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INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

29th January 2021

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy week it has been! The snow was awesome on Sunday and I know that many of you got outside to enjoy building snowmen (or people) had snowball fights and even managed a little bit of sledging! Wasn't it marvellous to have something so beautiful to enjoy?

Home School Link Worker

Michelle Talboys, our Home School Link Worker, will be available each week to help you with any challenges or concerns you might have in a private weekly zoom clinic. Please contact her on hslw@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk or call on 07703 322066 to book an appointment.

Home Learning

I have been reviewing some of the remote learning this week and I was completely awestruck by the fact that since the lockdown began in January there have been over 4125 notifications on Tapestry so far. This shows how much you are doing at home. Over 4000 uploads including videos, photos, completed activity sheets, comments and pictures all demonstrating what you are achieving from home. I know that it is tough but please recognise that it is INCREDIBLE to think that each one of those notifications is a demonstration of learning for a child. You might be at home thinking 'they could do better' or even 'I could do better' but when you look at what has been accomplished by your hard work and dedication it is 4125 lots of excellence.

Hopefully we will all be back in school from 8th March and we will be *so happy* to see everyone.

Internet Access and Chrome Books

As a school we have some Sim Data Cards which we can make available to you if you need them. We also have a number of Chrome Books we can lend out to children working from home if they do not have access to a device. Please let us know if we can help you with either. ☺



Feel Good February

We have decided that we would like to add a little bit of fun in February and are thinking of and looking for suggestions for fun things we can do in school and at home to help us feel a little lighter of spirit. Next week on Tapestry you can join in a Morning March from home – to get your brain into gear.



I would also like to invite you to a Friday Four O'clock Bop with me to a song chosen by you! (I am trying to get Mrs Eaton to join me too!) The idea is that at 4 O'Clock we all put on the same song (or you can watch us on Tapestry) and JUST DANCE. (There are loads of research documents about the power of dancing to feel good!) To make it even more fun you can vote on which song you would like to dance to:

- Choice A – Shut Up and Dance
- Choice B – Can't stop the feeling

Follow the link below to make your choice by Thursday 4th February and on Friday 5th February at 4pm we can all dance together to the song voted for the most. You can also let me know what other

songs you might like to dance to ready for the vote the following week.

See *ParentMail* copy for link.

If you have any other suggestions about ways to put a little bit of fun into February – let me know ☺

Health and Well Being for Parents and Carers



As we adjust to the latest national COVID-19

lockdown, it is important that you know how to access the right advice, guidance and support for your family. This leaflet highlights a range of resources to help maintain your child's wellbeing and to address any emotional needs, as well as guidance to help you spot early signs.

support for your family. Please see below guidance and advice from Surrey County Council that highlights a range of resources to help maintain your child's wellbeing and to address any emotional needs, as well as guidance to help you spot early signs.

https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/251565/Health-and-Wellbeing-Guide-for-Parents-Jan-2021-FINAL.pdf

And this one below:

https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0018/251604/74182473e18cc5b6da23da7cbeed8a10b123f8db.pdf



Oxford Owl

Oxford Owl is an online resource parents and carers can access for reading books while at home.

You can find the link here <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/> and you will find lots of books for you and your child to read at home. They also have lots of ideas for supporting reading.

Closed at Half Term

The DfE announced this week that schools would be closed over half term for all pupils. ☺

Safety on the Internet Reminder

As we are using more online and computer/screen time at the moment please see below a reminder of useful sites we regularly share with parents and carers to help keep you and your child safe while using the internet at home. They can help you to know how to keep your child safe, how to answer

questions and help to ensure you manage time on screen effectively.



