



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER

#### 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## LATEST NEWS

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Wow! What an incredibly fabulous start to the spring half term! Lovely to see you all and hear about your half term adventures!

### **Thank you Inspector Thoday and all the Police!**



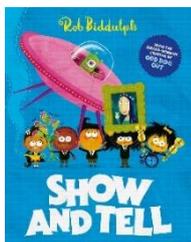
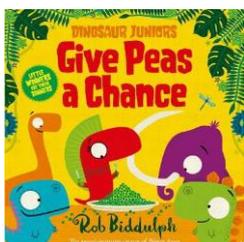
On Thursday this week our school was awash with Police for the extra special Police visit. It was simply like nothing else we have experienced. The children all loved it. How lucky were we to be able to spend time with 30 police officers, experience cars, dogs, vans, forensics, fitness, stranger awareness, the role of the police and equipment. Thank you to all the Police people who came to spend time with the children. It was a day we will all mark in our memory books as 'simply the best!' Please see the parent mail PDF for some photos of the day.



### **World Book Day and Book Week**

Next week is the beginning of our annual book week in school. For World Book Day on Thursday we will be promoting the importance of bedtime reading and encouraging the children to come to school with their favourite bedtime book and in their PJ's. Always remember that dressing up is completely optional – not everyone wants to – that's fine!

### **Author Visit 11<sup>th</sup> March**



Rob Biddulph will be working with the children in a special assembly about being a children's author and his new book 'Show and Tell'. He will also have books available to be bought and signed.

### **Change Challenge**

Next week the Friends are beginning their 'Change Challenge'. Each class will have a collection bottle to collect coins. The bottles can be filled with English coins or foreign currency-any change you have lying around can go in. The class who gather the most change will win money which they can decide how to spend on their class.

### **The Long Ditton Infants and Long Ditton St Mary's Annual Ball**

Before half term the Friends added a reminder about the ball held jointly with the Junior school. For those of you who are new to our school this super fundraising event is absolutely fabulous. It is an occasion that allows grown-ups to enjoy themselves at the same time as raising money for the school. If you haven't been why not see if there are tickets left? And your presence will be greatly appreciated by all 😊

### **ELT Internet Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers.**

This will be held at Thames Ditton Junior School on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm. It will be a very informative workshop helping parents and carers to understand Internet Safety. We recognise that to prepare children for learning and working in the 21<sup>st</sup> century world, the use of technology and digital tools for teaching and learning are being used more frequently in schools across the curriculum. In addition, children have access to

technology outside school so we need to continue to reinforce the messages of internet safety.

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to do this. The workshop will provide advice and resources to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively, including how you can start protecting yourself at home.

The workshop is for the parents and carers of all the ELT schools so you are all welcome to attend.

### **Coronavirus Updates**

In the KS1 assembly this week I talked to the children about hygiene and the importance of clean hands. I asked if any had heard of the new virus that was being talked about and the vast majority raised their hands. In school the message is still very much about keeping hands clean and maintaining good hygiene. We have had messages from Public Health England <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response> (these are continually being updated) and Surrey County Council. When we have a message that we are told to inform parents/carers about we always will in order to keep you informed. Please remember that the PHE website has up to date information for everyone to access if you are worried or concerned.

### **Extra Parent Helper Safeguarding session**

Mrs Emmett will be holding an extra parent helper safeguarding session on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Please let the school office know if you will be attending.

### **Golden Manners' Table**

I really enjoyed catching up with the half term adventures of the children on the Golden Manners table this week. On Monday Hanna, Luke, Isabella, James C, Nancy, Jake, Nora and Charlie H care all invited to join me on the Golden Manners table because of their excellent manners.

### **Birthday Books**

Thank you to Thomas E, Martha and Sylvie for each choosing a birthday book to share with their class.

### **Attendance**

The class with the best attendance this week is Dalmatian with 96.9%.

### **Congratulations Mrs Eaton!**

Today we held interviews for a new Deputy Head teacher to replace Mrs Emmett when she retires in September. Mrs Eaton was the successful candidate and I know we will all be wishing her the very best as she steps up into this new and exciting role. Well done Mrs Eaton 😊

### **Thought for the week:**

'It's not day you have to manage, but the moment. It's not the dragon you have to slay but the fear. It's not the path you have to know but the destination.'

