



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

17th January 2020

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations Labrador Class for your wonderful assembly. I was thinking about it last night and I thought you all made it look so easy – standing up in front of everyone, speaking coherently and clearly, teaching us about Resolutions and why they are important and the recorder playing, singing and dancing! Well done to each and every one of you. You were fantastic!

ELT Spelling Bee Champions!

Congratulations to Georgina for winning the Year 2 ELT Spelling Bee that took place at Thames Ditton Junior School this morning. Three schools took part in the Year 2 round, Claygate, Town Farm and us, and Georgina won by keeping her cool (on the outside) and spelling some very tricky words! Congratulations to Nancy and Isaac who also took part and reached the final rounds. Mrs Clark and I were immensely proud of you all 😊

RSE Parents Forum Wednesday 22nd January 9.05

Don't forget that next week the parents' forum is on Wednesday 22nd January. This parent forum is a special one to help the school gather information about parent views on the new RSE curriculum. As well as your views on the curriculum (sent out last week) I would really welcome ideas about how parents feel about resources for our children such as books that talk about different family types and also services to help parents. If you can't make it but have ideas or views, please let the office know or complete a change one thing slip (available from the office). Thank you!

Music Lessons in School

Would you like your child to have piano, violin or cello lessons or take part in 'string babies'? Together with Surrey Arts there may be the possibility for parents to pay for a peripatetic teacher to come to school to take a number of children during the school day for lessons to learn these instruments. At the moment we are still enquiring exactly how it would work and we need to get an understanding of the interest level there might be. If music lessons taught by an expert to take place at school is something you would be willing to pay for please let either the office or myself know. There does need to be at least 9 interested parties for the lessons to take place.

Congratulations from the Cabinet Member

Today I received a letter of congratulations from Cllr Julie Iles and Leader of the Council Tom Oliver. Please see attached to this newsletter the letter that recognises all the work everyone has put into to our school to get such a positive Ofsted result at the start of this current academic year. They state it is a 'very notable achievement' to be good under the new framework. Well done everyone.

School Starts at 8.55am

Please remember that schools starts at 8.55am each day with the taking of the register. Children who arrive later than this are marked in as 'late' in the register but more importantly will have missed the vital learning opportunities that take place first thing in class. Can you imagine what it would feel like if you were 5 or 10 minutes late every day to a meeting – even just a meeting of friends? You would feel that you missed something and that you

had to play catch up. Over a sustained period of time this would have quite an impact on not only your willingness to keep up but also affect the views of others around you. Please ensure that you sign your child in to school at the school office if they arrive later than 8.55, but also please make sure they arrive by 8.55 so that they do not miss out on anything and can come prepared for the school day calmly and purposefully.

Friendship Heroes

Following a lovely idea from the children, next week we will be developing our buddy system to a 'Friendship Hero' philosophy. Year 2 children have volunteered to be a Friendship Hero and will be in the playground at both playtime and lunchtime to help 'look for loneliness' and to help 'spark ideas for games'. There will be assemblies next week to introduce the Friendship Heroes to the children so they know who they are, and what their role in the playground is.

Push the scooters and bikes in school

Please remember to push all scooters and bikes once on the school premises. This is to help everyone stay safe at all times. Thank you!

Birthday Books

Thank you to Harry (Sheltie) and Ellis for each choosing a birthday book to give to their class to celebrate their birthday.

Golden Manners' Table

On Monday Jo C, Lola A, Amaan, Elliot, Megan, and Sophia A will be joining me on the Golden Manners' table at lunchtime.

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance this week are Dalmatian class with 99.6% and Beagle class with 99.2%

Thought for the week:

'Don't get distracted. Never tell yourself that you need to be the biggest brand in the whole world. Start by working on what you need at the present moment and then what you need to do tomorrow. So set yourself manageable targets.' J Bagneiwski

Have a marvellous weekend.

Mrs Paines

Nursery

We have had a lovely week at nursery.

We have been continuing to develop our listening skills using the percussion instruments to describe and copy sounds that are played.

We have been practising our counting skills using a counting finger to point at what is being counted and checking our counting. We have counted bugs, dinosaurs, jungle animals, fruit and children to name but a few things we have been counting!

The children have been inspired by some outer space books that we have been reading and we have set up a space station and rocket in our role play area. They have also worked collaboratively to make some planets in our craft area. We have already visited Mars, Mercury and the Moon learning about their unique features. We are looking forward to having lots of adventures!

