



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

7th February 2020

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations Husky Class for your superb assembly. It was wonderful to find out so many interesting facts about Canada and listen to the songs that the children learn there in school. Beautiful speaking and singing. Well done to you all 😊

Smart Watches

Following the meeting of the Children and Learning Governor Committee this week we have decided to say that smart watches, fit bits and any other digital device that can connect to the internet or be used to take photos or track children should not be brought into school.

The Governors reviewed all of the perspectives that parents and carers had fed back to me and also used research to come to a decision. They felt that in the best interests of the children in our school, and considering the young age of our children, only simple analogue watches or simple digital watches (that do not beep, track or do anything else other than tell the time) are acceptable.

From Monday if your child comes to school with anything that looks like a fit bit or smart watch we will ask them to take it off and return it at the end of the day.

Find Your Brave Day

Monday was completely overwhelming listening to how the children have all demonstrated how brave they can be. Together we raised money (£192.50) that will go to Place2Be, a charity which is helping to develop positive mental health for all children. If Monday was anything to go by our children all have

within them enough bravery and courage to tackle anything! Thank you for all your donations.

Safer Internet Day 2020

Tuesday 11th February is Internet Safety Day. This year's campaign celebrates difference by working towards creating a truly inclusive internet. Below are the key messages and the main aim is to create an internet where we are: -

1. Free to be ourselves – be proud of the things we enjoy and keep on trying different things too.
2. Free to be kind - it's important to treat other people the way that you would like to be treated and always think about their feelings.
3. Free to play - it's really important that your parents and carers know what you enjoy doing online, so that they can help you when you need it.
4. Free to be safe - your 'personal information', which includes your name, date of birth, home address, school address, email address and passwords, must stay private.
5. Free to talk - If anyone, or anything, online makes you feel worried, upset or uncomfortable, tell a trusted adult straight away.

There will be lots of ways to support your child at home and please use the day as a tool to talk to your children about being safe online not only now but also in the future.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020>

Extra Parent Helper Safeguarding session

Mrs Emmett will be holding an extra parent helper safeguarding session on Thursday 2nd April at

9.00am. If you would like to help in school or Nursery, and have not yet attended a safeguarding meeting or completed a DBS check, please come along on 2nd April. Please let the school office know if you will be attending.

Have an enjoyable weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

We had a fantastic week at nursery.

In our maths work the children have been learning about 2d shapes, they have sorted and matched circles, triangles, squares and rectangles also known as oblongs. They also used different 2d shapes to help make pizzas in our role play area.

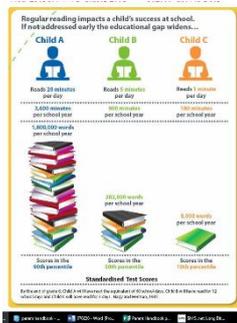
Our role play area has been transformed into a pizza parlour, the children have been learning about menus, ordering food, delivering food, food hygiene. In our craft area they made a special pizza oven to bake the pizzas.

In our outside small world the children have been inspired by the airport and different aeroplanes talking about different places that they have visited. In our inside small world the children have been retelling and sharing the story of Little Red Riding Hood.

The children have been on a winter walk around the school to look for signs of winter. They had the opportunity to make observations about the trees, the weather and the temperature outside.

The children have spent a lot of time playing in the garden using the spinning plates, skipping ropes, balls and tunnels. Lots of physical movement to keep us warm and build our muscles. As part of our PE sessions we have been playing parachute games, working as a team and following instructions.

Please remember to email the office if your child is going home with someone different, we appreciate you telling us at the door but it would be helpful if you could note it on the clipboard outside the door with the date so that we can remember more easily.



Reading at Home

Reading at home is absolutely crucial in helping children to learn to read. In school we will be teaching them the techniques and strategies they need in order to read. It is at home where these need to be practised in order for them

to improve. There are hundreds of websites that will give you information about reading at home and ideas to encourage children to get into the reading habit. To begin with, if your child is reluctant to read why not try a simple 3-minute timed session every day and praise them for reading even one sentence. If you can make this become a habit and increase the time, it will make a massive difference as they get older. (See picture attached!).

Then there are the five main reason we should all be reading every day:

1. Mental stimulation
2. Vocabulary Expansion
3. Memory Improvement
4. Knowledge
5. Stress reduction

Golden Manners' Table

This week the lunchtime staff have all been helping me to look out for those people who have good manners. On Monday Calla, Freddie T, Harvey, Tate, Felix and Forrest are all invited to the Golden Manners Table!

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance this week are Husky Class with 99%.

Thought for the week:

'Unity is strength. Where there is teamwork and collaboration wonderful things can be achieved.'

MJT Stepanek

The children really enjoyed baking cheese straws on Friday and we are very grateful for the parent support.

We would like to welcome Alyssa to the nursery, the children have all been very helpful and friendly showing her all the toys, games and routines in our nursery.

