



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

NEWSLETTER

13th December 2019

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Goodness me there is so much to be thankful for this week. This week's newsletter should fill you with positivity and Christmas Spirit!

Christmas Production

Wow! The children were all incredible on each and every performance. And I think what was really super this year was the fact that they all seemed to be relaxed about the show and just enjoyed singing their songs for you. Thank you for making a massive difference when creating their costumes in a more sustainable way. One of the Governors stated that they were 'impressed with the difference sharing costumes and homemade costumes made not only on the production but also being more sustainable'. Super job and well done everyone!

Christmas Fair

Wow! What can I say? This was amazing and such a brilliant success. Again thank you to each and every one of you who helped, manned stalls, organised, created, donated, set up and cleared up. All of the money raised by the Friends will go to our school and we are very grateful indeed to have such a smashing community and awesome support from parents and carers. Absolutely fabulous!

Malawi Collection

Wow! Your donations have raised £277.63 for Mbangombe School in Malawi. Thank you so much, this is greatly appreciated. For more information about African Vision Malawi, please visit their website at <http://www.africanvision.org.uk/>

Golden Manners Table

On Monday these people can join me on the Golden Manners table because of their lovely manners this week: Iromi, Sean, Levi, Nathan, William and Olivia G!

Christmas Jumper Day

We all looked very Christmassy today in Celebration assembly in our Christmas jumpers. Thank you again for the donations towards Save the Children. Again – you are amazing!

Name the Christmas Elf

Nikki drew a name out of the many suggestions to name the Christmas Elf and Erin was the winner and the Elf will be called – Wilber!!

Christmas Tree of Kindness

In School Parliament today the children thought about and voted on what celebration they would like because of all the kindness they have demonstrated over the last few weeks.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Sofia for choosing a birthday book to give to her class to celebrate her birthday.

Last day of term Church Visit

Please know that the Church visit on the last day of term is not a 'performance' but a celebration. I would ask parents and carers to remember that we are lucky enough to be able to celebrate in the church and that the church is a special place of worship. Please try not to rush or push down the aisles to take photographs of the children. And it is super when everyone remembers to take their coffee cups and rubbish away with them ☺

Everyone is welcome and if you able to help us walk to the church and back again with the children please let the office know.

Attendance

The classes with the most attendance this week are Husky and Beagle, both with 99%!

Reminder to apply for school place for September 2020 – Reception and Junior

The closing date for applying for a Junior school place or Reception place for September 2020 is 15th January 2020. You can do this online at

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

You can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at

www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Note: Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

ELT – Volunteer Treasurer

The Ember Learning Trust (ELT) is looking to appoint a new (volunteer) treasurer to manage its bank account and bank signatories, prepare annual financial accounts and oversee its (very few) financial transactions, as well as attending 3 Board Meetings per year. A 2-3-year commitment is requested and the role could be shared. To find out more, please contact the co-Company Secretaries at cosec.elt@gmail.com

Panto time!

Tonight is our opening night – oh yes it is! We will be looking forward to seeing you all cheering, hissing, booing and hopefully singing along and applauding to our panto antics! If you were unable to get tickets but would like a copy of the panto DVD (!!!) you can ask for an order form for the DVD and send it back to us with money for your copy. Past experience has been that it may not be grownups cup of tea but the children will watch it

again and again! All money raised goes towards the school.

Thought for the week



This week's thought for the week has actually been inspired by Poppy and Daisy who came to me with a lovely piece of writing they had worked on together. The main message of their work was:

“Oh Christmas, Oh Christmas – it's not just about the presents and sweets.”

Which made me remember the quote ‘Christmas is not about what's under the tree but who is around it.’

See you on stage tonight and have an incredible weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

We have had a lovely festive week at Nursery!

We were so proud of all the children for taking part in our Christmas Show. They all did very well getting dressed into their costumes, singing the songs and standing on the stage - we were very impressed with their efforts. Thank you to all of you for providing such wonderful costumes!

We have enjoyed lots of Christmas crafts this week that will be sent home next week. We have mixed colours to make Santas, used our scissor skills to cut eyes and buttons for snowmen, we have enjoyed the sensory experience of using shaving foam to make snowmen!

We have enjoyed wrapping presents in our Santa Grotto role play and we have also enjoyed telling our own Christmas adventure stories in our Wonderland small world.

We have been listening and singing along to Christmas songs, sharing Christmas stories and talking about different Christmas traditions.

Reception

We have had a lovely week in Reception. A massive well done to all the children for performing in the Christmas productions. We were very proud of all the children for remembering their lines and actions. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who came to watch and showed their support. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Next week will be a shorter week at school. We will be baking and decorating gingerbread men in class. We will also be writing our own Christmas cards. On Friday we will be going to the church to sing 'Jingle Bells' to the rest of the school. Parents and carers are welcome to attend; we look forward to seeing many of you there. If any parents/carers would like to help us walk the children to the church please speak to us at the end of the day, thank you.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all your help and support this term. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Home learning ideas:

- Write a Christmas card/ letter for Santa
- Wrap up presents using scissors and tape, this will help children with their fine motor skills
- Make a Christmas collage with old wrapping paper
- Can you spot and name 3D shapes around your home?