We have been sharing and retelling the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears in our small world area. The children worked collaboratively to make three different sized beds for the Bears and are now faced with the challenge of making three different sized chairs!

We have restarted our PE sessions which will be on a Wednesday. As part of our learning and encouraging independence, we ask the children to remove socks and shoes for PE. Please help them to practise this at home and it is useful if the girls could wear socks instead of tights on PE days! Many thanks.

We enjoyed watching Labrador class practise their assembly about New Year's resolutions and what they mean.

This term we will be alternating our weekly baking sessions. We will be starting next week making fruit smoothies that we will be taste testing during

the baking session. Please speak to a member of the nursery team if your child has any allergies or particular strong dislikes to certain fruits.

We would welcome any washed, clean packaging for example: shoe boxes, cereal boxes, kitchen roll, plastic bottles. Please remember we are a nut free school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Reception

This week we have begun our Traditional Tales theme by looking at the story 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have been retelling the story by creating story maps in groups and then labelling and annotating them individually. Following this theme, the children have been problem solving by building different houses for the three little pigs. The children have been thinking about which materials to use and how to make their houses even better. We have continued working on our addition skills in maths this week, by representing addition problems with pictures. We have started looking at music and movement in PE and the children have enjoyed putting music and drama together to retell stories. We will continue this until half term.

This week we have been fortunate enough to have some new resources to use during our independent learning time. These include a new open-fronted shelter in our outside area. As this resource is so exciting for the children we have come up with some rules to follow whilst playing with it. Only three children will be able to go inside the shelter at a time and they will need to write their names on a whiteboard to sign up for this. We will also be using timers to ensure that all children have the same amount of time to use the shelter. This would be a great opportunity to talk to your children at home about sharing, turn-taking and following the rules. We will be reinforcing this at school.

Next week we will continue our Traditional Tales theme moving on to look at 'The Gingerbread Man'. We will be thinking about building our own sentences and practising holding these in our heads to help with writing them down. This is a skill

we will also be consolidating in phonics. We will continue to develop our skills adding two groups of objects together, representing this with pictures and number sentences.

Home Learning Ideas:

- Please check FRED folders for your child's phonics homework for the week.

Reminders:

- Please make sure that your child's full school uniform and PE kit is named.
- Please encourage your child to be independent in changing themselves at home as this will help a great deal with changing for PE.

Year 1

The children have really enjoyed learning about recycling this week and this has been the focus of our literacy learning all week. We have considered how we recycle at home and at school and the children designed a poster to promote recycling. We also started to think about the impact that litter can have on the world around us. In handwriting, the children practised the formation of the capital letters J, K and L.

In maths, the pupils practised using a number line to both add and subtract in different contexts. They also considered the different vocabulary that we use when adding and subtracting. This learning took place on whiteboards, in books and on the Chromebooks.

The children enjoyed learning 'The 3 R's' by Jack Johnson in Music this week. Next week, they will add some movement and instruments to the lyrics. They also enjoyed doing some mindfulness activities during our very rainy outside PE session when it was too wet to be outside.

Next week in literacy, we will continue with our environmental theme with a focus on saving energy. The children will learn about how we can save energy at home and at school and then write a letter to Mrs. Paines/Mrs. Emmett to share their ideas on how we can save energy at Long Ditton. The focus in maths will be on measurement. We will be comparing different objects length and

measuring objects using non-standard and standard units of measurements.

Key Vocab for Next Week

- formal letter, energy, reduce, reuse, recycle, lights, electricity, save
- measure, length, width, longer, shorter, size, cm, ruler

Home Learning ideas

- Can your child explain how they use a number line to add and subtract? Which direction do you use on the number line for adding? For subtracting?
- What do you do to save energy at home? Draw/write about how energy can be saved at home.
- Find your recycling guide from the council (if you have one) and make a poster about what you can/cannot recycle at home.
- Find a group of objects and put them in order according to their length.

Show and Tell: - Hippos- Please can you ensure your child only brings one item for their show and tell.

Reminders

- Dalmatian class assembly 30th January
- Husky class assembly 6th February

Year 2

We hope Labrador parents and carers enjoyed their fantastic assembly. We are sure you agree that the children did an amazing job. Spaniel class have been working hard learning their words, playing the recorder and singing in preparation for their assembly.

