



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

### NEWSLETTER

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

## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Wow wow wow! Today has been great fun for all of us. Who knew that juice, tattoos, make up, nail varnish, hair dye and chocolate could bring so many smiles and laughter. It was great to talk about the importance of rules and why they are there – and also how it feels to break them. We have had lots of discussions about which rules should never be broken and why. Thank you everyone!

### **Reception Break the Rules Day 27th November**

We will hold a special Break the Rules Day for Reception when they return.

### **Year 2 Victorian Day**

The Year 2 children were excellently behaved for their Victorian Day. I asked them what they had enjoyed the most about the day and almost all said 'the strict teachers' and the strictest teacher of them all was Mrs Clark!

### **Red Head Bump letters and White Injury Forms**

Following on from our Governor meeting this week we thought it would be useful to remind parents and carers about these two important letters and why we have them.

*White Injury Forms* – these are sent home if your child hurts themselves. Whilst the injury may not be serious, we send these home as a way to let you know that your child has come to an adult to tell them they have been hurt in some way. As we are not doctors, we have to take each one seriously and sometimes the child may not even remember what they did. Occasionally children like the attention from the first aider and will make up an injury. Unless we know that the injury is

fabricated we will make a note and treat the injury accordingly.

*Red Head Bump Forms* – these are given to any child who bumps their head. These letters are to let you know that they have bumped their head and an eye needs to be kept on them just in case.

For all more serious injuries you will receive a phone call from the school and may be asked into school to either check your child or take them home.

We know that sometimes children do end up going home with lots of injury letters and parents and carers can think 'what is going on!' We are over cautious because of the age of the children and usually what happens is they may get loads when they first start school and gradually as they mature and develop there are less. (Sometimes in September, new shoes can be a cause of lots of falls ☺)

### **ELT update**

During this challenging time, where movement between schools and welcoming visitors is of course limited, the ELT schools continue to work together remotely. Senior leaders have been working on key Covid response and essential documentation for our shared community such as risk assessments, school development and curriculum work and some operational pieces around our remote learning offers. Be assured that as soon as we can return to engaging families and children's shared experiences we will do this.

### **Head Lice**

I have the wonderful opportunity to remind everyone about head lice. It seems that they are not affected by the pandemic and they are not

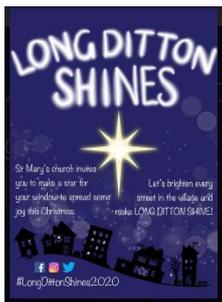
following any isolation or lock down rules! This Friday and over the weekend it would be helpful if you could check your child's hair and if there were any unwanted visitors evict them accordingly. Government advice is that head lice are a home issue, not a school issue, but the little critters do like the school environment to explore and expand. If you need any advice or help you can have a look at this website which has lots of tips and advice. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

### The Royal Mint Diversity Competition

Congratulations to Maxwell and Amaan who were chosen to be the winners of the special 50p's for their 50p designs demonstrating what diversity means to them. Well done to everyone who completed a design – your imagination is always incredible to see 😊

### Raffle Ticket Reading

Clement and Anna were the two reading raffle ticket winners this week 😊



**St Mary's Church invites everyone in the village to spread a little joy this Christmas by making stars to display in their windows during Advent.**

For many people, Christmas will look a little different this year. It will be hard for friends and families to meet up, and some of us may even find ourselves in isolation or quarantine during a season which usually brings people together. Which is why St Mary's wanted to try and spread a little joy throughout the village, and remind people they are not alone.

From Advent Sunday on 29th November, join with us to brighten every street by making a star to display in your window. It can be as big or small as you like, and you can use anything you have handy: paints, crayons, lights, glitter... the limit is your imagination!

We've chosen the symbol of a star because for us as Christians it reminds us of the star that the wise men followed to find the baby Jesus, who came to bring joy

to the world. But it's also a symbol that holds meaning for people of other faiths and none. Stars can represent hopes, dreams, wishes... all things we all need more than ever this year. We hope looking at these stars will bring light and hope to all at the end of a dark year.

