



NEWSLETTER

3rd September 2021

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! It is clear that you have all had very relaxing, exciting and interesting holidays. It feels a lot more 'normal' as we start this academic year – and it has been great to see the children have the opportunity to interact with each other across classes and year groups again. At our INSET days this week we planned our intentions for this year and if all goes well we should have a brilliant year filled with lots of exciting, new and inspirational learning opportunities ☺

Dropping Off at the Gate from Monday for Year 1 and Year 2

From Monday all Year 1 and 2 children will be dropped off at the main gate. Try to arrive on time for your year group as this will enable you to have some social distancing.

Year 2: 8.45am
Year 1: 8.50am

The main gate will be closed at 8.55am and children who arrive after this will be classed as late arrivals.

Reception and Nursery will be starting next Thursday. It will be slightly staggered to begin with for them and their parents and carers will be allowed up to the classrooms next week as Year 1 and 2 parents were allowed this week.

New Website Video Volunteers

We are currently working with Primary Site to create a new website. Part of this will include a series of short videos of children in school working, playing, learning for the landing home page. We really need some volunteers! If you think your child

would like to be involved and you give permission for them to be videoed and the video put on our new website, please let the office know by email as soon as possible. They will make our school site come alive with all they do!

Volunteering to help in School

Following the success of the excellent volunteers from last term we would like to ask for more volunteers to help this year. There will be some provisos though that are important to know. Please see below:

1. If you would like to volunteer, you must be able to volunteer in school at least once a fortnight. This is to ensure we make the sessions with volunteers purposeful and is in line with our safeguarding policy.
2. All volunteers need to be DBS checked and will need to undertake our school Safeguarding training.
3. Except for Nursery, the volunteers will be working with children across the school, not with their own children/classes. This is to enable us to identify need and provision successfully. The only exception will be for school trips (which we will hopefully be able to run this year) and then volunteers can accompany their child's class, but may well be needed for another class too.

We would love volunteers to help with reading, writing, maths, social skills, library and trips. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please let either me or the school office know so that we can begin the DBS checks. We are very hopeful that the volunteers can begin after half term and we will really appreciate the offers of help!

Ballet Classes Before School for Years 1 and 2

Now we are able to have clubs back in school I am very excited to inform you that Georgina Stapleton is going to be running a Ballet Class before school on Monday mornings. Georgina is a Royal Ballet school teacher and is very excited to be able to offer these classes. More information can be found in her flyer, at the end of the newsletter and details of how to sign up for the classes. Miss Georgina is going to be providing a free ballet workshop on Monday for all the Year 1 and 2 children. Once Reception have settled in, we are hopeful that a Reception Class will also be held for those interested.

Summer Fair

The summer fair will now be on the 18th September. I know the Friends are planning lots of wonderful things to be included in this and we very much hope to see you all there. It will be wonderful to see everyone in school once again.

Special Golden Certificate and Head Teacher Badges

Last term one of the things the children said they wanted to change was to have something extra if they achieved 2 credit cards. Remember a credit card can be achieved in exchange for 4 Golden Certificates. This year if a child receives 2 Credit Cards (8 Golden Certificates) during their time at our school, they will also now receive a special badge to mark their success. Keep hold of the Golden Certificates your child receives and your child can exchange them when appropriate.

Thought for the Week

'I've always loved the first day of school more than the last day of school. Firsts rate best because they are beginnings.'

Have an amazing weekend!
Mrs Paines

The Friends

Welcome Back!

A huge welcome back to everyone in Years 1 and 2 who started their new school year this week. It was lovely to see so many happy faces and to watch them light up as they were reunited with their friends and teachers.

An extra special 'hello' as well to any new families who have joined this September – welcome to the Long Ditton Infants family!

Dates for the Diary

Pens at the ready, or should that be thumbs now everything is on our phones?!, either way, here are some important dates to make sure you've got written down...

7th September - 8pm George Evelyn Pub

Please come along for the first LDIS Friends meeting of the year. We've got lots of exciting plans for this term and would love to hear your ideas about what else we can do to help support the school and community. Everyone welcome, come join us for a drink and a chat – we're a super friendly bunch, promise!