Have a magnificent weekend!

**Mrs Paines**

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## **Nursery**

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Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful break.

This week in our maths work the children have been exploring weight. They have been comparing objects around the nursery setting using the language heavy and light.

In our small world areas, we have developed a car track with a collaborative painted track and numbered cars. The children have used Duplo and Lego to add buildings along the track. The children have been retelling the story of The Three Billy Goats with puppets and masks. They have also built bridges to hide the Troll from the story.

The children have enjoyed playing the rhyming game Silly Soup matching rhyming objects and adding them to a magic soup.

We really enjoyed the visit from the police and asked lots of good questions about their job and

how they help people. We are in the process of changing our role play area into a police station inspired by our visit from the police, we are focusing on how the police help us, for example finding missing things around the learning environments.

On Friday the children had the opportunity to make pizzas with toppings inspired by our recent pizza parlour role play. Thank you for the support received with our baking session, it is so helpful to have such involvement from the parents. (Those children who didn't have the opportunity to do baking this week, will be able to do it next week.)

Have a lovely weekend!

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## Reception

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We have enjoyed welcoming the children back after half-term and hearing and reading about their adventures over the holiday. The children have come back full of enthusiasm and we have had a fantastic week of learning, especially during our Police Day on Thursday. We were all so proud of the children, their behaviour was excellent and they asked some very thoughtful questions.

This week, we have been reading the story of 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes', recounting the story and answering questions about the text. We have talked about the meaning of Shrove Tuesday and have had a go at tossing pancakes while pancake racing in PE.

We have also started to think and talk about plans for our assemblies. The children will be bringing home some lines to learn over the next couple of weeks. We appreciate your support in helping them to do this.

Next week, we are thinking about money in maths and exploring the language we use in relation to money. We are also celebrating World Book Day. We are planning for the children to share, re-tell and write about their favourite stories. Please see the email sent yesterday for more information.

Finally, we will be using our construction skills to build bridges and think about the best materials we can use for this purpose.

### Key Vocabulary

pancakes, Easter, Shrove Tuesday, frying pan, police officer, scent, siren, emergency, materials, bridges

### Home learning:

When out at the shops, help your child to find the right coins to pay for the shopping.

Go on a coin hunt around your house and sort the coins by size and colour and see if you can name them by their value.

Help your child to choose their favourite story, read it together and then encourage them to re-tell the story. Try making up a different ending or re-tell the story using different characters.

### Reminders:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Hobgoblin theatre visiting
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – children can come to school wearing their PJs or a onesie.
- Beagle Class Assembly 9.05am 12<sup>th</sup> March
- Corgi Class Assembly 9.05am 19<sup>th</sup> March

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## Year 1

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It's been a busy and exciting first week back after half term. The children had a fantastic day on Thursday when the Police came to visit. It was an exciting and informative day learning about the important job that the Police do. It was fun to meet the Police dogs and experience what it is like in a Police van and car.

In literacy, we wrote a diary entry of our half term break and considered what we would take on an imaginary trip to Africa. We also wrote a recount of the police day using time connectives. We have continued to think about how to write in full sentences using conjunctions. We will continue to learn about conjunctions next week and how we can improve our sentences.

In maths, the children have continued with their counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. Next week, the children will consolidate their understanding of both addition and subtraction.

We have also enjoyed singing songs in music and have risen to the challenge of learning a repertoire of new words! We have also enjoyed using our independent learning books.

### Key Vocab for Next Week

- capital letter, full stop, adjective, conjunction, noun, proper noun
- add, plus, addition, subtraction, subtract, minus, take away

### Home Learning Ideas

- Write some sentences using conjunctions (joining words)
- Can your child identify the coins that you have at home?
- Can you make up some of your own alien words?

### Show and Tell: Show and tell this term is Africa themed

**(Monkeys)** Please bring in **one** item that is 'Africa themed'. This can take the form of a photograph, fact, drawing, book, item, etc.

### Reminders – Book Week next week

- Hobgoblin Theatre visiting
- Tuesday - children to bring in any comics they might have at home.
- Wednesday - children to bring in any non-fiction books they might have.
- Thursday - children can wear PJs/onesie and bring in a favourite bedtime story.