Please like and follow our Facebook

Page: <https://www.facebook.com/LongDittonShines>

#LongDittonShines2020



**Anti Bullying Day  
Wednesday  
18<sup>th</sup> November**

Next Wednesday we will be taking part in the Anti Bullying day. This

year the children are invited to wear odd socks to school to remind us all that it is ok to be different and we should respect these differences. In school the children will be taking part in lessons that help them to understand what bullying is and what to do if they feel they are being bullied. The teaching and learning about bullying includes short videos, assemblies and role play to explore and understand the theme of being united against bullying. There is a great song to watch here; <https://youtu.be/c6hR6rTHFSk>

### Message from Blue Peter

We would like to inform you that we have launched [Blue Peter on YouTube](#) at CBBC and we were wondering if your pupils and parents would be interested in this.

Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog. If you think your pupils would be interested in this, please do send this out to your parents and ask them to subscribe to

<https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.30pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

Thanks so much for your time,  
The Blue Peter Team!

### Thought for the week:



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 reading and sharing the story of The Three Bears and Goldilocks. We also learnt a song retelling the tale: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-when-goldilocks-went-to-the-house-of-the-bears/zbkrf4j>

It has been lovely to see the children embrace the system of a book vote to choose our story time book each day, promoting the British value democracy and fairness.

In our maths work we have been playing number and counting games. We have encouraged the children to use a careful counting finger and check their counting.

We have enjoyed playing our own versions of 'Simon Says' a useful game to help develop good listening skills. Remember to visit Tapestry our online learning tool. There are some ideas for listening and sound skill games.

We visited the hall for our PE work and the children impressed us with their good listening skills but were also able to remove shoes and socks independently! Keep practising this skill at home.

We have talked about the Hindu festival Diwali and in our craft area made Diwali Diya pots to celebrate.

We also talked about Remembrance Day and made poppies in our craft area.

For break the rules day we watched Julia Donaldson's Zog animation and instead of fruit at snack time we had some popcorn. We also talked about how important rules are to keep us all safe!

We would also like to welcome two new members of our nursery Anish and Gabriela, the children have been very good at helping them to feel welcome and show them the routines at nursery.

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## Reception (Year R)

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What an unexpected week we have had in Reception! We have been so impressed by the way you have all risen to the challenge of home learning and it has been brilliant to see all your fantastic learning posted on Tapestry. It was helpful to be able to check in with you all about how you are finding the home learning so far and to hear about what you have all been doing while at home this week. The children have displayed great resilience in continuing to learn new things and share these with us each day.

An outline of next week's planning will be posted on Tapestry today and where possible we will try to post videos the night before to enable you to prepare any resources you may need. We will continue with phonics, learning five new sounds, and will be focusing on one more/less in our maths learning. We will include some activities for World Nursery Rhyme week, as well as stories read by each of the reception team, a physical challenge and some arts and crafts ideas.

Please remember that the children do not sit and concentrate for long periods when they are in school, so little and often with the learning is key. We understand that a lot of you are trying to balance your own workload with home learning so please just do what you can and do not feel you have to post lots of learning on Tapestry each day. Following lots of questions relating to this, just to clarify when uploading learning as an observation, it is only the staff who will be able to see what you post. As always if you have any questions please email us on the class emails, these can be found below. We will try to get back to you as soon as possible.

Corgi - [corgi@longditton.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:corgi@longditton.surrey.sch.uk)

Beagle - [beagle@longditton.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:beagle@longditton.surrey.sch.uk)

We look forward to seeing more of your home learning next week and to catching up with more of you on the phone too.

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## Year 1

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This week, Year 1 have started to use 'Talk for Writing', a technique whereby the children study a text and learn the story in depth so that they can recall and orally re-tell the story. The children have spent the week creating story maps, adding actions to the story, sequencing it and considering the characters and setting. Next week they will use this understanding to help them to write their own 'wishing' stories next week modelled on the story of 'Little Bear's Special Wish'. The children will write their story over the course of two weeks and will be thinking about the characters, setting, what their wish will be, the problem of getting the wish, and how the wish will come true.

