



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

16th October 2020

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone for bringing in donated items for the Elmbridge food bank. They were all collected this morning and all were gratefully received. We have talked to the children about what Harvest Time is and why we celebrate it. You might like to talk to your child about what Harvest Time means to you and your family – and they love finding out what you did at school when you were younger to celebrate!



Dinosaur Week

We are very excited about our dinosaur week next week. This is our first creative week of the year and the children will be learning, sharing their knowledge and experiencing the exciting world of dinosaurs. The highlight for us will be Tuesday and Wednesday when we are having a 'fossil hunting' workshop and a visit from a life size dinosaur! We have explained to the children that it is not real but a very large puppet. We recognise that for a few children this still may seem daunting and we will treat all the children sensitively according to their needs. The Covid friendly company visiting us are very used to dealing with and helping children understand their concerns about the dinosaur and are on hand to help if needed. We (the teachers) can't wait to do something that has never been done before – a dinosaur in Long Ditton Infant School hall!

Raffle Ticket Reading

Theo and Gabriele were our two reading raffle winners this week. Congratulations!

Birthday Books

Thank you to Jessica and Charlotte for choosing birthday books to give to their classes.

Tapestry

Each year group has now set homework and stories using Tapestry. It is going to be very important for parents and carers to ensure they are registered for this and it will be very useful if you start using it now 'just in case' we have to go to another national lockdown. If we are all more familiar with the forum, with what works well and how to communicate using it we will be in a very good place to provide home learning if needed.

New Guidance for Elmbridge Borough

I am sure you will be aware that Elmbridge has been placed in Tier 2 of the new lockdown guidance. Our school is part of the Elmbridge borough. Please follow the attached guidance to help keep all of us as safe as we can be <https://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/news/covid-19-update/>

Hot Dinners after Half term

We will be returning to hot dinners every day after half term. This is possible thank you to the efforts of all the staff involved and I want to say thank you to all them for working out how we can manage this safely and effectively! Thank you ☺ If you haven't done so already, please let the school office know on Monday if your child would like hot school lunches after half term.

Thought for the week:

'Tolerance, compromise, understanding, acceptance, patience - I want those to all be very sharp tools in my shed.' CL Green
Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

We have had a super week at Nursery!

We have shared lots of stories, our particular favourites this week have been Shark in the Park by Nick Sharratt and The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr. The children enjoyed making salt dough food for the Tiger who came to tea in the nursery.

We have also been encouraging children to 'vote' at story time, this is an important part of our British Values, learning about Democracy. This has simply involved showing the children two books at story time and asking them to vote for the story they would like to hear. The story with the most votes is the story that we read!

In our maths work the children have enjoyed singing counting songs and have learnt a new counting song called One Big Hippo Balancing

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-one-big-hippo-balancing/zkfxwty>

The children have also been learning about repeating patterns. They have been recognising and making repeating patterns using colours and shapes. For example, making Duplo cube towers using two colours to make a repeating pattern: blue, red, blue, red, blue cube etc.

In our creative areas the children have been making collage pictures using bits of paper and loose materials. They have been learning to use the runny glue and glue sticks. The children have also looked at the autumn trees and used cotton reels to print leaves on an autumn tree.

In our role play area this week the children have enjoyed using the dressing up clothes, we have had fire fighters, princesses and super heroes!

We have started to go to the hall for a PE session, this has been a good opportunity for the children to use a large indoor space. They have been learning about spatial awareness through games and activities.

Next week we are looking forward to creative week, the theme is Dinosaurs and we have an automated Dinosaur visiting the school!

At home you could: Help your child practise putting on coats, gloves, hats and shoes.

At nursery we encourage children to tuck their hat down one sleeve of their coat when they take their coat off and hang it up.

Have a lovely weekend.