Reminders:

Please note that due to the shorter day on Friday, we will not have time to do show and tell. **If your child is in mice group for show and tell, please send them in with their show and tell items on Thursday 19th December.**

Thank you

Reception Team

Year 1

This week the children have really enjoyed dressing up and singing and dancing in our Christmas show! We are sure you'll agree that the children did a fantastic job and are as proud of them as we are.

In history we continued to learn about Neil Armstrong, first we reminded ourselves of all the things we already knew about him. We were particularly impressed with the facts children had found out at home about him. We then got into character and did some 'hot seating' in pairs, one child pretended to be Neil Armstrong and the other child pretended to be the reporter. The reporter asked Neil a variety of questions and he had to think carefully about how he should answer them. The children then swapped and had a go at the other role. They really enjoyed this activity!

In literacy, we wrote a review of our Christmas show explaining what we liked about it, who came to watch and what our costumes were like. In R.E, we revisited the Christmas story then thought about our favourite things about Christmas. The children enjoyed getting creative in art this week, they created some fantastic Christmas artwork.

In PSHE, we have been thinking about the qualities that make a good friend and how we can show these qualities to one another. We have also been impressed by the acts of kindness that the children have been displaying. They have really enjoyed putting baubles up on the Kindness Tree!

Home Learning Ideas

- Please can you read with your child as much as possible and record it in their reading diary.
- Make up some Christmas jokes, write them down and bring them in to share at our Christmas lunch.
- Next week the children will have the opportunity to take part in a Talent Show. What talent would like to display? It would be helpful to have a few thoughts about this beforehand.

Show and Tell: There will be no Show and Tell next week

Reminders:

- Please ensure that your child's belongings are clearly labelled. The children have many items to organise themselves with at the end of the day and this helps not only your children but their teachers as well! This includes book bag, water bottle, fruit pot and PE bag and PE clothing. Thank you!
- Dalmatian class will be baking on Tuesday and Husky class will be baking on Wednesday

Year 2

We are so proud of the effort and enthusiasm the children have put into our Christmas Production this week. They have sung and danced beautifully with huge smiles on their faces. The speakers worked hard to learn their lines and spoke confidently and clearly. Well done to all! We were lucky enough to go and watch the Year 3 production at St Mary's Junior School which was also marvellous!

In Literacy this week, we have been helping Monty the penguin by writing a persuasive letter to Santa, asking if he could help Monty to find a penguin friend. We included questions in our letters to help us find out more about Santa. Next week we are going to create posters about penguins using information found using an internet search engine and non-fiction texts.

As part of our topic we have been finding out more about the lives of Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria and compared them. In Music we have continued learning to play the recorder. This week we successfully played a series of notes following a tune.

Key vocab for this week: persuasive, address, layout, compare, similarities, differences, industrial revolution, Golden Age, reign, monarch.

Homework: This week we would like to you design a Christmas decoration.

You need to think about:

- Who you are making the decoration for?
- What materials will you need?
- What tools will you need?

- How will the decoration be displayed?

If you would like to make your decoration at school, please bring in your materials next week and you can create it one day.

School Office

Absent Notes:

If your child has been absent due to illness in recent weeks, please remember to send an absent note to the school office that should include the dates your child was absent and the reason for the absence. This can either be an email to the school office or a note posted in the 'Office Post' box. Thank you.

Friends

What a fabulous fair we've had. It made a whopping £5777!! Amazing effort, this is the total from the Matthew James Boards, brochure, Christmas workshops, wreath workshop and the Fair of course!

The biggest THANK YOU from Mrs Christmas to each and everyone involved. Volunteers on the day, elf prep, the grannies who did the washing up. The random people in Christmas jumpers singing on the stage. The fabulous Santa's grotto with our resident photographer Pippa from Pippa McCosh Photography. Our photographic parents Ben and Alyson. (If you're into photography do let us know as we have a little group which we call on from time to time). Our lovely market stall traders. I've probably forgotten someone but you are all amazing. Thank you.

We even had a visit from The Smoth. A 7ft book character from a local Author Karen Walker. If you still want to purchase the book for £6.99 please email us on longdittonfriends@outlook.com or drop a note in the red Friends 'postbox'.

We have some lovely photo blocks still available at £5 each. You can purchase these and put in your

own Christmas photo. We have non Christmassy blocks too.

Looking to the New Year, **That Cabaret** are performing in the George Evelyn pub on the 24th January; tickets will be on sale soon for £12 (£15 on the door) they have a new range of songs and it will be a good show!

