



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

1st May 2015

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everyone! Thank you so much for supporting the Year 2 children in their fundraising efforts for the **World Wildlife Fund**. It was great to see that we really value the children's ideas and motivations as much as the teachers. Together we have raised £248.30 so very well done to the Year 2's!

Africa Day

Thank you to Mrs Sadiq, Mrs Florin, Mrs Lomas, Mrs Rising, Mrs Hackett for coming in to make today in Year 1 so amazing. You were absolutely fantastic to dedicate so much time and effort to make the day so memorable for the children ☺. Thank you too to all the parents who donated extra t-shirts for tie-dyeing to ensure that everyone could take part. The drumming workshops, dancing, painting, necklace making and costumes have all been fantastic and the children were just buzzing about the whole day. I asked them at lunch what they thought about today and they said 'it was just brilliant Mrs Paines. Why weren't you there? You would have loved it!' I think they are right!

Birthday Books

Thank you Millie T, Polly and Abigail F for your birthday books.☺

Afternoon Fruit Snack

I am asking parents not to send in a 'fruit winder' as an afternoon snack. While I have researched these and understand that they are 'only fruit' they become sticky and difficult for the children to manage to peel off having sat all day in the fruit basket. The end result is gluey fingers and faces which then get transferred onto our carpets, tables and chairs and is difficult to remove. For afternoon snack please bring in a real piece of fruit for your child – it doesn't matter if it is the same kind of fruit each day☺ Thank you!

Changeable Weather

It's very important that your child has suitable clothes for changeable weather conditions. Please make sure they have some kind of rain coat – even in the summer months – because the children go out to play even in the rain. They need to be able to have a coat to protect them because you never know when the weather will turn and summer dresses and shorts get wet very quickly in the rain. There will also be our Sun Safety Guidance coming very soon in a book bag near you – keep your eyes peeled!

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance this week are Diamond and Amber with 98%. Well done to you!



Book Bags

Don't forget to check them every day and remove the contents that are in them to start fresh for the next day!

Have a brilliant bank holiday weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

We have had an exciting week with class photos, practicing our sports skills for Sports Day and learning about train tracks, sleepers, spokes and wheels and journeys by train. We have been practicing our sound knowledge and will be focusing on the handwriting as well as journeys to different places using different forms of transport.

Please do not forget to share a picture with us of somewhere your child has been by car, train, bus, coach or plane. You can send this in by email to ccockle@longditton.surrey.sch.uk.

Thank you to Mrs Frigot, Rex's Mum for going one step further and preparing the traffic light jelly in her baking trays! Fabulous!

Next week nursery is closed Monday – Bank Holiday - and Thursday – polling day. For the next two weeks we will be focusing on boats as a form of transport and will be discovering the best materials that float to create our boats. We will also be looking at magnets and the materials they attract.

Please can you bring in **junk modelling** particularly plastic trays for making boats. Thank you.

We would also like **photos** of where you have been on holiday to put on our map of the world.

Sports Day is on 13th May at 9.15 for morning nursery and 2.00pm for afternoon Nursery. The sports will last between 45 minutes and an hour and this will be held in the school playground. Please come along with younger siblings and family to watch the children who have all been practicing hard.

Have a great bank holiday weekend from all the team ☺

Reception

The children have had successful week learning about all the things that help us to stay healthy.

Next week we will be learning about medicine and how to use it safely. We will be making posters about medicines in Literacy. We will continue our theme with growing and continue to monitor how our cress is growing. Our 3D shape for next week will be the **Pyramid**. Can you find anything at home that is the Pyramid shape?

As next week is a short week, we will only be having Fred on Wednesday.

Show and Tell Group: Purple Theme: Growing (plants and ourselves)

Reception Team ☺

Year 1

Wow our Africa day was fantastic! We had a brilliant morning tie dying, making African sunset pictures and becoming part of the Masai Mara tribe in Kenya with tribal jewellery and face paints. A big thank you to Mrs Sadiq and Mrs Lomas who came in to teach the children a fantastic African dance!

In Literacy we have been learning about how the prefix 'un' changes the meaning of a word to the opposite (e.g hurt, unhurt). We have also been using our imagination to write diary entries as David Livingstone as he explored Africa and discovered Victoria Falls.

In Maths we have been continuing our work on place value. The squares, pentagons and hexagons have been learning to add using 'sticks and dots' (sticks for tens, dots for units) whilst the circles and triangles have been using their knowledge of tens and units to read numbers up to 100!

We hope you have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend!

Home learning: Can you write a diary about a day in your weekend? Can you use a word with the prefix 'un'

in your diary entry?

Whilst you are out and about over the weekend, look out for numbers all over the place (buses, door numbers, road signs) can you read these numbers?

