaccine, then please still visit the e-consent online and fill in the NO box. We ask that you please do this as soon as possible. Thank you.

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## Friends

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It's the weekend again! We're looking forward to our Pumpkin Spice Lattes and putting up the spooky decorations!

\*World Mental Health day\*

The children all looked amazing at the mufti day wearing what makes them happy. The virgingiving link is below if you haven't donated yet. We are sharing our proceeds with the Momentum charity. Thanks so much.

<http://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/LDImuftiday>

There is a Friends' meeting via Zoom on Wednesday 14th October at 8pm. If you wish to join us please email

[longdittonfriends@outlook.com](mailto:longdittonfriends@outlook.com)

for the login information.

### HELP OUT WHEN YOU MOVE OUT!

If you are planning to sell your home, please consider doing this through our wonderful school sponsor Humphrey & Brand and they will donate £250 to our brilliant school upon completion of the sale!

See the flyer attached.

\*Amazon Prime Day\* is coming up next Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th October. This is a great opportunity for us to get some free money!! Please, remember to enable Smile in your Amazon App or go to smile.amazon when you are shopping for those deals.

The Deal of the Week on Thegivingmachine this week is for Clarks, if you have a need for new

shoes and you order from Clarks through the giving machine the school will get a donation!

Wow, thanks to everyone who ordered daffodils. We have sold a whopping 125kgs of daffodils which is approximately 2500 bulbs.

We look forward to seeing all your sunshine in the Spring.

If you missed out and are still interested, please get in touch with the Friends on [longdittonfriends@outlook.com](mailto:longdittonfriends@outlook.com) as they might be able to help you.

Thanks once again for your support.

\*\*Pumpkin Trail 24 Oct - 2 Nov\*\*



LDI Friend's next fundraiser will be a Pumpkin Trail.

Order your bags for £3.50 per bag. Each bag contains:

- A crossword puzzle.
- Clues to the houses that are displaying a word to fit into your crossword.
- A bag of 12 sweets.
- Pumpkin Soup recipe.

Each bag purchased will be entered into our raffle.

To order your bag and for more information please complete the Google form below:

<https://forms.gle/emaD9MGHJeCJTeZb9>

Are you planning on decorating your house for Halloween? If so, would you like to display a picture provided by the Friends that will form part of the quiz for our Pumpkin Trail?

If so, please email the Friends no later than \*Monday, 12 October\*

on [longdittonfriends@outlook.com](mailto:longdittonfriends@outlook.com)

with the following details:

- Your name:
- Your road name and house number:

More details on how to get hold of the trail packs will follow next week.

Thank you.

## ACHIEVEMENTS



### Value Stars Tolerance

Iromi – for seeing others' point of view and being a good friend  
 Theo M – for being tolerant of others  
 Isabella – for always being aware of other people's feelings  
 Archie – for always showing tolerance of others in class and listening to them

### Golden Certificates



Finn – for being a kind and caring member of class  
 James S – for making a super wanted poster  
 Seungjoon – for good maths work  
 Luke – for making a super wanted poster and using phonics in your writing  
 Leo H – for remembering to put his hand up in class  
 Sylvie – for always trying her best and for always doing the correct thing when asked  
 Jacob D – for a fantastic homework poster about Queen Victoria  
 Oly – for working really hard in school all week

### Credit Cards (4x Certificates)



Ava G

### Other Achievements

Martha presented a signed book to the school from the author Dennis Richards  
 Sofia received a drones flying licence certificate



Iromi – 6  
 Finn – 6  
 Isla - 5

## DIARY DATES

### October 2020

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest collection
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Dinosaur Week
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Life Long Ago workshop
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dinosaur visit
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Finish for half term break
26 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup>	School & Nursery Closed for half term break

### November 2020

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Return to school & Nursery
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nasal Flu Immunisations for Yrs R, 1, 2 – see letter on how to give e-consent</li> <li>Healthy Week</li> </ul>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Primary school applications for Reception and Year 3 open online (closing date is 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2021)

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

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

For Parents and Carers




**Developing Positive Behaviour through Emotion coaching:**  
An approach for parents and carers to use with children and young people (aged 3-18 years).




**Sound familiar?**

Tim, 4, has made it clear he doesn't want to get ready for bed and his loud screams wake up his baby sister.

Marta, 9, refuses to get up out of bed and prepare for school in the morning. When her Dad pulls off the covers, she hurts him.

Sam, 15, won't stop playing on the iPad. He promised his sister he would share it with her, and so a loud argument starts. Someone gets hurt.

Emotion coaching is an approach which helps children and young people to understand the different emotions they experience, why they occur and how to handle them. This helps children and young people to learn how to regulate their emotions and behaviour.



- Emotion coaching training is a [free online course for parents and carers](#).
- There are [two training options](#) to choose from:
  - Option A: Introductory Course:** An introduction to emotion coaching, including a 1.5 hour training and a drop-in Q&A session. Course dates: 27<sup>th</sup> October (12.30-2pm) and 3<sup>rd</sup> November (12.30-1.30pm).
  - Option B: Applied Course:** A more in-depth look at what emotion coaching is and how to use it effectively with your child, including 5x 1.5 hour sessions with a mix of training, reflection and discussion. Course dates: 20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> January & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (12.30pm-2pm).

To sign up for either option A or option B courses please email  
[sw.educationteam@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:sw.educationteam@surreycc.gov.uk)

"It was a lovely course and it will help many parents"- Parent

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The Foodbank is here to support anybody who is currently finding it difficult to provide food for themselves or their families due to financial or other issues. **You do not have to be in receipt of benefits to get help from us.**

If you feel that you need support from us, then please call or message us on: **07908 777475** or email [referrals@eastelmbridge.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:referrals@eastelmbridge.foodbank.org.uk) and we can let you know what you need to do for us to be able to deliver an emergency food parcel.

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