In maths, we continued to familiarise ourselves with the part-whole model and used it to find the whole group, part of a group and to split a whole group into two parts. Next week, the children will be learning to partition numbers into tens and ones using dienes and the part-whole model. In science, we continue our exploration of the season

of Autumn by thinking about animals that are preparing to hibernate for the winter and how other animals adapt to the changing seasons. In Jigsaw, following our discussions about how we are similar to others, this week we talked about how we are different and how we can celebrate those differences.

We have had a lovely day of 'breaking rules', enjoying unhealthy snacks and juice in our water bottles; we even managed to get some work done by breaking the rule of 'not doing the work on the board!'. We have also realised that some rules are there to keep us and others safe and we still have to follow them even if we don't really want to.

### Home Learning ideas

- Have a go at re-telling the story of 'Little Bear's Special Wish' to your family
- Have a go at thinking what your 'Wish Story' maybe and talk about it with your family
- Go on a walk, look carefully to see if you can spot any signs that animals are preparing for winter e.g. burying acorns

### Vocabulary

Maths: split, whole, part, total, 10s, ones

Literacy: characters, setting, problem, resolution,

Topic: left, right, forwards, backwards, hibernate, migrate

**Show and Tell:** Elephants

### Reminders

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November is Anti-Bullying Day, please wear odd socks

#### *Please remember*

- FRED homework is due on a Tuesday and spelling tests are on a Monday
- 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.

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## Year 2

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We have had a super week in Year 2 and we were so impressed with the children's costumes on Wednesday for our Victorian school day. All the children did so well getting into role. We recited our times tables, practised our handwriting using chalks and had an artistic afternoon making observational drawings of natural objects. We also used water colours to create our own version of illustrations by the author, Beatrix Potter.

This week, children also made their landing pad for their egg. On Friday, as a year group we took part in the egg experiment. Each group dropped their egg from a height and then checked whether it had cracked or if their landing pad had worked. Many groups successfully stopped their egg from cracking, well done! We have also been learning about Victorian toys this week.

Next week, we will continue our topic on The Victorians and learn about Victorian inventions. We will also be learning about road safety as part of BeepBeep Day on the 18<sup>th</sup> November. In maths, we will start a new topic on shape and revising the properties of 2D shapes. In literacy, we will read the book The Tunnel by Anthony Browne.

**Key vocabulary:** 2D, properties, sides, corners, Victorian, modern, past, author, fiction, character, story

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## School Office

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### Re-scheduled flu immunisation for Reception and children who missed session this week

This has been re-booked for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. If you missed the deadline for giving e-consent online for the session on Monday this week, the portal has been re-opened and you will be able to give e-consent for your child to have the nasal immunisation on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December instead of attending a catch up clinic appointment. **You can complete the e-consent form for your child's flu vaccination at:**

[www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk](http://www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk)

**(our school's unique code/URN number is SR124966 and you will need to enter this on the flu consent form).**

The portal will close on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### Apply for Primary School Place – Reception and Year 3

Applications opened on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

You can apply for a Reception or Year 3 (Junior) school place online at:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>

Or if you live in the Kingston borough at:

[https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200342/apply\\_for\\_a\\_school\\_place/209/apply\\_for\\_an\\_infant\\_junior\\_or\\_primary\\_school\\_place\\_september\\_intake](https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200342/apply_for_a_school_place/209/apply_for_an_infant_junior_or_primary_school_place_september_intake)

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## Friends

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Well, we are on the full Xmas run up now! Only a month until the Winter Wonderland Walk!

Lots to share this week.

### **\*\*Boards\*\***

The fabulous Sponsors Humphrey&Brand are donating to the school for everyone who has an advertising board up for our Rainbow Raffle, however we do know that not everyone can put boards up, so if you would like to make a donation instead please do, via the virgiving page with Gift aid if possible. <http://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/LDIBreakTheRulesDay>

### **\*\*Tea Towels\*\* order end is TODAY!!!**

Back by popular demand. The children and teachers of Long Ditton Infants have drawn a self portrait to go on our tea towel. These make great gifts for the family, you know grandma and the aunties would like one.