It would be helpful if books/comic are named please.

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## Year 2

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Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely relaxing half term break.

What a fantastic day we had on Thursday when over 30 members of the Surrey Police came to visit. We saw and sat in police vehicles, sounding the sirens while wearing police hats. We had a visit

from forensic officers who took our fingerprints. The obstacle course in the hall tested our fitness and we were given top advice about Stranger Awareness. Our favourite part of the day was definitely meeting the police dogs!

This week in Literacy we have really enjoyed trying to solve and write our own riddles. We wrote clues for a riddle about a friend, using adjectives to describe them and their personalities. We know that clues need to go from the hardest clue to the easiest, each clue needs to go on a new line and that our riddles need to end with Who am I?

In Maths we have been continuing to use number lines to add 2 numbers together. We have also been problem solving in our Maths 'Lets Think' lesson. We learnt that in maths there are true and untrue number sentences. We investigated which number sentences were true e.g.  $7 + 3 = 10$  and which ones were **untrue** e.g.  $7 + 5 = 10$  and we then worked out what we could do to make them true. We have been solving many Maths Mastery problems and have begun to use our 'Maths Thinking' books to solve problems independently.

In Geography we have been learning all about Kenya, we have found out about things to do there, the weather, what it's like and different animals you might find there.

In Art we have completed our Aboriginal rain sticks, we carefully put rice and tin foil inside to create the sound of the rain.

**Key vocabulary:** add, addition, altogether, number line, problem solving, maths mastery, riddle, clues, question mark.

**Home learning:** Please choose your favourite bedtime story (in preparation for next week) and write a book review about it.

### Book week reminders:

- **Monday:** We are very excited about the Hobgoblin Theatre company visiting school.
- **Thursday:** World Book Day – remember to wear your favourite pyjamas or onesie to school and bring in your favourite book to share with your class!

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**Important:** Please remember that children need to have their PE kits and water bottles in school every day. We are doing Games outside and so need a tracksuit if possible. Make sure that all items are named.

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## School Office

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### Lego

If you have any spare or no longer used Lego, Yr 1 would really like some. Please bring to the school office. Thank you.

### Rocksteady

You will hopefully have been informed by Rocksteady that this week's session was cancelled. This was due to the Police visit in school. This session will be rescheduled later this half term and once we have been informed of the new date, we will let you know.

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## Friends

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### Groundforce day postponed

Due to the poor weather forecast we are needing to postpone tomorrow's Groundforce session until 21st March. Please pop the date in your diary.

We are thrilled to welcome back the LDIS **PAMPER EVENING** on Wednesday 18th March

It's a night that is not to be missed. Pamper yourself with:

A fabulous range of pre-bookable appointments with qualified therapists offering reflexology, massage, guided relaxation, Indian head massage, facials and manicures. Simply click on this link to select your treatments: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60B0B48A8A82AAAF94-pamper>

A rolling programme of talks and demonstrations throughout the evening including representatives from Lush and The Body Shop.

Various stalls selling all manner of wares to pamper yourself and your loved ones with.

Walk in mini appointments for hand massage, facial treatments and bath bomb making.

Live music and bar.

The price of only £5 includes welcome bubbles.

Tickets can be bought on the door or by putting your money in a named envelope in the red Friends post box.

**The Ball** is one week away and we are so excited. Confirmations have gone out and wine and food ordered. If you are coming and haven't received any communications, please get in touch with [desireeharris@sky.com](mailto:desireeharris@sky.com) ASAP.

Also, raffle tickets for the 80's ball will be on sale after school today and every day next week and online via the PDF attached. There are some amazing prizes on offer including our first prize of an iPad sponsored by Humphrey and Brand. If you are unable to come to the Ball you can still support the school (and be in with your chance to bag a fabulous prize!) by taking part in the raffle or silent auction.

Please find attached our Auction Brochure which details the Lots available in the Silent and Live Auctions.

Happy Bidding!

10th March for a planning meeting at the GEORGE Evelyn from 8pm to discuss **teacher appreciation week and our Pudding and PJ night**. If you have some ideas or are willing and able to help out, please come along.