29th Feb is pencilled in for a **Ground Force day** where we tidy up the gardens around the school and make the outside areas look lovely. Please save the date.

Another date to save is 18th March, the last **pamper evening** was so popular and such a success we are having another one! So come along have your nails done, get a facial and have a glass of bubbly! If you are or know a therapist or stall holder please email us for more details longdittonfriends@outlook.com

Tickets for the **80's Ball** are selling well, if you would like tickets please send in the form with either payment in full or £10 per person deposit. Always a great night and with a theme that is dear to us all this year, 80's!!! woo hoo!! So get your legwarmers on, brush up on your New Romantics and New Wave styles and save the 7th March to make like a tree and go Back to the Future.

Have a great weekend
Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Peace



Luna
Nathan
Ryley
Alice
Sienna S
Poppy H

Golden Certificates:

Husky class
Charlie F
Dalmatian class
Jacob A
Molly
Iris
Alex P
Beagle class
Corgi class
Clement
Jake
William B

Credit Card:



Charlie F

Elsie – 5

Outside Achievements:

Theo R swam half a pool length with no floats during his swimming lesson
Eleanor was awarded her 15m swimming certificate
Megan was awarded her level 2 Lern to Swim certificate
Oscar F-S received his Shark 1 certificate and badge
Leo T was awarded player of the week in rugby training
Olly achieved 2 yellow stripes on his belt for Kuk Sool
Olivia was awarded her 15m swimming certificate

DIARY DATES

December 2019

Tuesday 17 th	Christmas Lunch for children & staff
Thursday 19 th	Nursery last day – finish for Christmas Holidays
Friday 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15am Christmas Assembly at St Mary's Church – all welcome to attend 1.30pm Last day of term – school finishes for Christmas Holidays

January 2020

Monday 6 th	Inset Day – school closed
Tuesday 7 th	8.45am Return to school for start of Spring term
Wednesday 15 th	6.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 16 th	9.05am Labrador class assembly – parents/carers of children in Labrador are welcome to come and watch
Thursday 23 rd	9.05am Spaniel class assembly – parents/carers of children in Labrador are welcome to come and watch
Tuesday 28 th	Yr 2 visit to Wagamama
Thursday 30 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 2 visit to Wagamama 9.05am Dalmatian class assembly – parents/carers of children in Labrador are welcome to come and watch

JOB VACANCIES



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2 x Part-Time Teaching Assistants/Playground Supervisors Required

Start Date: January 2020

Role 1:

Monday to Friday (including playtime)
08:45hrs to 13:15hrs

Role 2:

Monday to Friday (including playtime)
12:00noon to 15:15hrs

Salary Range: £17,316 - £18,242 (Pro Rata) - Scale placement based on experience.

Applications are invited from enthusiastic persons to join our team. We can offer you a school with a friendly and supportive staff and opportunities for professional development.

The successful applicant will have:

- Experience of working with children between the ages of 3 and 7.
- Experience of working with children of varying abilities and needs.
- Ability to work constructively as part of a team understanding classroom roles and responsibilities.
- GCSE English and Maths (grade A-C) or equivalent.
- NVQ Level 2 desirable.
- NVQ Level 3 desirable.

Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. It expects all staff to share this commitment and the successful applicant will be required to undertake a DBS check.

Closing Date: 17th December 2019 Interviews: Thursday 19th December 2019

Please contact Kellie Nolan knolan@longditton.surrey.sch.uk for an application pack.



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EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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



Managing Behaviour Effectively for Parents & Carers

No one has ever said parenting was easy. Living with children can be one of life's most enjoyable experiences, but it can also be unbelievably frustrating. 123 Magic is a simple, precise and effective way of managing the behaviour of children. It's not magic but works like magic!

The aims of the programme are:-

- Job 1: Controlling Challenging Behaviour** – Learn an amazingly simple technique to get children to STOP doing what you don't want them to do (whining, arguing, tantrums, sibling rivalry etc.).
- Job 2: Encouraging Good Behaviour** – Learn several effective methods to get your children to START doing what you want them to do (picking up, eating, going to bed and staying there!, chores etc.).
- Job 3: Strengthening Your Relationship** – Learn powerful techniques that reinforce the bond between you and your children.

Will the programme work with children who have learning difficulties?

It certainly can. The program has been used successfully with Autistic, Asperger's, ADHD and ODC children. In fact when parents have children with these difficulties, the clarity of the 123 Magic warnings is especially helpful for the visual and auditory understanding.

The course is a 4 week programme and the following courses available are as follows:-

Mon 20th Jan 2020 - 4 consecutive weeks 9am-11am at Cardinal Newman School, Hersham

If you would like to book onto a course please contact Michelle Talboys - Home School Link Worker on 07703 322066 or email at hslw@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk