



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

### NEWSLETTER

#### 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Welcome back to school! From listening to the children it sounds as though half term was both restful and busy with lots of trips out to the park, seeing family and pumpkin hunting! It is lovely to see you all again for this very busy and exciting half term. Thank you to everyone for helping us all to keep safe and wearing a face covering for drop offs and pickups. We all really appreciate your help 😊

### **School Fund**

Last term you will have received the school fund letter. The money raised for the school by the school fund is ever more important and during these strange times each penny is making a difference. At the moment no Covid costs are being supported by the Government. I have signed a petition to ask them to change this to help support us, and all schools, fund the extra expenses that managing through the pandemic is forcing us to use. I really hope it makes a difference. In the meantime, if you can contribute to the school fund every single contribution will help us ensure we have what we need to help the children. Thank you!

### **Oops! Governor Monitoring Meetings**

My apologies – I completely got the date wrong for the Governor Monitoring day. It is actually the following week and they would really like to talk to some parents and carers! If you are free for a short chat about school, what's working well and what you would like to see improve please let the school know so that we can arrange for a virtual meeting. Or alternatively you could send in a short email for the attention of the Governors with your thoughts and views for them to collate and read.

### **Break the Rules Day 13<sup>th</sup> November**

We are looking forward to the 'Break the Rules' day. This is a day where the children can 'break the rules' on purpose in return for a 50p fine. You can choose from the following rules:

- Have a crazy hairstyle
- Wear non uniform clothes
- Have squash in your waterbottle
- Wear a temporary tattoo
- Bring an unhealthy snack (remember no nuts, no sesame)
- Wear nail polish
- Wear outrageous socks or tights

(Please remember they have to be safe and able to take part in PE and play outside).

For each rule broken a 50p fine will be incurred so remember that socks and hair would count as 2 rules broken. All the money raised will go towards the school. At the moment the children seem to be most excited about dying their hair and bringing in chocolate :O

### **Remembrance Day – Message from Dr Kuhan**

The Royal British Legion, as part of their 'Every poppy counts' appeal, have also produced A4 posters of the iconic Remembrance Poppy that you can print and display in front windows. (We will send these out via Tapestry for you to download at home.)

This year's Act of Remembrance will be live-streamed to the church Facebook page. There will be music from 10.50am and the actual service starting shortly after 10.55am. You do not need a Facebook account to view and you can watch the service live or watch later using this link: <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryslongditton/live>

Every blessing  
Dr Kuhan

## Remembrance Day in School

We always acknowledge the importance of Remembrance Day in school by holding 1 minute's silence and by watching a special video on Discovery Education about the day. The children do have the opportunity to buy Poppies in school (you will have received a parent mail about this). On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am the whole school will be silent. It is a strange experience in a school for it to be quiet and we are always amazed at how well children stop and sit in silence.

## The Royal Mint Diversity Competition

This week we received two special 50p pieces that have been created to celebrate diversity in Britain. I have asked the children to design their own 50p piece that shows what celebrating difference means to them. They can design their coins either at school or home and bring them in to add to our 'Diversity Makes Us Great' display in celebration of the new coins. We will choose two winners who will each receive the specially packaged 50p coins.

## Raffle Ticket Reading

Oliver and Luke were our two reading raffle winners this week. Congratulations and great reading 😊

## Birthday Books

Thank you to Luca for choosing a birthday book to give to his class.

## Thought for the week:

At least once a day allow yourself the freedom to think and dream. And there are only 48 sleeps until Christmas!!!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

## Mrs Paines

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## Nursery

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Welcome back! We hope that you all had a restful half term break. We have had a very productive week at nursery.

In our small world we have been reading and sharing the story of The Three Little Pigs. The children have taken on mini projects, building houses for the 3 pigs and testing out their houses strength. We adapted the story so that the wolf had a folded paper fan to blow the houses down, due to current circumstances we have not been blowing down the houses. We have enjoyed singing I'm a Little Teapot and The Grand Old Duke of York this week.

The children have been practising their counting skills and recognising numerals. They have been encouraged to do number hunts around the nursery to practise matching and recognising numbers. We have been practising a new counting song: 5 Currant Buns in the Baker's shop.