Have a good weekend

Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Value Stars: Co-operation



Labrador class

Theo M  
Zachary  
Forrest  
Evelyn  
Gabriel

### Golden Certificates:

Archie	Asiya
Dexter	Nathan
Joe	Beagle class
Nora	Charlie H
Harvey	Eva W
Dalal	Sofia
Nora	Levi
Fynn	Megan
Leo P	Millie
Freddie F	Jake
Theresa	Edward B

### Credit Card:

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Isabella C – 6  
Sylvie – 6  
Freddie T – 5  
Alex W – 4  
Thomas E – 6  
William B - 7

### Outside Achievements:

Thomas E was awarded his Learn to Swim stage 2 certificate and badge  
Anna was awarded a medal for completing Knight training  
Jake was awarded 'player of the match' football trophy  
Olly was awarded a Motivation patch for Kuk Sool

# DIARY DATES

## March 2020

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Start of Book Week – theatre visiting school: ‘The Greatest Fairy Tale Ever Told’
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Book Day – wear PJs/onesie to school to promote bedtime stories</li> <li>School Nurse – Yr R 4+ screening</li> <li>6.00pm Full Governing Body meeting - please give one week’s notice to Clerk of Governors at <a href="mailto:clerktogovs@longditton.surrey.sch.uk">clerktogovs@longditton.surrey.sch.uk</a> if you would like to attend</li> </ul>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Author Rob Biddulph visiting
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.05am Beagle class assembly – parents/carers of children in Beagle are welcome to come and watch</li> <li>No Rocksteady</li> </ul>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Living Eggs arrive
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.05am Corgi class assembly – parents/carers of children in Corgi are welcome to come and watch
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3.30-5.30pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments – Labrador class only
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	3.30-8.00pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery Celebration Assembly</li> <li>3.30-5.30pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments (not Labrador class)</li> </ul>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Chicks depart

## April 2020

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Parent Helper safeguarding session – please let the school office know if you will be attending</li> <li>2.15pm Rocksteady concert – parent/carers of those children who take part are invited to come and watch</li> <li>Nursery finishes for Easter Holidays</li> </ul>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	1.30pm School finishes for Easter Holidays
6 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed for Easter Holidays
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.45am Return to school for the summer term

## EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

FRIENDS OF LONG DITTON INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL  
PRESENT

# Change Challenge!



**FOREIGN CURRENCY, SPARE COINS OR NOTES.  
WE NEED THEM ALL!**

Help your child's class win the competition by filling up the class jar with more currency than the other classes.

£100 for the class that raises the most. £50 for the second class and £25 per class after that.

The children will be able to decide (with the teachers help) what they can spend the money on.

The change challenge will run from 2nd March to 3rd April and the winners will be announced after the Easter holidays.

Thanks once again from the Friends for helping us make a difference in our children's lives.

## NOW BOOKING FOR EASTER ART WORKSHOPS!



Dear Parents,

We are now taking bookings for our fantastic Easter workshops in Long Ditton this April! There are two classes running on each day, so you can attend one, more, or all of them (students attending both workshops on the same day bring a packed lunch/ snack for the break). All details of the workshops are listed below. If you would like to book, please email [surbiton@cygnetsartschool.com](mailto:surbiton@cygnetsartschool.com) name(s) of the student(s) and which class(es) you would like to book for:

**VENUE:** Wallis Room, Long Ditton Village Hall, 2 Ewell Road, Long Ditton, Surrey, KT6 5LE

**AGES:** 6-12

**COST:** £30/ class (1.5 hrs)

**MONDAY 6th APRIL**

1pm - 2.30pm: Watercolour Ducks

3pm - 4.30pm: Clay Rabbits

**TUESDAY 7th APRIL**

1pm - 2.30pm: Ink Daffodils

3pm - 4.30pm: Printed Chickens

**MONDAY 13th APRIL**

1pm - 2.30pm: Acrylic Spring Landscape

3pm - 4.30pm: Soft Pastel Cherry Blossom

**TUESDAY 14th APRIL**

1pm - 2.30pm: Oil Pastel & Ink Frogs

3pm - 4.30pm: Charcoal Deer



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Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions! Thanks,  
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