



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

26th February 2021

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone and what a wonderful way to start this half term with news that we will all be back together on the 8th March! We are all looking forward to seeing all of the children back in school and are putting together plans for safety, wellbeing and teaching and learning. Once finalised and in line with the Government guidelines we will get them out to you in preparation for the 8th!

(Apologies that an old Covid Behaviour Policy addendum was sent out in error. The new one still needs to be amended with up-to-date guidance but we were so excited!)

Book Week is next week

Next week is Book Week. We have been planning lots of activities for the children throughout the week linked to reading and books.

As part of Book Week, there will be a bookmark competition. Each child will be given a bookmark template and asked to draw a design, pattern or illustration on it. The theme is *'love of reading'* and therefore they can draw anything linked to this. The bookmark template will be uploaded to Tapestry with instructions on Monday.

One design will then be chosen as the winner. The winner will receive a book as a prize. The winning design will be made into a bookmark. Each child will then be given this bookmark to take home to use when reading. Please can all bookmark designs be uploaded to Tapestry by Monday 8th of March. Please email your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

World Book Day

On Thursday it is World Book Day. Staff members will be dressing up as a character from a book. If your child would like to they can also dress up. You may wish to upload a photo or a video of your child dressed up to Tapestry, it would be great to see the fantastic outfits.

As part of World Book Day, each child will receive a World Book Day voucher. This will be either in paper form or sent as an e-voucher for children who are learning from home.

Mrs MacIver



Half Term Reading Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Reading Challenge. Your certificates and Head Teachers awards are on their way to you. There were so many who took part in this challenge – completely inspiring – I have checked and double checked I included everyone who sent in evidence. If you completed the challenge and missed you somehow let me know straight away and I will make sure you get your well-earned certificate 😊

Whole School CD Art Project

Mrs Dawes has uploaded onto Tapestry information about a whole school art project. The idea is to bring the whole school together through art. Save your completed CD weaving and bring them back to school on the 8th for us to put them together to make a beautiful artwork that will represent all of us coming together again after lockdown.

Parents Evening

This will take place virtually on Wednesday 24th March. We will be trialling a new video link systems and more details will follow once arranged.

Limited After School Clubs will begin from 8th March

Breakfast Club, After School Club and Football Club will resume from the 8th March. Please contact the individual clubs for more information and to book a space. At the moment only Years 1 and 2 will be able to take part in the football club but this will hopefully change very soon.

Pleiades for Breakfast Club and Football Club - <https://www.pleiadesleisure.com/courses/Wrap-Around-Clubs/Long-Ditton-Infant-School>

Clubland for after school club - <https://clubland-playscheme.com/sites/long-ditton-infant-nursery-school/>

Government Catch Up Plans

You will have seen and heard lots about the Government catch up plans for schools. There is a dedicated website specifically for parents and carers to view here:

https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/25/summer-activities-tutoring-and-extra-funding-for-schools-how-were-helping-students-catch-up/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdeliver
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As always with policies the devil is in the detail and before we can go jumping for joy at what the catch up funding will look like for us, I would like you to consider some facts of delivery.

There will be an extra funding pot *nationally* to provide 1 to 1 and small group work for Reception and Nursery children to *target* children with *specific language challenges, SEN, vulnerable pupils and Free School Meal pupils*. There is also money being given to *Secondary schools* for Summer schools for selected children. The average *primary* will receive £6000 which, if we receive the whole amount, will equate to around £30 per pupil for us.

I think the point is that we need to understand that there will be a finite amount of money for schools

and the majority of the money will be targeted towards schools and pupils who need it most. We are very lucky in that our pupils come from well-educated, loving, family homes. They are very well cared for, don't go hungry and do not live in a highly deprived or high risk area. Our parents and carers have ensured that children have engaged in learning, whether at home or in school, and have ensured that their children made progress.

The Government has said you need to contact the school to find out what your child's catch up plan will be and that we need to communicate with you 'all the measures' we are putting in place for your child. I would ask you to understand that for most of our pupils the 'catch up' plans will be included in the excellent teaching and learning provided by our dedicated teachers. A few children may qualify for the national 1 to 1 small group work and an even smaller number may receive specific targeted support. When the children are back and can we see where they are now, we will work with you and them to continue to move them forward in their learning. Once the financial package is finalised and we know how much we will actually receive, we will of course put that money to the best possible use to help the children who need it most and as directed.

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.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Sylvie and Alex W for each choosing a birthday book to give to their class.

KS1 Virtual Surrey School Games Dance Competition

Next week Active Surrey are hosting a Virtual School Games Dance Competition. This will be running from 1st March to 12th March. If your child would like to take part, they need to learn the street dance style choreography on Tapestry and then upload a video of them performing it to Tapestry by

12th March. There will be winners from year 1 and year 2 and these will be announced in celebration assembly on 19th March.