We have talked about Fireworks and what Bonfire Night means in simple terms. The children enjoyed watching interactive fireworks in the classroom, talking about the colours we could see and sounds we could hear. We have also talked to the children about the safety surrounding fireworks up close. As part of our art and craft work this week the children have enjoyed making firework pictures. They have used paint to print firework shapes and rockets. They also used gloppy runny glue and glitter to create sparkly firework shapes and patterns.

In the garden the children have enjoyed building a boat collaboratively using the large blocks, talking about and sharing their ideas. We also played parachute games practising our listening and cooperation skills.

At home you could go on a number hunt, talk about numerals that you see together in games that you play together.

Have a lovely weekend.

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## Reception (Year R)

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Welcome back to the new term, we hope you had a nice break. We are very impressed at how quickly the children have settled back into routine.

This week we started phonics, learning different sounds and looking at how they are formed. The children have also enjoyed watching 'Geraldine the Giraffe' and helping her look for objects in her house starting with the letter sounds we are learning. In maths, the children learnt which numbers are teen numbers, what they look like and how to order them correctly. The children voted on a new role play area and got stuck in making resources for it. Also this week we discussed bonfire night and the children made some beautiful firework art throughout the week using different techniques. Then we had a go writing our initial sounds for what we see and hear on bonfire night.

Next week, we will begin to describe and recognise the different 2D shapes and their properties and we will continue to learn new sounds in phonics. The children will learn about Diwali, making Diva lamps and decorating them.

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child has a warm coat in school. Please remember that coats, gloves, hats and scarves need to be labelled with your child's name as they get lost easily. Please help your child to practise zipping up their coat independently.

### Home learning ideas:

- Draw or paint a firework picture. Can you think of words to describe the fireworks you have seen?
- Count with teen numbers at home. Can you count different objects in your house? How many are there?

### Key vocabulary:

Sounding out, blending, initial sounds, 2D shapes, sides, corners, properties

### Reminders:

1. Information on phonics and how to help your child at home will be available on Tapestry from today.

2. You will also be able to find our weekly planning on Tapestry. This will include a time table and some detail about the inputs we will be teaching that week. We have put this on Tapestry for your information and to be used for home learning if you ever have to isolate at home.

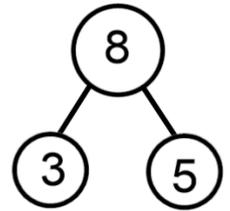
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## Year 1

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Wow! How is it Friday already?! This first week back has flown by! The children have been super busy and have started their new topic 'Starry Night'. In literacy we thought about different words to describe fireworks. We then wrote some super firework poems following a pattern. In handwriting we practised forming the letters s, t, u in pre-cursive script.

In maths, we learnt about partitioning using part-whole models (see below). E.g. 8 is the whole and the parts are 3 and 5. The children chose had 10 cubes and found different ways to partition the number. They then wrote the number sentences to go with this e.g.  $1+9=10$ ,  $2+8=10$ . We also had a go at partitioning 2 digit numbers into 2 parts.



In art we created some fantastic firework pictures using kitchen roll tubes, the children really enjoyed this! Thanks for your donations! In science, we thought about what season it is at the moment and how we can tell. We went on a walk around the school grounds to spot signs of Autumn which was great fun. In P.E we have moved on from dance and we are now doing gymnastics. We worked on our balancing skills and came up with different ways of travelling across the bench. We also worked on jumping and landing in a bent knee position with our arms out.

Next week, in literacy we will be reading the story 'Little Bears Special Wish' by Gillian Lobel. We will be retelling the story, thinking of actions to help us remember the story. We will also think about what happens at the beginning, middle and end of the

story. In maths we continue to learn about part-whole models.

### Home Learning ideas

- Find a few of your favourite stories, where are they set? Write some adjectives (describing words) to describe the setting.
- Choose two digit numbers to partition, for example 18 partitioned into 8 and 10, have a go at doing a part-whole model shown previously. Is there another way you can partition the same number?