Think You Know is an age appropriate resource for 4 – 7 year olds. Some useful tips from Parents.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/>



The NSPCC comes very much from a safety angle. Some facts and figures can be found here which can help parents both now and in the future

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



In partnership with

Internet matters is good for how to set parental controls.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>

And an easy to read guide to help can be found at:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Internet-Matters-Guide-Online-safety-for-parents-of-children-6-10-years-old.pdf>

Reception and Nursery Parents and Carers

I was talking to a parent this week and it made me reflect on the fact that your experiences of school life have been nothing at all like our usual school offer. There have been no getting to know you meetings, no parents evening, sponsored bounce, Christmas Fair, workshops, coming into the classroom to see what's going on, assemblies, Christmas productions, helping in school or even chats at drop off and pick ups. Please know that what we are going through is not usual for anyone, school or parents or children. Hopefully we will soon be on the road back to normality. While we are on that road, if you are concerned or worried or in need of support, please get in touch.

ELT AGM

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the ELT Annual General Meeting. It was really great to see you there! Once the minutes from the meeting have been produced, I will put them onto our website.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Daniel G, Lucas B, Conor and Gabriel for each choosing a birthday book to give to their class.

Thought for the week:

“Life doesn’t get easier or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient” Steve Maraboli

Enjoy your weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

We had a very exciting start to the week looking at the snow!

The children really enjoyed exploring and observing the snow and ice watching it change and melt as the week went by. We even added powder paint to the snow to explore painting with it! We talked about the weather and how it has changed over the week from being very cold to being a little bit warmer and sunnier.

In maths the children have been practising their counting skills. Counting objects, movement and sounds that they hear. We talked about counting slowly and making sure that we point to each object as we count it.

The children have spent time learning about penguins, researching using information books and searching on google with the adults, even moving like penguins in our PE session!

In the craft area they made paper penguins and also clay penguins which they are going to paint next week. They also made snowy pictures using white chalks on black and blue paper. We also had lots of fun decorating and playing with some very large cardboard boxes. The children have also enjoyed lots of singing and dancing to keep us fit and healthy!

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Reception (Year R)

We have made it to the end of another week of home learning and we just wanted to say how proud we are of all the children, they are working so hard at home and it is lovely to be able to see them making progress through the learning you have been posting for us on Tapestry. We also wanted to let you all know how much we appreciate all that you are doing with the children at home, we know that this is not an easy time for anyone!

Next week we will continue to work through the set 2 sounds learning about the short ‘oo’ and ‘ar’ sounds. We will be moving on in our maths learning to begin thinking about time, our routines and the order we might do different things during the day. Our story of the week will be ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’ and we will provide different activities relating to this. We will also be thinking about the seasons and what we know about winter.

For the children at home, Beagle class will have their zoom show and tell session late next week. The Corgi class show and tell session will be early the following week. Please look out for further information about this, which will be sent out via the class email. Do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about this or any of the home learning.

Reminders:

Please remember to sign the ICT Parent and EYFS Pupil Acceptable Use Policy and Parent and Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement and send these back, as soon as possible, via the class email if you would like your child to take part in the zoom show and tell sessions.

Beagle – beagle@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Corgi- corgi@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Year 1

Well done Year 1, we have been so proud of what you have achieved this week in your learning. You have written fantastic tiger information texts and taught us lots of things we didn't know about tigers. We hope you learnt something new too! In maths, you have demonstrated your sequencing skills and understanding of time language. We were also impressed with how innovative you were when coming up with some ideas for our invention questions.

Next week, we are going to moving on to look at repeated pattern stories in our fiction writing. We are going to be working on our descriptive writing and writing some comparative sentences too. In maths we are going to be moving on to telling the time.

We hope you have a restful weekend, you deserve it.

The Year 1 team

Class emails:

dalmatian@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

husky@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Reminders

After half-term, in maths we are going to be learning about money. Please could you collect a selection of coins as it is much easier for the children to identify real coins than printouts. Many thanks.

Year 2

We hope you have all had a super week. Thank you for everything you have uploaded to Tapestry, it has been lovely to see the fantastic work and videos coming in. A big thank you to everyone who took part in Year 2 show and tell over Zoom. All the children were very sensible and listened really well to each other. It was great to see everyone and hear about what you have been doing at home. We really enjoyed looking at the Lego models, meeting

family pets, hearing interesting facts and watching dance routines. Next week, we will be planning what we are going to do next for Zoom. We will be sending details once arrangements have been finalised.