Have a lovely weekend.

Reception

This week in Reception, we have been enjoying the story of the Three Billy Goat's Gruff. We have spent time looking at different images of trolls and then created our own versions. In our literacy, we have been saying and writing sentences describing our trolls. We have begun to explore subtraction in maths: we have created number lines; practised jumping backwards to subtract numbers and talked about numbers gets smaller when we subtract.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our 'Find My Brave' day on Monday. The children shared some objects and pictures with their class and it led to discussions about feelings and how to manage them. We have also been thinking of possible 'next steps' for our learning and set some individual goals.

Next week, we are continuing with subtraction linking it to our story, the Princess and the Pea. In phonics, we will be spending some time recalling and spotting diagraphs in words and having a go at writing a sentence inspired by pictures.

Key Vocabulary

Subtract, minus, counting back, jumping back, troll, describe, scared, excited, worried, resilience

Home learning:

- Think of some subtraction word problems for your child to solve e.g. if I have 5 apples and you eat one, how many do I have left?

- Talk to your child about different feelings: can they name their feelings? can they remember a time when they felt? e.g. excited.
- Have a go at thinking and holding a sentence about your child's favourite book character.

Dates for the Diary

- Phonics workshop - 10th/11th & 13th February - please see ParentMail for details
- Beagle Class Assembly 9.05am 12th March
- Corgi Class Assembly 9.05am 19th March

Year 1

Well done to Husky Class on their fantastic assembly. The children worked incredibly hard to practise the songs and learn their lines and we are so very proud of them.

This week, the children in Dalmatian class have been learning about the differences between fiction and non-fiction in literacy whilst Husky class were busy working on their speaking and listening skills in preparation for their assembly. Both classes have looked at endangered animals and written a 'Who am I?' about a chosen endangered animal. The children had to remember facts about their endangered animal and give clues to the reader as to what the animal was. In handwriting, we practised the formation of the capital letters S, T, and U.

In maths, we continued with our unit on measurement with a focus on capacity and volume. The children compared different containers using the vocabulary of empty, nearly empty, half full, nearly full and full. The children had a go at filling up containers using water then describing the volume using the key vocabulary above.

In history, we learnt about what chronological order is and created our own family tree. In RE, the children started to prepare for their visit to the church next week. We thought about the different

features we will be looking out for in the church and what questions to ask the vicar.

Next week in literacy, the children will be writing a description of a friend using lots of adjectives. They will also be learning about singular and plural words; they will be adding the suffixes s and es onto words. In maths, we will be sequencing events and the days of the week.

Key Vocab for Next Week

- full stop, capital letter, adjective, conjunction, suffix, singular, plural
- before, after, first, next, finally, morning, afternoon, evening, day, week, month, year

Home Learning Ideas

- Explain to a family member what you do on each day of the week.
- Choose a favourite object or object of interest from home and discuss/write some adjectives to describe that object

Show and Tell: There will be no Show and Tell next week to allow for additional time to share the Home Learning Projects

Reminders

- Please ensure that all of your children's kit is appropriately labelled (book bags, water bottles, hats, etc). This is extremely helpful to both the students and the teachers and helps to develop independent organisational skills.

Year 2

This week we have all enjoyed an amazing, if cold, trip to Stokes Field. It was great to see how the area has changed since our Autumn visit. We were all very grateful for the warming hot chocolate Hamish the Ranger made for us. Hamish made a fire to boil the water using the ash sticks and twigs we all collected. Thank you to the adults who came with us and survived the chilly conditions!

In Literacy we have continued looking at the very imaginative and descriptive poem by Kit Wright called 'The Magic Box'. We enjoyed writing our own version of the poem using different adjectives to describe the things we have chosen as well as

what the box would be made from and decorated with. We also tried to include alliteration, e.g. the swish of a silk sari on a summer night. What a fabulous job the children did writing their poems out in their best handwriting!

In Maths this week we have been using balance and kitchen scales to weigh a variety of objects. First, we estimated the weight of each object and then used the scales to check their weight in grams. We also identified objects that weighed more or less 100 grams. Please help your child to investigate finding out the mass of different objects by using scales at home. Can they compare and estimate the weight of two objects and then check by weighing? What is the difference in weight of the two objects? We have continued our Ticket to the World topic by discovering more about the continent, Asia, focussing on the country of China. Did you know the currency used in China is the yuan?

Next week in Literacy we are going to use the stories of Katie and the Picture Show as inspiration for writing our own stories.

Please bring in a tube for our Design Technology activity next week. A large sweet tube would be ideal or the cardboard tube inside paper kitchen towels or wrapping paper.

Homework: Find 5 food items in your kitchen and order them by weight. If you have scales weigh the items accurately and check by looking at the packets.

Key vocabulary: continents, atlas, globe, country, capital city, currency, rhyme, alliteration, verse, weigh, compare, estimate, grams, kilograms, heavier, lighter.