### Vocab we will be using next week

- **Maths:** partition, split, single digit, double digit, part, whole, part-whole model
- **Literacy:** story, sequence, beginning, middle, end, setting, characters

**Show and tell: Monkeys** something that is special to you/why? (one item - not a toy)

### Reminders:

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Break the rules day
- **Please can you help your child to recognise their name in their jumper so they can easily find it in the jumper box.**

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## Year 2

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Welcome back, we hope you all had a nice relaxing half term. We have had a super start to the new half term.

This week in Maths we have been dividing by sharing using the plate method, please see below. We learnt that the first number in the number sentence tells us how many to share and the second tells us how many plates we need.

Ask your child to show you some examples e.g. 10 divided by 2, 12 divided by 3, etc.

In RE, we continued to learn about Shabbat. This week we thought about what we did with our families on Friday night. In science, we started to plan for the egg experiment. In groups, children thought about which materials could be used to make a safe landing for an egg. Next week, we will

be making the landing pads out of different materials and then testing them by dropping an egg from a height onto them.

**Next week:** We will be going back in time to the Victorian Age. Children will be learning about Victorian toys and inventions. **Our Victorian Day will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, when we will be experiencing what life was like for Victorian children. Please remember that your child will need to come to school dressed as a Victorian child. Please email us if you have any questions.**

If you have any used toilet rolls please can you send them into school. We need them for the firework paintings we plan to make next week.

**Key vocabulary:** Queen Victoria, facts, inventions, old, new, material, change, toys, time

**Online games to practise maths and literacy skills:** At parents' evening a few parents asked if we could recommend any websites with age appropriate games to reinforce the children's learning. If you would like to, have a look at the links below and have a play around to find something suitable for your child.

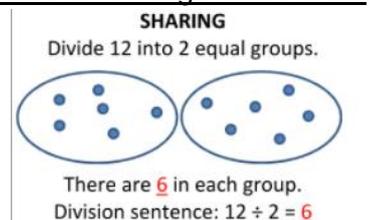
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/primary-games/1>

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/money/index.html>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zgkw2hv>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>



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## School Office

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### PMG Schoolwear – school uniform

Whilst the PMG Schoolwear shop will be closed during the 4 week lockdown period, you will still be able to order school uniform online via their website at:

<https://www.pmg-schoolwear.co.uk/school/longdittoninfantschool>

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

There is a short video you can watch with your child about this. Please see link below. The children will also watch this in class on Monday morning.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jHWwm8NQUw>

## Imago Photographs

The closing date for ordering online for free delivery to school has been extended to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Sibling photos can be viewed using the same login on the contact sheet brought home before the half term break. Please contact the school office by email for lost login details.

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## Friends

Happy Weekend! Hope everyone had a safe Bonfire night, thanks to everyone who bought doughnuts!

The **Pumpkin Trail** was a totally success, we've had lots of lovely messages about how much everyone enjoyed it. We can enjoy the benefits of it for a long time as it raised a whopping...

£900!!

Fantastic!



## Next Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November

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

With everyone being asked to follow the government rules at the moment, for one day only we are letting the children break the School Rules on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Select the rules you'd like to break and pay the 'fines' via our Virgin Giving page link above.

Please remember to select Gift Aid if you can so your donation goes that little bit further for our children.

We will have a donation bucket available on the day for those that cannot pay online.

**\*\*ALL THING CHRISTMASY\*\***

**Trees!** If you are considering a real Christmas tree this year, we have secured a deal with Squires Garden Centre Long Ditton where for each real tree purchased, they will donate £5 to our school! They have lovely trees each year so do take a look at what they have.

Following the success of some wonderful community events over the past few years, and the amazing Long Ditton Pumpkin Trail, the Friends of both Long Ditton Infant & Nursery & Long Ditton St Mary's are organising a **\*Winter Wonderland Walk\***.

The infant school is going to be decorated for the Winter Wonderland walk. If you would like to make, buy or donate any Xmas decorations or outdoor lights please leave them in the purple bin or if fragile please email [longdittonfriends@outlook.com](mailto:longdittonfriends@outlook.com) and we can arrange a secure collection.