If you would like to purchase any please fill in the link below:

<https://forms.gle/XJQx8ez9hJcwB7CBA>

**\*\*Long Ditton Virtual Christmas Market\*\***

Calling all traders! If you would like to trade on our virtual Christmas Market. Please fill in the link below.

<https://forms.gle/zr5naUEVdqpzHhF97>

Stalls cost £5 which will go to our two Schools LDIS and LDSM.

**\*\*WINTER WONDERLAND WALK\*\***

14th December-3rd January

Spread joy not germs this Christmas! The Friends of LDIS and LDSM are organising a Winter Wonderland Walk. Families will be able to enjoy some festive glow as they walk the Winter Wonderland route in and around Long Ditton from 14th December until 3rd January. We would love you to get involved by decorating your house. Go full on Christmas bling or keep it sweet and simple!

If you would like your home to be part of the walk, please email us **by Saturday 14th November** to express your interest: [longdittonfriends@outlook.com](mailto:longdittonfriends@outlook.com).

**\*\*NAME THE DOG competition\*\***

One of our lovely parents has donated a rather large soft toy dog. We are going to be running a. The funds raised from this will go directly to our sister school in Malawi.

The Malawi project need money for face masks for Mmbangombe School because their school children can't go to school unless they have a face mask. Most can't afford to buy a face mask and so haven't been to school for 7 months! Let's help get those children back to school and ensure they have the best education.

**Clothes collection/ recycling day**

This has been arranged for 2nd February. Anyone having a lockdown clear out, please keep these for us! We'll send out more details to be in the new year, but we can raise money for the school from your clear out!

We are just a few donations short of the minimum amount for 'recycling' any foreign coins. If you have any old coins, any currency coins



and old pound coins can be dropped off into the red post box at any time.

**\*\*Christmas tree fundraiser \*\***

Just in from Squires:

Trees will be available from the **23rd November** while stocks last.

Please see the attached vouchers from Squires.

**\*\*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>

**Keepmemories**

Another of our lovely parents has offered to donate 10% of all sales of these lovely personalised pictures as well as offering a discounted price for us! Personalised 3d Box frames handmade to order. Cost £20 and will delivery to parents at the school. 10% proceeds will be donated to the school. We are a small company with great potential making personalised and unique frames. Each order is hand made with love, passion and to high standards for any occasion. Excellent gift ideas and creating lasting memories.

If your interested contact Angelika directly

[https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/Keepmemoriesuk?ref=search\\_shop\\_redirect](https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/Keepmemoriesuk?ref=search_shop_redirect)

[keepmemories.ak@gmail.com](mailto:keepmemories.ak@gmail.com)

Angelika Koutouvidis 07543897068

Have a fab weekend  
The Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS



### Golden Certificates



### Credit Cards

(4x  
Certificates)



### Other Achievements



Mrs Bailey & Mrs Fieldgate for working well as a team.

Mrs Thorncroft, Mrs Bredenoord & Mrs Morgan for always lending a hand being supportive.

Thomas E for always co-operating well with his classmates and following the class rules.

Rory for working as a team and always listening to others

Riley for working so hard on his writing this week.

Sophie D for being a thoughtful caring friend.

Salih for a super re-telling of Little Bea's Special Wish.

Edward B for being able to recount the whole of Little Bear's Special Wish

Joshika for super football skills and sportsmanship.

Patrick for great maths work.

Leo T for being a very sensible team leader in PE.

Millie for asking if Nikki needed help in the lunch hall.

Isabella for always being polite to the lunchtime ladies.

Leo P for trying different foods at lunchtime.

Spaniel class for working really hard during Victorian Day.

Idris for writing a fantastic recount of Victorian day.

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## DIARY DATES

### November 2020

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wear odd socks to school for Anti-Bullying Day
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Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Break the Rules day for Reception only
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### December 2020

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Decoration afternoon
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Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas Jumper Day</li><li>• Re-scheduled flu immunisation for Reception</li></ul>
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Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Wonderland Walk opens
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## EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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



### 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