Friends

If you are still on the fence over whether to come to the Ball this year, let me give you some reasons to jump in! 1) you don't have to embrace the theme in your outfit, if you want to wear your stunning gown or get suited and booted, that's fine with us! 2) the menu is 80s-tastic! With all the faves, Prawn Cocktail; French onion soup; Chicken

Supreme, avocado Thai curry; Black forest gateaux and yummy chocolate dessert on the menu as well a fab wine list and some choice cocktails! We hope to see you there.

The uniform and books are still in the bike sheds, please take a look at what's in the boxes. If you could please reseal the boxes when you have finished, this stops the damp getting in. We are grateful for donations, but again please bag these up to prevent damp!

On **Valentine's day** we are sharing the love, and hoping its reciprocated with a doughnut sale! Glazed Krispy Kreme's for £1 or preorder a box of 12 for £10 - what a bargain!

Let us take the stress out of your party planning (and help the environment whilst we're at it!)

Now introducing our fabulous ECO PARTYWARE! At a hire charge of only £5 per set of 15, choose your colours and have a complete set of plates, bowls, cups and cutlery on us!

And, better still, for a small cost, we can even do the washing up for you.

Simply email the date and time of your party to longdittonfriends@outlook.com and we will contact you with availability etc.

This is a great offer, and dates are booking up fast, so be sure to book our eco partywear for all your forthcoming parties!

Please join us on **Saturday 29th February** for our Green Gym, **Spring Groundforce Day** from 9.30-13.30 at school.

Help to give the school grounds (and parent volunteer areas) a good old spring clean, make some new friends, get some exercise and, most importantly, enjoy yourself!

If you can come along, please sign up by following this link:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60B0B48A8A82AAAF94-groundforce1>

And, if you can't, any donations towards the cost of the skip hire or the mulch would be wonderful!

Please make any payments to:

Friends of Long Ditton Infants

Sort Code: 40-44-11

Account: 71122193

Reference: Feb Groundforce

Or pop it in a named envelope in the RED Friends post box. Thank you.

The Friends.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Co-operation



Fynn
Megan
Olivia A
Calla
Matina
Thomas E

Golden Certificates:

Nancy
Freddie F
Elizabeth
Leo W
Emily
Teddy
Freddie F
Oscar F-S
Mia
Eve
Alice
Bo
Husky Class
LeoH

Credit Card:

Lauren
Georgia



Ruby - 4

Outside Achievements:

Iromi received an Achievement Award in ballet for super listening and wonderful 1st and 2nd positions

DIARY DATES

February 2020

Monday 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr R Phonic workshop for parents/carers – please book a place with your class rep Yr 1 visit to St Mary's Church in morning Safety around dogs assembly
Tuesday 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr R Phonic workshop for parents/carers – please book a place with your class rep Yr 2 Spaniel class to Wagamama (rescheduled)
Thursday 13 th	Yr R Phonic workshop for parents/carers – please book a place with your class rep
Friday 14 th	School and Nursery finish at 3.00pm for half term break
17 th -21 st February	School closed – half term break
Monday 24 th	8.45am return to school / nursery

March 2020

Monday 2 nd	Start of Book Week – theatre visiting school: 'The Greatest Fairy Tale Ever Told'
Thursday 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day School Nurse – Yr R 4+ screening
Thursday 12 th	9.05am Beagle class assembly – parents/carers of children in Beagle are welcome to come and watch
Monday 16 th	Living Eggs arrive
Thursday 19 th	9.05am Corgi class assembly – parents/carers of children in Corgi are welcome to come and watch
Wednesday 25 th	3.30-8.00pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments
Thursday 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Celebration Assembly 3.30-5.30pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments
Friday 27 th	Chicks depart
Thursday 2 nd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Parent Helper safeguarding session – please let the school office know if you will be attending 2.15pm Rocksteady concert – parent/carers of those children who take part are invited to come and watch Nursery finishes for Easter Holidays
Friday 3 rd April	1.30pm School finishes for Easter Holidays

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

KT6 Litter Pickers

2ND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
9.30 - 10.30AM



9th February 2020

Meet by the tree next to Manny's.
All welcome.
Join us on Facebook to find out more!

The Friends of Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School present:

Valentine's Day
Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale!

£1.00 PER DOUGHNUT...
OR PREORDER 12 GLAZED DOUGHNUTS FOR £10.00

To preorder contact: longdittonfriends@outlook.com.
Sale to be held in the bike shed.

Friday 1st February at 3pm

Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School

GROUNDFORCE DAY

Come and join fellow parents in tidying the school gardens and grounds.
No skills required!

our next groundforce day:

SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2020
9.30AM TO 1.30PM

DORKING * HINCHLEY WOOD * KEW * KINGSTON * OTTERSHAW * WALTON-ON-THAMES

PLEIADES

February, Easter & May Holiday Camps 2020

EGG HUNT

NERF WARS

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