Families will be able to enjoy some festive glow and sparkle as they walk, at their own pace, to tour the spectacle of festive cheer to be seen adorning the outside of participating houses in and around Long Ditton. The walk will be available to view between 14<sup>th</sup> December and 3<sup>rd</sup> January with some doorstep sing alongs planned to get everyone into the community spirit.

To make this happen we need families to volunteer to decorate the outside of their house and be part of the walk. If you would like to volunteer your house, please contact us via [longdittonfriends@outlook.com](mailto:longdittonfriends@outlook.com). You can go for full-on Christmas bling or keep it sweet and simple. To assist in planning please let us know by 14<sup>th</sup> November if you would like to participate

**Rainbow Raffle** collection - we will be collecting for a Rainbow Raffle week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> November till 27<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow next week, but, if anyone has strong banana box size

crates please let us know. we are looking for 16.  
Email us on [longdittonfriends@outlook.com](mailto:longdittonfriends@outlook.com)

### **Christmas Programme Appeal and Front Cover Competition**

Our upcoming Christmas Programme needs a cover and what could be better than something designed by our talented children?

The form for this Front Cover Competition is attached and should also come home very soon in book bags.

We are still on the hunt for **raffle prizes** and businesses to advertise in our Christmas programme/booklet. If you can help or you know someone who would be interested in advertising, please contact Macarena on: [baamonde.m@gmail.com](mailto:baamonde.m@gmail.com)

We are having a **virtual Christmas Market**. We are looking for stallholders. Stalls cost £5. please contact Desiree on [longdittonfriends@outlook.com](mailto:longdittonfriends@outlook.com) for more details.

### **\*\*Elmbridge Lottery\*\***

This year, we are looking for new ways to raise much needed funds for our school. We have found one other way in the Elmbridge Lottery, and it also stands you in for a cash money prize!!

The Elmbridge Lottery costs £1 per ticket, with 50% going to your chosen cause. There are draws every week and the top prize for matching 6 numbers is a whopping £25K!!

You can either buy one off tickets or set up a direct debit so you can sit back and wait for that £25k to come your way with no hassle and a little bit of luck.

You've got to be in it to win it!!

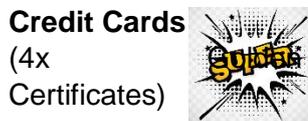
<https://www.elmbridgelottery.co.uk/support/friends-of-long-ditton-infant-and-nursery-school>

It could be you!!!

Thanks.

The Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS



### Other Achievements



Miguel for working well as part of a team

Evie for always working well with others

Nila for always following instructions

Millie for always showing co-operation in class

Iromi for independently writing a firework poem using her sight and sound adjectives.

Matina for super science work, solving riddles about Autumn and identifying signs of Autumn.

Grace for making a super firework safety poster.

Gabriele for writing a fantastic firework poem.

Alex B for super sitting in class this week.

Dexter for working hard in maths this week.

Leo W for fantastic handwriting and presentation.

Lauren for working really hard with the division word problems in maths.

Calla has shown great resilience in her swimming lessons and can now float on her back independently and jump in going under water.

Leo T was awarded player of the week at OC Rugby.

Theo S – 5  
Ellie – 5  
Darcie - 4

## DIARY DATES

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Chameleon Create Christmas shop closes – last date for ordering
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><li>• Last date for ordering school photos from Imago for free delivery to school</li></ul>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 2 Victorian Day – dress up as a Victorian child</li><li>• Remembrance Day</li></ul>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wear odd socks to school for Anti-Bullying Day

## EVENTS / ACTIVITES (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 prepare your child for a bereavement

**11TH NOV 2020 7.30 - 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
- \* Making memories
- \* Family advice and support

**Register in advance for this meeting:**

**<https://bit.ly/381scgx>**

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

[www.jigsawsoutheast.org.uk](http://www.jigsawsoutheast.org.uk) | 01342 313895

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#### 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](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.

Catherine Heavens  
East Elmbridge Foodbank Coordinator

**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, NO SESAME)**



**HAVE SQUASH IN WATER BOTTLE**



**WEAR NAIL POLISH**



**WEAR OUTRAGEOUS SOCKS / TIGHTS**

**Make sure the clothes you wear are suitable for PE**