Next week, in maths we will be learning about measurement. We will be learning about weight and capacity. For Monday's lesson, you will need a set of scales. As part of our literacy learning we are looking at a story set in Kenya, called "Mama Panya's Pancakes." In topic, we will be focusing on the continent Africa. As part of the week's learning, we will learn about safaris. In PSHE, we will continue designing our garden of hope and dreams. This week, we will think of a goal we would like to put in our garden.

If you have questions, or need any help, please email your child's class email.

labrador@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

spaniel@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 2 team

Friends

Starting with a shout out to our lovely generous sponsors, **Humphrey & Brand**. If you're thinking of selling, buying or renting, please let these lovely people help you! A friendly professional service to help you on your way!

Get into the 'spirit' of Valentines and secure your ticket!



GIN LOVERS

If you are a gin lover or want to give it a try while raising much needed funds for both our schools, this next fundraiser is for you. Our latest collaboration between Long Ditton St Mary's Junior School / Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School and No 97!

Click on the below link for full details:

<https://thegoodlifemerch.co.uk/shop/collabs/longditton-stmarys/>

Join us on the 11th February, 8pm via Zoom.
All welcome, so please share it with family and friends. The more the merrier! And the more we share, the more we raise (our glasses) for our schools!

Yarn Bombing

We need your scarves, pom poms, finger knitting, squares and Easter spring decorations. Please contact the Friends on longdittonfriends@outlook.com if you would like to be involved. This was great fun last year.

Remember to keep playing the **Elmbridge Lottery!** You could win a bundle!! And Congratulations to this week's winners!



CHANCE TO BE THE NEW NIGELLA!

Please help our schools create our:
LOCKDOWN LOVE COOKBOOK
We knead the dough!!

See the poster for all the details

A GRAND PRIZE DRAW for ALL ENTRANTS
FOOD HAMPER awaits the LUCKY DIP WINNER
Send your family favourites
to: longdittonfriends@outlook.com

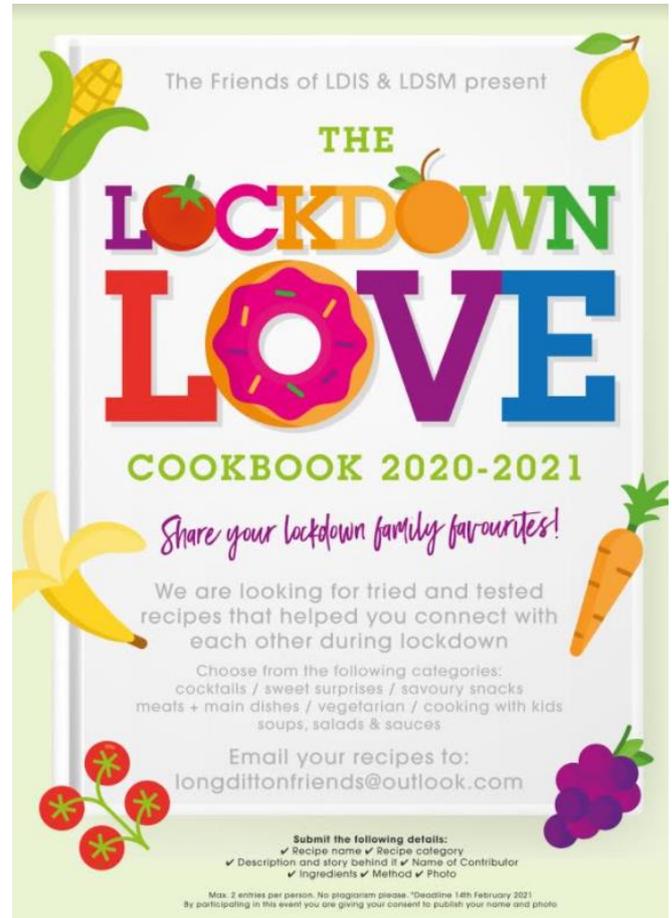
BAKE! BAKE! BAKE!

Please make the recipe your own so we can avoid plagiarism regulations.



Remember **Amazon Smile!** If you make your order via Smile.amazon then you can set up the school as your charity. We can then receive the donations every time you shop and no extra cost to you! Check out the flyer for details!