In Literacy and PSHE this week we have been learning to identify and think about a range of emotions, linked to the film **Inside Out** – joy, sadness, fear and anger. We discussed times when we have felt these emotions and how they made our bodies feel. We thought about who, how and when to ask for help with our feelings. In our Jigsaw we have been thinking about setting ourselves challenges to work on, and the feelings we experience when we achieve our goals.

In SPAG we looked at suffixes, (endings such as **_ful**, **_less**, **_ness**) which can be added to root words eg wonderful.

This week in Maths we have been continuing to learn about time. We have been reading o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to times, also recognising times to 5 minutes! **Next week** we will be answering time problems, such as if the café opens at 10 o'clock and closes at half past 2, how long is it open for? If I arrive at my friend's house at half past 3 and leave at 4 o'clock how long did I stay there?

Next week we will be making our Royal puppets. If the children have any bits and bobs they would like to add to their puppet, please send them in next Friday.

Reminders: Spaniel class look forward to seeing parents/carers on Thursday 23rd January at 9.05 for their assembly!

Homework: To read and record the times shown on the analogue clocks.

Key vocabulary: minutes, hours, time, half past, quarter past, quarter to, o'clock, emotions, anger, joy, fear, sadness, suffix, challenge.

School Office

Change of address / telephone numbers

It is important that you inform the school office of any change of address, contact telephone numbers, email address, or emergency contact details for your child. If any of these have recently changed, please give the new details by email to the school office at info@longditton.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible so that we can update your child's records.

Friends

CABARET, CABARET, CABARET

If you haven't been, it's an evening of singing and comedy with two actors and a pianist. If you have seen it, tell your friends! Tickets are selling and the discounted price of £12 will be available until after school on Friday 24th. You can also pay on the door for the slightly higher price of £15.

It's at the SCHOOL, in the hall with a bar and bar snacks as well as the lovely Dimitri from Halloumi bites. Please pre-order via a link coming soon. It's bound to be a great night!

Green Gym, if you need a little help after an excessive Christmas and New Year why not come to our Green Gym morning on 29th February 9.30am till 1.30pm. Please save the date if you can and come to the school for a work out in the fresh air! We will be weeding, digging, sweeping, and planting, making the school a nice tidy place for the children makes a big difference to them.

Back to the 80s Ball. We have been sending out forms and flyers and there are still some tickets left, so please send your form in with your table allocation. You can pay via cheque or bank transfer. Its sure to be a fun evening taking everyone on a trip down memory lane!

Also a special mention to our fabulous sponsors Humphrey and Brand. For those who don't know, they are a local independent estate agents next door to Waitrose and are parents at the schools.

Have a great weekend

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Resilience



Darcie
Alex B
Dalal
Rory
Annabelle
Marley

Golden Certificates:

Lottie
Fynn
Lauren
George R
Eilidh
Matina
Sophie D
Amaan
Archie
Sienna L
Joseph H
Declan
Tuuli
All of Labrador class

Credit Card:



Sofia

Ellis – 7
Harry A – 4
Joseph H - 5
Sophie D - 5

Outside Achievements:

Joshika was awarded her Turtle Level 3 swimming award certificate & badge
Evelyn was awarded her Learn to Swim level 1 certificate & badge
Nancy was awarded her Swim England 15m distance certificate and badge

DIARY DATES

January 2020

Wednesday 22 nd	9.05am Parents' Forum with Mrs Paines
Thursday 23 rd	9.05am Spaniel class assembly – parents/carers of children in Spaniel are welcome to come and watch
Tuesday 28 th	Yr 2 visit to Wagamama (Spaniel)
Thursday 30 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 2 visit to Wagamama (Labrador) 9.05am Dalmatian class assembly – parents/carers of children in Dalmatian are welcome to come and watch
Friday 31 st	Chinese New Year lunch for children

February 2020

Tuesday 4 th	Yr 2 to Stokes Field – Winter visit (Labrador)
Wednesday 5 th	Yr 2 to Stokes Field – Winter visit (Spaniel)

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

Other free spring family events

Wild at play countryside event

Enjoy some spring family outdoor fun in the Elmbridge countryside with seasonal crafts, den building, sand play, arts, bug hunting and more...