Reception (Year R)

We had a lovely week in reception working extremely hard in our learning. In our learning we focused on listening for initial sounds in words and writing them down using a sound mat. The children then made models using the junk modelling and wrote down the initial sound to explain their creation. Using their initial sounds children have begun to label objects in the small world and write down shopping lists in the home corner. All children had an opportunity to share their models and writing with the class. We were so impressed with how many children had a go.

We discussed the feeling anger focusing on what it is, what it looks like and how to manage our anger.

In maths, we started counting objects one at a time physically moving the object to help us count. We also compared two groups of objects using our counting skills to find out which group has more or less. These skills were practised through our continuous provision. All children were given a next step as a target for them to focus on. The

Reception team discussed your child's target with them as they drew a picture to help their understanding. You should receive your child's target today.

Next week is extremely exciting as it is dinosaur week. We have many fun activities planned with dinosaurs as the common theme. We will explore the different types of dinosaurs and have a go at identifying them through labelling using our initial sounds. The children will hunt for dinosaur fossils and will have an opportunity to meet a dinosaur. In maths, we will continue counting objects one at a time and comparing two groups of objects. Also, we will begin to look at number formation and practise this skill on a white board. We will also talk about feeling worried and explore the topic of friendship and how to be a good friend.

Reminders:

- Please let your child practise putting on their shoes and socks and coats at home so that they can do this independently in school.

Year 1

We have had a super week this week and started our mini topic on dinosaurs. We were amazed by how much the children already knew about dinosaurs! Last week we discussed what we would like to know about dinosaurs and one of the things that we were wondering was if taller dinosaurs had bigger feet. As we couldn't carry out this experiment with dinosaurs, we decided to carry it out on ourselves. We had great fun in maths measuring length and height using cubes and string. Ask your child explain the findings from our experiment.

This week in literacy, we have been learning about the difference between fiction and non-fiction and started our fact files about dinosaurs. In our fact files we have written about the different features of dinosaurs, their diets and habitats. We have also been very creative this week and created dinosaur masks and dinosaur eggs.

Next week is going to be an exciting week as we have our dinosaur workshops. We will also be continuing to work on our fact files in literacy, adding more interesting facts about dinosaurs and making our contents page. In maths, we will be measuring length using rulers.

Home Learning

- Measure some objects around your house using a ruler. Can you put them in order from shortest to longest?
- Ask your child to explain some of the differences between fiction and non-fiction. If you have a selection of books at your house, can your child sort them into fiction and non-fiction?

Vocabulary

Maths: measure, ruler, cm, length, longer, shorter. Longest, shortest

Literacy: adjectives, noun, full stop, capital letter

Show and Tell: Giraffes

Reminders

- Please look out for your child's targets in their book bag, these will be the focus of our discussion during parents evening.
- We have also uploaded some resources on Tapestry that we may refer to during parents evening.
- Each week we will be uploading the weekly timetable on Tapestry, if you need to self-isolate you can refer to this as part of our home learning offer. In addition, we will send you resources.

Please remember

- To send in spare clothes to school which 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.

Year 2

We have had a fantastic week in Year 2. This week we learnt about Black History. We read about the lives of Nelson Mandela, Ruby Bridges and Rosa Parks. As part of the topic, we looked at their life stories and why they should be celebrated today. We were very impressed with the children's maturity when discussing difficult topics. Everyone showed respect to each other and listened to each other's points of view. We were very impressed, well done Year 2.

In maths, we have been learning about multiplication. We used arrays to work out multiplication sums. In art, we learnt about the artist Georges Seurat. He is famous for pointillism. The children mimicked his technique to make their own pointillism paintings.

Next week, we have a very exciting week... it will be dinosaur week. Year 2 will have a special dinosaur visitor. We have also planned lots of dinosaur themed activities, these include making fossils, investigating dinosaur diets and creating our very own dinosaur land. It is going to be lots of fun and we are really looking forward to it.

Due to dinosaur week, we will not be having the usual FRED lessons. Children will still be tested on their spellings and given new books. However, we have planned for whole class dinosaur FRED and therefore children will not be going to their individual groups.