Good luck and enjoy! I am looking forward to seeing all of your super dance moves!

Miss Griffiths

And talking of Dance Moves...

Today is the final Friday 4pm Bop! I hope you put the music on and get dancing – on your own, with your family, at your desk. Just a few minutes of feeling good can change you both physiologically and emotionally. Thank you to the boppers!

Thought for the week

‘Any kind of dancing is better than no dancing at all.’ Lynda Barr (Aint that the truth!)

Have a super weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Welcome back - we hope that you had a good half term break.

We have had a busy week at Nursery.

We have enjoyed revisiting and retelling the story of the Gingerbread Man using props and puppets. Lots of children have had fun making their own lolly stick puppets!

The children have enjoyed practising their counting skills and practised using a careful counting finger. We have played the games: game of ladybirds and prickly hedgehogs to practise counting skills.

The children enthusiastically helped to set up a role play shop, they had the opportunity to discuss their different experiences of shopping and we talked about how to use our role play shop, taking turns to be the shopkeeper. This led to a discussion about barcodes on food packaging and paying for food, which led us to the exciting experience of coin rubbing and recognising the queen’s head on the coins!

Outside the children have been telling stories with the dinosaurs and the small town. In our PE session the children have enjoyed some calming yoga. The children have enjoyed exploring and discussing the concept of floating and sinking in the water tray.

In our craft area the children have spent time exploring and trying out their ideas using junk modelling materials. They also enjoyed learning some magic, through exploring wax resistance paintings.

We are collecting old CDs or DVDs for a weaving craft project, we would appreciate it if your child could bring at least one to decorate. Thank you.

Reception (Year R)

We have been so impressed this week by how quickly the children have settled back into working from either school or at home. You have all been working so hard and it has been lovely to see how much more confident you all are with reading, writing and maths.

Next week we will look at the last set 2 sound, ‘oy’ as in ‘boy’ and begin some recap on all of the set 2 sounds we have learned since Christmas. In our maths learning we will be looking at weight and thinking about the language of weight (light/heavy) and comparing and ordering objects by weight. We will be moving on to look at a new focus story, ‘Goldilocks and the Three Bears’ and will provide a range of different activities relating to this story.

Next Thursday, 4th March, it is World Book Day. If your child is in school, we would love for them to come in dressed as their favourite book character on this day. If your child is at home we would love to see them dressed up as their favourite book character, either in the form of a picture or a video of them talking about their chosen character posted on Tapestry. We cannot wait to see all of your costumes!

As always please do not hesitate to get in touch via the class emails if you have any questions or need help with anything. Only one more week of home learning to go! We are really looking forward to

being able to welcome all of your children back into the classroom on 8th March.

Key Vocabulary: light, lighter, lightest, heavy, heavier, heaviest, Goldilocks, bears, feelings, plot, sounding out, blending

Reminders:

- Please look out for Mrs Dawes' memo explaining our whole school collaborative art project, published earlier this week. We would love for each of you to complete a piece to bring into school on the 8th March so that we can put a whole school collage together when all of the children are back.
- **World Book Day** – Thursday 4th March

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Year 1

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a super half term. We have had a great first week back and have really enjoyed looking at your work on Tapestry. Thank you for continuing to work so hard at home and at school! We have loved reading your acrostic poems and seeing you work so hard to recognise coins and notes.

Next week is book week, so we have planned lots of exciting activities based around this. We will be creating our own non-fiction book, writing a book review and making puppets. In maths we will be continuing our unit on money.

Reminders

Monday: The children in school will need to bring in their favourite **non-fiction** book.

Thursday (World Book Day): The children in school will need to bring in their favourite **fiction** book. If you are coming to school, you can dress up as a book character. If you are learning from home, you are welcome to dress up and upload a picture to Tapestry so we can see your fantastic outfits.

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

The Year 1 team

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Year 2

We hope you all had a lovely, relaxing half term. We have had a super first week back and we continue to be so impressed with how hard all the children are working at school and at home. A big thank you for all the work uploaded to Tapestry this week. It has been fantastic to see your superhero characters, 2D shape activities and facts about America. We also really enjoyed seeing everyone over Zoom and taking part in the scavenger hunt.

Next week, it is Book Week and therefore we have organised lots of activities around reading and stories. In maths, we will continue to learn about shape and focus on 3D shapes. In literacy, we will be writing a letter to an author and thinking of an alternative ending to a traditional tale. In topic, we will continue our adventures around the world and visit South America.

Reminder:

On Thursday it is World Book Day. All the teachers will be dressing up as their favourite book character. If you are coming to school, you can dress up as a book character. If you are learning from home, you may wish to choose to dress up too. Please upload a photo or video dressed up so we can see your super outfits.