10th September - 6 – 9pm Long Ditton St Mary's School

Still gutted that Glastonbury was cancelled this summer? Looking for an excuse to rock that straw hat or floral headband? Well, look no further – Ditton Fest '21 is here! On the 10th September from 6pm, we are all invited to join with the community of St Mary's Long Ditton to get our festival vibe well and truly on! Tickets £3.50 and available on the gate.

18th September - Long Ditton Infant School.

Dust off those Hawaiian shorts and cross your fingers for sunshine because, on the 18th September, Long Ditton Infant school is holding our very own Tropical Beach Party (late) Summer fair and it's going to be amazing! We've got our very own waltzer cars, a bouncy slide, Boh and Bees on ice cream duty plus the usual bar and BBQ delights. They'll be a wealth of themed crafts to occupy those creative fingers, face painting, a

puppet-show and all manner of games. We've even got a visit from Monkey Music lined up to entertain those little monkeys of ours, as well as a whole host of other musical talent on the stage. The last few slots for stage performance are available if you're fast, so do let us know if you or someone you know is a budding performer at longdittonfriends@outlook.com

23rd September – 7:30pm Long Ditton Infant School

It's the big one folks – the Friends of Long Ditton infant School AGM. Come along to find out about everything we've been up to over the last year and our plans for the future.

Elmbridge Lottery

You've got to be in it to win it! Follow the link below to buy your tickets and to support your school.

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



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ACHIEVEMENTS



Value Stars

Golden Certificates



Credit Cards (4x Golden Certificates)



Outside Achievements

Husky class for making a super start of Year 1. Your behaviour has been excellent.
Labrador class for a super start to year 2 and settling in so well.
Jeevan for settling into Spaniel class really well.
Spaniel class for a fantastic start to Year 2.
Dalmatian class for settling in so well on their first day back at school in their new year group.

Gabriele - 7
Luke - 7
Miguel - 7

Please email any achievements your child has made or goals they have reached, to the school office to be included in Celebration Assembly on Fridays and the newsletter.

DIARY DATES / EVENTS

September 2021

w/c 6 th	New Reception and Nursery Induction week
Thursday 9 th	Nursery begins / New Reception children start
Friday 10 th	New Reception children start
Saturday 18 th	Friends' Summer Fair
Thursday 23 rd	Friends' AGM

October 2021

Thursday 21 st	INSET Day - School and Nursery Closed
Friday 22 nd	School and Nursery Closed in lieu of additional Bank Holiday in June
25 th -29 th	School and Nursery Closed for half term break

Dear Parents and Students of Long Ditton Infant and Nursery school,

I am delighted to announce that I will be offering Royal Academy of Dance onsite Ballet classes for the students, commencing the week beginning the 13th September.

My name is Georgina, I trained at the Royal Academy of Dance and have been running and teaching RAD Ballet and dance classes for the past 12 years. Last year my family and I moved to Surbiton, where I set up our Surbiton academy branch, and I am now excited to also bring our classes to your Primary school.

The classes will start on a Monday morning for Year 1 and Year 2 students, where I will be teaching and implementing the RAD Primary syllabus. Being a registered Royal Academy of Dance school, we have the added benefit of being able to offer the students exams to gain certification for all their hard work (these are off course optional).

The classes will run from 8.10-8.55am. I will collect the students from the main school entrance at 8.05am, and take them around to the hall for our class. I will then take them back to their classrooms ready for registration at the start of the day.

The classes will cost £99 per term.

As a means of safe practice, the girls will be required to wear a leotard, skirt, ballet tights or socks and ballet shoes, the boys a t-shirt and shorts with ballet shoes. These can all be purchased from my online shop, or locally at the dance shops. Please no tutu/Disney costumes.

If you'd like to see a little more about myself and my academy, please see the link below to our Surbiton branch:

www.surbiton.dance

I have agreed with Mrs Paines to run a workshop for all the students next Monday morning, so everyone can have a taster class prior to committing to the classes.

I am really looking forward to meeting all the children on Monday, and then teaching them for this upcoming Autumn term.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to email me on georgina@surbiton.dance

Warmest Regards,
Georgina

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