Parent's Evening

We look forward to speaking to you over the phone in the next two weeks. In your child's homework book we have inserted your child's Year 2 targets. We will be speaking about these in more detail over the phone and will be able to answer any questions about them then. Thank you.

Vocabulary

Dinosaur, fossil, explore, adventure, herbivore, carnivore, omnivore, Mary Anning, features, measure, facts

School Office

Tapestry

If you haven't already done this, 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 or if it has now expired, please email the school office.

Reminder - ParentMail

Please verify your account. You should have received a registration email from ParentMail asking you to do this. Please contact the school office if you did not receive this or it has expired.

Parent/Teacher telephone appointments

These take place next week and wc 2nd November. The teachers will telephone the mobile number of the parent who has made the booking, unless otherwise advised to the school office.

Nasal Flu Immunisation – 9th November

The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are due to receive their nasal flu spray vaccination on Monday 9th 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.

Friends

Thank you so much to everyone who donated money to our mufti day and **Mental Health Day** fundraiser.

We raised a whopping £416.25!!

The amount collected will be split between our school and Momentum Children's charity.

Thank you for all your support





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

See attached Flyer.

- 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/emaD9MGHJeCJTz9>



Purple Bin



The Friends have located the purple bin next to the bike shed. This is primarily for preloved school uniform that will be collected and quarantined by our school uniform coordinator.

If you need any school uniform please get in

touch with Samira on Ldiuniforms@outlook.com or contact your class rep who might be able to help you.

Uniform requests can also be made via the red Friends' postbox. Money donations can go via the red Friends' postbox or the Friend's bank account.

On 13th November the children are invited to release their inner rebels and break the rules! But not all the rules, only the ones on the flyer! It's a 50p fine per rule broken! (please, please remember the rule about allergens in the snacks, we're not allowing this one to be broken!)

We are starting to give some thought to all things Christmas, with some beautiful 'rainbow hampers' to win this year in our joint schools Rainbow

Raffle. We are hoping that this year we will have the pleasure of offering prizes such as vouchers to dine-out, some divine chocolates, drinks, memberships and other delights.

Would you please ask your partners, your extended families, your friends and your employers if they may have anything, anything at all, to donate as a hamper prize, no matter how small, please?

We are also looking for local businesses to advertise in our Christmas Brochure, so if you would like to place an ad or know of anyone who might do, please email Macarena on baamonde.m@gmail.com.

On 9th December we are planning a Christmas Wreath workshop, so if you are interested in making your own wreaths, please save the date. Covid rules will apply. More details next term.

We are looking to have a Christmas Light Joy walk around Long Ditton in December (14th Dec – 4th Jan), to be run within Covid safe guidelines. If you would like to join the team organising this, please contact Jo on jo.munro@live.co.uk.

The Daffodil bags were a complete success and have now all sold out. If you haven't paid your money yet, please do so we can get a grand total. Either in the red Friends' post box or via the bank transfer.



HELP OUT WHEN YOU MOVE OUT!

Sell your home through our wonderful school sponsor Humphrey & Brand and £250 will be donated to our brilliant school upon completion of the sale!

That's all folks!
The Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS



Value Stars Tolerance

Elizabeth – for always being kind and supporting everyone in class
Esther – for always showing tolerance and respect to her classmates
Joseph H - for being a good friend and letting others join in
Bo - for being a super friend and always welcoming others

Golden Certificates



Sofia – for always being kind and helpful
Archie – for a fantastic poster all about The Titanic
Amaan - for writing a fantastic diary entry in English
Eva W - for teaching Yr 2 all about Shabbat
Matina - for fantastic rhyming work
Alice - for a super recount of the story of The Cave
Esther - for helping the grown-ups to keep the grounds tidy
Eva M - for working super hard in maths to measure length

Credit Cards (4x Certificates)



