



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

### NEWSLETTER

4<sup>th</sup> September 2015

#### LATEST NEWS

##### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back to school! Just listening to the children I know that you have all had some fantastic holiday experiences – from learning to swim like a frog, eating 6 ice creams in 7 days, exploring sand holes for worms to talking to the pilot on the plane and learning to ride bikes without stabiliser's! Wow – it is so great to see you all back safe and sound. The children have been amazing during their first days back – so well behaved, polite and kind. They all look so grown up too! It is great to see them all so full of energy and wanting to learn.

##### **Walking in on their own**

From Monday the Year 1 and Year 2 children will be expected to walk into their classrooms on their own. They will all be able to do this and it will help with the new Reception children who will be walking through with their grown-ups. Please be considerate of these children starting next week and try to remember what it was like the first days of school for your child. Smiles are very important to make sure they feel welcomed into our school community.

##### **New Jumpers**

You may have noticed the new jumpers with coloured logos – they look great! Please do not worry if you have lots of the old style jumpers. It is a phased introduction of the jumpers and they still look very smart ☺

##### **Parent Helpers**

I know that lots of you are keen to get moving with the parent helper jobs for the year. We want to make some changes to how we run the parent helpers this year and so I would like all parent helpers to come to a special meeting to outline what and why we are changing the helping routine. The meetings will be on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September in morning and afternoon and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September in the morning and afternoon. ALL helpers need to be able to attend one of these meetings in order to help in school.

##### **Thank you Teachers**

I would like to say a massive thankyou to the teachers and staff for coming into school over the holidays to make sure the classrooms are ready, the books are ready, the planning is completed, the school is clean and leak free and all the other unusual jobs that need to be done behind the scenes. You are all amazing and I really appreciate everything you do for the school.

**Have a wonderful weekend everyone!**

**Mrs Paines**

## School Office

**Milk:** If you would like your child to have a carton of milk on a regular basis at snack time, please do not forget to register with our milk provider CoolMilk at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) or email [registrations@coolmilk](mailto:registrations@coolmilk) or telephone 0844 854 2913. You can also pick up a leaflet from the school office.

**Absent Note Reminder:** If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office by telephone and leave a message or send an email to report your child's absence and the reason for his/her absence. Once your child has returned to school, in accordance with our Attendance Policy the school requires a written note or email stating the dates your child was absent and the reason for that absence. If your child is going to be late in to school due to an emergency doctor's or dentist's appointment, please leave a message on the school office telephone.

**Outside Class Message Boards:** these are put out in the mornings in green boxes under the white board or in the bike sheds if raining. Each class has its own clipboard with space to write a short message either to the class teacher or the school office; for example your child has an appointment to attend during the school day, there is a change to usual pick-up arrangements eg clubland, playdate, etc or if you have a message for your child's class teacher.

**Office Post box:** if you have a message for one of the teachers or school office that is not appropriate for the message board, please post in the black post box on the brick wall outside the main door to the school labeled 'Office Post'. This can also be used for any payments, forms, etc. for the school office.

**White Board/ParentMail:** please check the whiteboard for any last minute changes to clubs, meetings, etc. We will endeavour to keep you informed of any activities week by week. Messages and reminders are also sent out by email via ParentMail so if you are not registered to receive emails via ParentMail, please contact the school office.

**Last minute changes pick-up arrangements:** if there is a change to pick up arrangements for your child during the school day, please contact the school office by email or telephone so that a message can be passed to your child's class teacher.

**Clubland after school club:** If your child is attending Clubland, please email the school office with the days he/she will be attending.

**Lost Property:** the lost property box is kept in the school office. To help us to return items of lost clothing to their respectful owners, please would you ensure that all clothing is clearly named either with a permanent marker pen or name label. We threw away an enormous amount of unclaimed lost property in the summer holidays.

**School Lunch menu:** there is a new lunch menu for the Autumn term and this will be distributed over the coming week. There are a few amendments to be made to the menu, as from experience it was felt that some of the dishes were not suitable for the children in our school.

**School Clubs:** a separate ParentMail will be sent out about these.

**Diary Dates:** please see diary dates on the last page of this letter. We will be distributing 'Diary Dates' for this academic year during the next week, but inevitably as the year progresses these are subject to change. Please always remember to check the diary dates in the weekly newsletter.

**Birthday books:** as you know, we are a 'Healthy School' and as such we do not allow children to bring in cakes, sweets for birthdays. Instead we have a birthday book scheme. If you wish, when it's your child's birthday he/she can come to the school office to choose a picture story book from the selection we keep to give to their class. A certificate with your child's name and their age will be put in the front of the book and your child would then be presented with the book in Celebration Assembly on a Friday to give to their class. The book is then kept in their classroom for all the children in their class to enjoy. We ask for a suggested donation of £3 for the book which goes in to the School Fund. Alternatively, your child can bring in a book to the school office for a certificate to be attached. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to do this.

**Second hand uniform:** the school office has some second hand uniform if anyone is interested.

**Data Collection Sheet:** in the next couple of weeks we will be sending home data collection sheets containing information we hold on file for your child eg address, contact numbers, emergency contacts, etc. When you receive this, please make sure that you check it carefully, update any details that are incorrect and return to the school office via the black post box labelled 'Office Post'.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Value Balloons: Respect

Fraser  
Daisy O'S  
Max P  
Isla  
Ethan J



### Birthdays:

Lucy S – 6  
Lynn – 6  
Max P – 6  
Bobby - 6

## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### September

Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Yr 2 Parents' Meeting
Weds 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Yr 1 Parents' Meeting
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00pm Yr R Parents' Meeting
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm Friends' AGM
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.05am / 2.00pm Parent Helper workshops
Weds 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.05am / 2.00pm Parent Helper workshops

### October

Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	Individual student photographs 7.00pm Parent Workshops re: reading/writing
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friends' Sponsored Bounce
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Yrs 1 & 2 Harvest Festival celebration with Juniors at St Mary's Church
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Prospective Parents' visit – <i>please book a place with the school office</i> Parents' Evening Appointments – 3.30pm-8.00pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Prospective Parents' visit – <i>please book a place with the school office</i> Parents Afternoon Appointments – 3.30pm-5.00pm

*Known Diary Dates for this academic year will be sent out next week. Please note that these are subject to change and to always check the up to date diary dates on the weekly newsletter.*

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