Please contact us if you need any help or advice with the home learning, please do not feel any pressure to complete everything. We understand that it is a difficult time at the moment for everyone, please pick and choose what appeals to your child and interests them.

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Have a lovely weekend.

School Office

We are really looking forward to seeing all the children back in school on 8th March.

Have a lovely weekend, and we hope you will be able to enjoy the sunshine.

Friends

Wishing everyone a lovely last week of home learning, and all our best regards to the teachers and staff!

Lockdown Love Recipe Book



Amazing new! We have sold 116 copies of the Lockdown Love Cookbook. Thank you to those who have already submitted orders. There is still time to order your slice of community lockdown local history by completing the order form in the attached link. But don't delay!!

The price is £20 for one or £17.50 each if you buy 2 or more.

There are a limited number of copies being printed, so get your order in today with the link below!

<https://forms.gle/AbUHv3ogXCRbec6s7>

Check out the photos on our Facebook page and the attached flyer.

The book contains 111 recipes from school community families and local businesses: Halloumi Bite, No 97, The Game Larder & a Michelin star chef!

Businesses featured in the cookbook:

- *Greta's Cake Boutique
- *Halloumi bite
- *Bonta Kitchen
- *Caley Brothers
- *The George Evelyn pub
- *Jo Brimmell health and well-being
- *The Game Larder

- *Charan's Indian Kitchen
- *The Rose Theatre cafe
- *The Cream Tea Society
- *No. 97
- *Nora Jane fitness
- *Thames Ditton Gin
- *Chadwick's
- *A recipe handed down from 1884.

Thank you to everyone who contributed with support and recipes and thanks to the team that made it happen and put it all together, especially our fab designers!!

Mother's Day Cream tea treat



Book your cream tea via the link below.

<https://forms.gle/DM4w3nQD1YBV7kC59>

£5 for a cream tea with 2 scones, Rodda's clotted cream and Tiptree jam. £15 if you add a bottle of Prosecco.

Delivery or collection on the 12th or 13th March just in time for Mother's day.

Limited Availability so order before the 5th March and while stocks last.

Pre-loved school uniform

Our kids seem to be forever growing, there is immediate need for new school uniform.

Fear not! The Friends preloved uniform shop is open and taking requests.

Email Samira our uniform coordinator on Ldiuniforms@outlook.com with your requests.

Elmbridge lottery – keep playing you never know when your numbers will come up!!

SAVE THE DATE 3RD JULY - SUMMER FAIR
- Woo Hoo!!

Thanks, The Friends

The Friends of LDIS & LDSM present

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COOKBOOK 2020-2021

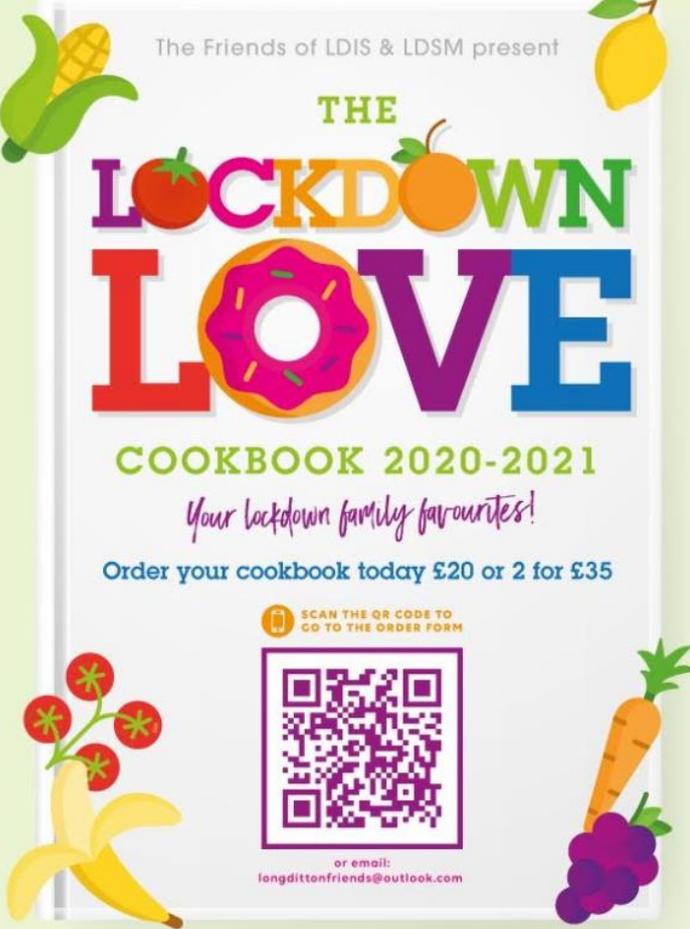
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ACHIEVEMENTS



Golden Certificates



Reading Challenge



Other Achievements

Ella for your love of learning and for always trying your best in all that you do!
Eva M for showing a love of learning whilst being at home. Spaniel
Gabriel for being a super friend and listening to everyone speak on our Spaniel
Zoom call.
Ellie for putting a lot of love and effort into her learning.
Harry A for always being a good friend and showing support and kindness.
Tate for being a great friend and showing love and kindness to her friends.