Seungjoon
Sylvie

Other Achievements

Noa completed Stage 1 in swimming lessons



Dalal – 6
Jessica – 5
Charlotte AI – 5
Misa - 5

DIARY DATES

October 2020

Monday 19 th	Dinosaur Week
Tuesday 20 th	Life Long Ago workshop
Wednesday 21 st	Dinosaur visit
Friday 23 rd	Finish for half term break
26 th to 30 th	School & Nursery Closed for half term break

November 2020

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

 SURREY


a way of seeing, a way of becoming

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: 27th October (12.30-2pm) and 3rd 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: 20th, 26th January & 3rd, 10th, 24th February 2021 (12.30pm-2pm).

To sign up for either option A or option B courses please email sw.educationteam@surreycc.gov.uk

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

 East Elmbridge
foodbank

Are you struggling to provide food for yourself or your family?

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 and we can let you know what you need to do for us to be able to deliver an emergency food parcel.

Catherine Heavens
East Elmbridge Foodbank Coordinator

LEARN TOGETHER WITH YOUR CHILD

Want some support with parenting but don't know where to look?



Surrey Adult Learning offers FREE workshops to help you create a better family life.

Are you worried about your child's behaviour or development or see your child struggling in school? These courses can benefit you and your child.

- Manage anxiety for you and your child with **stressbusting** workshops
- Join a **cookery** class with your child and create tasty recipes together
- Develop your creative side with a **Storytelling with craft** workshop
- Learn how to support your child's reading with a **Phonics** workshop
- Build your **communication skills** and understand your child's behaviour
- Improve your **English** to help your child with their homework
- Take a **maths** course based on what your child is learning.

Sign up today for your **FREE** course online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning

 Surrey
Adult Learning

email: family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk

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LEARNING TOGETHER IS FUN

For more information [Family Learning](#)

The Friends of Long Ditton Infant & Nursery School present:

PUMPKIN TRAIL*

24 October - 2 November

Order your bags for **£3.50 / bag**

Each bag contains:

- * A CROSSWORD PUZZLE
- * CLUES TO THE HOUSES THAT ARE DISPLAYING A PUMPKIN PICTURE
- * A BAG OF 12 SWEETS
- * PUMPKIN SOUP RECIPE
- * EACH BAG PURCHASED WILL BE ENTERED INTO OUR RAFFLE

Over 20 houses to find starting from Long Ditton Infants and finishing at The George Evelyn Pub

Happy Pumpkin Trailing!

Sponsored by:

HUMPHREY & BRAND

Please SCAN THE QR CODE to order your bag. Or alternatively, you can contact the Friends at: LONGDITTONFRIENDS@OUTLOOK.COM

FRIENDS OF LONG DITTON INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

13TH NOVEMBER

HUMPHREY & BRAND

THE FRIENDS OF LDIS

BREAK THE RULES DAY

If you would like to break the rules for one day only, then this is your chance. For each rule broken, you will pay a 50p fine. The more rules you break, the higher the fine!

CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING

- HAVE A CRAZY HAIR STYLE
- WEAR A TEMPORARY TATTOO
- NON UNIFORM CLOTHES
- UNHEALTHY SNACK (NO NUTS)
- HAVE SQUASH IN WATER BOTTLE
- WEAR NAIL POLISH
- WEAR OUTRAGEOUS SOCKS / TIGHTS

Make sure the clothes you wear are suitable for PE

HUMPHREY & BRAND

SELLING YOUR HOME?

We are pleased to announce that our wonderful school sponsors have made our parents and carers an exciting new offer.

Sell your house with them and at the time of completion they will donate £250 to the Friends account to boost the much needed funds for our schools.*

Have a child in LDIS and LDSM? Choose to split the money between the schools or pick your favourite (school not child!)

We hope that you are not leaving Long Ditton or our school communities but if so good luck with the move.

* subject to having an advertising board at your property during the sale and informing your H&B agent at the time of listing that you are a school parent/carer.