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been writing a report on foxes, we have also been learning to improve our sentences with description and connectives. In maths we have been learning to use partitioning to answer multiplication questions such as 16×5 . We have also been recapping division, reading weight on scales and using data on a graph to answer questions. We have now all made our sock puppet bats and they look fantastic, have a peek in the classroom to see them flying around the book corner. In Science we have been learning about different habitats and how different animals adapt to them. We have also been learning to play a new song on our recorders.

Year 2 homework – Choose your favourite character from a book. Write down 10 questions you would ask them if you could meet them. Don't forget to use question marks!

School Office

Chicken Pox: For your information, there have been a few more cases of chicken pox reported in school this week, including Nursery.

Friends

Sorry for all of the requests this week but we promise after the fair everything will quieten down as we have no further events this year except for the Circus. Just to remind you that we want to really update all of the reading books for the school with the money raised from the fair so it's all for a good cause.

Raffle tickets: In each of your child's book bag today (Ruby and Amber will be sent home on Tuesday), there should be 10 raffle tickets for you to purchase and/or sell to friends and relatives. We have some absolutely amazing prizes this year. The first prize is a £250 holiday voucher kindly donated by a parent at the school. We will draw the raffle at the fair on 16th May 2015. The tickets are £1 each and if you wish to purchase any tickets, please would you return the completed stub and money in a envelope marked "raffle" to the school office via the black post box. Payment by cheque should be made payable to The Friends of Long Ditton Infant and Nursery school. If you would like any additional tickets, please see the office as they have extras.

Circus tickets: If you were successful in obtaining circus tickets, they will be in your child's book bag today. For Ruby and Amber classes, these will be sent home on Tuesday.

T-shirt workshops for fashion show at the fair: there are still a few spaces left for these workshops on 13th and 14th May 3-5pm but they are going fast. Please email Sam on m.hooke@sky.com if you would like your child to attend or can offer to help on one of those days.

Summer fair: You should receive over the next few days details of the stall that your class has been allocated for the summer fair. Please let your class rep know if you are keen to help in any way.

Important dates for your diary

Weds 6th May: Two paper cups will be in your child's book bag on this day. We would ask parents to fill these cups with pocket money toys and sweets, wrap them in any wrapping paper and return to school on ***Tues 12th May.*** These cups will then be used for our Lucky Cup stall.

Tues 12th May: Do you have any unwanted brand new toys/craft kits etc at home that you would be willing to donate for our Toy Tombola stall? We will be collecting them at drop off on 12th May as well as the lucky cups.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Balloons: Love

Eliza
Scarlett C - Moonstone
Amelia D
James D
Lola M
Ishaan
Elsie



Golden Certificates

Taya
Fleur
Bailey
Joshua
Lucas
Zaki
Aiden
Emily G
Gunveen
Leo F
Dax
Daisy O
Emilia L
Felix
Phillip
Fraser
Demi
Lucy W
Phoebe L

Credit Cards

Millie T

Reading Stars

Amber
Lucas

Birthdays

Millie T – 6
Abigail F – 5
Kieran G - 7

Outside Achievements

Lucas W played in his first Aegon under 8's tennis tournament
Dean can ride his bike without stabilisers!
Ethan J has achieved his 20m Rainbow swimming award
Alexandra M will be taking part in Starlight Academy of Dance 10th anniversary show on Sunday

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May	
Monday 4 th	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Thursday 7 th	School Closed – Polling Day
Wednesday 13 th	Year R Topaz and Ruby classes trip to Thames Young Mariners Activity Centre (a letter was sent out this week) Nursery Sports Day morning at 9.15am and afternoon at 2.00pm
Thursday 14 th	Year R Amber class trip to Thames Young Mariners Activity Centre (a letter was sent out this week)
Friday 22 nd	School finishes at 3.00pm for half term break
June	
Monday 1 st	Return to school at 8.45am Wastebuster/Eco week
Friday 5 th	Wastebuster Collection Day (more info will be sent out nearer the time)
Tuesday 16 th	Science Dome
Friday 19 th	Fathers' Day Assembly at 9.05am
Monday 22 nd	Start of Sports Week
Tuesday 23 rd	Sports morning for Yrs R, 1 and 2
Wednesday 24 th	Nursery closed for new nursery children visit
Tuesday 30 th	Year 2 to Stokes Field
July	
Wednesday 1 st	Year 2 Induction morning at LD St Mary's Junior School
Thursday 2 nd	Year 2 to Stokes Field (tbc)
Friday 3 rd	Grandparents' Assembly at 9.10am
Monday 6 th	Book Fair all week Report home to parents Yr 2 to watch Leaver's Production at LD St Mary's Juniors in afternoon
Wednesday 8 th	Celebration Open Evening 6.00-7.30pm
Friends' Dates	
Saturday 16 th May	Summer Fair
Friday 12 th June	Happy's Circus

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