Date: Sunday 2 February
Time: Drop in between 10.30am and 12pm
Venue: Follow the signs from Copem Lane car park, Esher - nearest postcode KT10 9HH
Ages: Suitable for all ages.

Deadly Diseases and Rotten Remedies

Get a glimpse into the gruesome reality of life in Elmbridge during the Middle Ages. Learn about some truly rotten remedies and create your own medieval pouch to fill with healing herbs to protect you from the infamous Black Death! Handle some real tiles from Chertsey abbey and get involved in a range of other incredible medieval activities, such as designing a stained glass window and creating a medieval bookmark!

Date: Saturday 14 March
Time: Sessions: 10am-11am, 12pm-1pm and 2pm to 3pm
Venue: Walton Library, The Heart Centre, 54 Hepworth Way, Walton-on-Thames KT12 1GH
Ages: Children aged 5 to 13 years
Free event but please register your interest at ebcmuseum@elmbridge.gov.uk

Pond dip

The local ponds are full of life, and now's the time to come and find out what's living there! Discover the creatures in Littleworth Pond and enjoy other pond related activities! Don't forget to put on your wellys and bring a net if you have one.

Date: Saturday 21 March
Time: Drop in between 10am and 12pm
Venue: Littleworth Common pond, Portsmouth Road, opposite Café Rouge, nearest postcode KT10 9AD

Orienteering

A great activity to do as a family. It teaches children map reading skills and is a fun way to discover wildlife in your local woodland.

Date: Saturday 21 March
Time: Start your course between 1pm and 2.30pm
Venue: Meet in Horseshoe Clump car park, Portsmouth Road, opposite Blackhills, Esher, nearest postcode KT10 9JL



February half-term and Spring 2020

Children and family activities

Free February half-term Shout! drop-in session



If you are looking for something for your children to do this February half term, why not bring them along to Shout! holiday activities free play drop-in session to celebrate spring!

Unleash your imagination. Create colourful lanterns, baskets, and crafts to take home. Visit Shout!'s creation station and choose what to do: construction bricks, jewellery making, pasta threading and lots more. Make wildlife crafts and puzzles with the countryside team using materials from the commons!

Date: Monday 17 February 2020
Venue: King George's Hall, High Street, Esher KT10 9RA
Time: 10am to 2pm
Ages: Children aged 5 to 13 years

No booking required - just pop along between 10am and 2pm and stay as long as you want. **Please note: all children must be accompanied by an adult.**

During Shout! Elmbridge Museum will be running their Museum Explorer workshops, Elmbridge at War (please check times and fee on the opposite page). Booking is essential: elmbridgemuseum.org.uk/learning/families

Countryside event



Come and build a bird box with our countryside ranger.

There are never enough holes and hideaways where our feathered friends can shelter. Help them by making a nestbox in time for spring. Free event. Booking essential at countryside@elmbridge.gov.uk Spaces limited.

Date: Tuesday 18 February
Venue: Civic Centre, off High Street, Esher KT10 9SD
Time: 2.30pm to 4pm

Museum Explorer Elmbridge at war experience



Find out what life was like in Elmbridge in WW2 by discovering where bombs fell and handling real WW2 artefacts. Take part in an air raid drill and learn how to create your own gas mask! Parents can also enjoy a talk from our exhibitions officer about the Elmbridge at War exhibition, currently on display in the Civic Centre.

Date: Monday 17 February 2020
Venue: King George's Hall, High Street, Esher KT10 9RA
Times: **Workshop 1:** 10am to 11.30am **Workshop 2:** 12pm to 1.30pm
Ages: Children aged 5 to 13 years

Cost: £5. Booking essential at elmbridgemuseum.org.uk/learning/families

If you are coming to the Museum Explorers workshops, why not come a little earlier, or stay later, depending on which workshop you choose, and spend some time at the free Shout! drop-in session.



JOIN US FOR A FABULOUS EVENING...
FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2020

That Cabaret

THIS FABULOUS WEST END SHOW IS COMING TO WOW US IN LONG DITTON

TICKETS £12 in advance / £15 on the door
AT Long Ditton Infant School

HOSTED BY Stewart Briggs
7:30PM FOR 8PM START

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:
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ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT GO TO LONG DITTON INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

FOOD FROM HALLOUMI BITE FROM 8.45PM
PREORDERS AVAILABLE




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