Theo S for trying really hard to improve your writing this week, you have made so
much progress with this, well done!
Neva for trying so hard in all areas of your learning while you have been at home.
Daniel B for his fantastic knowledge of space.
Alfie for settling back in so well and working so hard in his learning.
Dylan for writing a super acrostic poem.
Clement for settling back into Dalmatian class so well.
Bo for creating a fantastic acrostic poem about herself.
Thomas G for working hard and making great progress with his reading.
Riley for excellent reading and being so independent.
Ava for creating a fantastic superhero character.
Harry D for creating a fantastic supervillain in literacy.
Patrick for working very hard at home.
Isabella for great effort in her home learning.
Alex C for a great start a Long Ditton.
Tate for hula hooping continuously for 35 minutes and only stopping as it was time
to tidy up!
Robbie for a great retelling of the Gingerbread Man story using his own made
puppets.
Amelia for great counting.

Theo M, Brenin, Fynn H, Dylan, Iromi, Matina, Amaan, Jose, Ava G, Ellie S, Hugo, Finlay G,
Hanna G, Leo W, Georgia S, Alex W, Theo R, Misa, Indie, Harry A, Sophia J, Erik L,
Zachary E, Ruan, Joshua L, Fevos, Daniel G, George C, Jacob D, Maxwell, Lucas B, Conor
B, Edward M, Olivia S, Leo P, Eva M, Hannah P, Dylan R, Clara, Freya C, Hari, Emily, Sofia
P, Oliver B, Sylvie, Lauren, Milena, Keyan, Jack G, Alice, Joshika, Joshua S, Riley, Esmee,
Leo H, Leo T, Thomas E, Luca

Alex W – 5	Freddie T – 6
Martha – 7	Jack – 4
Isabella – 7	Gabriela – 4
Sylvie – 7	Thomas E - 7

Alex W completed an 18km cycle ride during the half term holiday.

Clement has been showing great resilience and patience when independently
building his lego models and is learning to stay calm when things get a bit tricky.

CELEBRATION DAYS / EVENTS

March 2021

Monday 1 st	Book Week
Thursday 4 th	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character
Monday 8 th	All children return to school 😊
Monday 15 th	Living Eggs arrive
Wednesday 24 th	Parents' Evening virtual appointments (<i>more information to follow soon</i>)
Friday 26 th	Chicks depart
Wednesday 31 st	Nursery last day – finish for Easter holidays

April 2021

Thursday 1 st	School finishes for Easter Holidays (<i>this is not an April fool!!</i>)
2 nd -16 th	School closed for Easter Holidays
Monday 19 th	Start of Summer term for school and nursery – all children back

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor to join our school governing body.

No special qualifications are needed.

The most important thing is to have a *keen interest in our school and to be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work.*

We would particularly welcome nominations from parents with the following skills:
Human Resources, Finance.

If you would be interested in joining our governing body and would like to find out more about this role, please contact the Chair of Governors by sending an email to the Clerk to the Governors at clerktoqovs@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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



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You need **two** doses of **MMR** vaccine to protect you, see your **GP practice** to make an appointment.

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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.

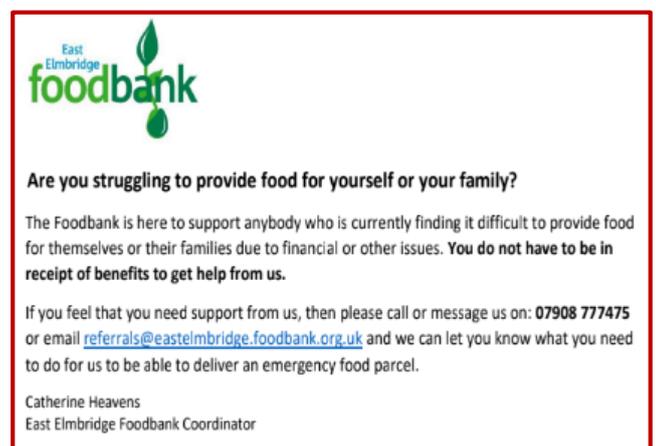
Open 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday
excluding bank holidays.

www.childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk

Unicorn Theatre is offering free online theatre productions. To find out what they have on, please click on the link below.

UNICORN WHAT'S ON

<https://www.unicorntheatre.com/whatson>



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