Have a great weekend
Friends



ACHIEVEMENTS



Value Stars Resilience

India for being resilient in all areas of your learning – keep up the great work!
Sophie W for adapting well to the home learning and consistently putting in so much effort.
Grace for being super resilient in all of your learning. You keep trying even when things are tricky!
Fevos for keeping on trying with your handwriting. What an improvement!
Fynn for showing resilience with his reading and finishing his reading book.
All of Labrador class for being resilient in home learning.

Golden Certificates



Georgia for using brilliant similes in literacy.
Erik for working so hard on all areas of your learning at home. We are so impressed with the progress you are making.
Sara for being a kind friend and helping others with their learning.
Arthur for his fantastic maths work.
William for working so hard with his home learning.
Henry for finding the 'first snail' - from Mrs Paines
Dalal for doing a super piece of writing about tigers.
Sophie D for doing a super a super piece of writing about tigers.
Edward B for amazing ideas for solving our invention problem.
Matina for a super tiger information text.
Leo W for working really hard with all his home learning.
Theo R for fantastic literacy and maths work.
Alex B for amazing effort during home learning.
Daniel G for hard work in maths this week when learning about fractions.
Sofia for always trying her best with her learning.
Jack for his excellent clay penguin model.
Tyger for good climbing and balancing in PE this week.

Credit Cards (4x Certificates)



Joseph H
Olly



Evie – 6
Hanna – 6
Eve – 6
Clement – 6
Eva M – 6
Milo – 5
Gabriel – 7
Daniel G - 7

Other Achievements

CELEBRATION DAYS / EVENTS

January 2021

29 th -31 st	RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch
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February 2021

Friday 5 th	Friday Four O'Clock Bop
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Friday 12 th	Finish for half term break
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15 th -19 th	Half term break
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Monday 22 nd	School returns
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March 2021

Thursday 4 th	World Book Day
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Dear Parents and Carers

Home School Link Worker – confidential zoom sessions

As you may be aware, we offer a Home School Link Worker service to families who may, from time to time, need additional support with difficulties they are experiencing. The HSLW also provides a vital link between home and school, which has proven to be invaluable during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our Home School Link Worker, Michelle Talboys, can support with a whole range of issues including:

- Support for families who are experiencing difficult times (e.g. illness, separation, bereavement, mental health during the Covid pandemic)
- Support families with advice and emotional support during a Camhs diagnosis or obtaining an ECHP for their child
- Parents/carers experiencing difficulties with their child's behaviour
- Parents/carers whose children are reluctant to attend school, home schooling during lockdown or have been, or at risk of being excluded
- Support with food and essentials during a financial crisis

Michelle can also:

- Help with links between home and school
- Support parents/carers at school meetings
- Help parents/carers find their way through the education system
- Provide one to one therapy for children with mild to moderate mental health issues such as anxiety, low self-esteem, anger management and building emotional intelligence (when children are in school)
- Support families with a Camhs referrals if necessary
- Guide parents/carers towards other sources of help, advice and support
- Run specialist parenting courses including 1-2-3 Magic and other workshops

Michelle is now running confidential zoom sessions to support families during lockdown. If you would like to make an appointment with Michelle, please would you email her directly at hslw@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk or call on 07703 322066.

Mrs Paines

EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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



SURREY URGENTLY NEEDS MORE FOSTER CARERS

**Do you have a spare room?
Could you open your home
and heart to a child?**

Have you considered fostering? Meet a foster family in your local area and hear about their experiences.

Email foster carer **Cindy** at Cindyajmorris@gmail.com for more information and/or to request to join the online event.

Call **07851654544** if you have trouble joining the event!

Find out more about fostering: www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering

Tuesday
9th February 7:45pm

Friday
26th March 7:45pm

Thursday
8th April 3pm (half term)



Children and Family Health Surrey

NHS

0-19 Advice Line
01883 340 922

Call the advice line for child health, development and parenting advice and support.

Open 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday
excluding bank holidays.

www.childrenshealthissurrey.nhs.uk



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