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NEWSLETTER

15th May 2020

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, in the words of my mum 'Eh' ar Moni, this ain't 'alf been a dogs' dinner week so it has! What a rollercoaster we have been on in school. I hope you are all well and safe. Thank you for your responses to let us know who would like to send their child back to school on the 1st June. We are currently working very hard to put together arrangements based on the numbers that we now have. There is currently a lot of uncertainty at the moment about what 'safe' will look like for the children and staff. Surrey have sent an email to all Head teachers asking us not to take any more action towards planning how we are going to accommodate the children on 1st June until we have more scientific assurances from the Government about what the expectations will be.

This has been confused with 'actions for schools to take in preparation' guidance issued from the Government ready for 1st June that basically says we must do what we think is right for our schools.

The Unions are now involved pulling us in yet another direction.

We will continue to be working out plans to prepare for the children to come back to school on the 1st June. These plans have to incorporate so many different facets that seem to constantly change. As Head teacher I am asking you to be very patient with us while we navigate our way through all of the advice and guidance and expectations. I ask you to understand that whatever we can eventually offer will have been thought through in immense detail but may not be what you expect.

And I am also asking you to not contact the school at this time about what is going to happen. I will keep everyone informed as soon as we know exactly what our plans are.

And we cannot forget our brilliant Year 2 children! Although we haven't had any indication what is going to happen for Year 2 we are thinking about ways to continue to ensure they feel part of the school. We have plans underway to put together a kind of 'virtual' leaving CD and ways to work virtually together to be able to do this. Watch this space Year 2's!

I must say a massive thank you to all of you for supporting us, and each other, through this tricky time. All of the work you have sent in, emails, communications and thankyou's have given me, and all the staff, such joy! (You should see the staff room - it is full of pictures of your children's accomplishments) It has really kept us going!

And to say thank you to the staff who have gone above and beyond for the school and community. Honestly if you could see how they have worked together for your children and the school - it has left me without words. They are simply the best.

The DFE have put forward a 'Thank you Teacher Day' on May 20th. You can find out how to take part if you would like by following this link:

https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher-day/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Government Advice for Parents and Carers

Below is a link to the Government Advice for parents and carers about school opening on 1st June.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Enjoy!



Super Hero Competition

There is still time for your child to design a poster showing what super heroes the NHS staff are. The winning entries will be sent to Kingston Hospital to say thank you for all their hard work. Every child who enters will receive a special Super Hero sticker and the winners will receive a Super Hero book. You can post your child's entries or deliver them to the school post box as part of your daily exercise or photo shop them or email to your class teacher. The closing date will be next Friday 22nd May.

Staying in Touch

Nursery Class: sheltie@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

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Dalmatian Class:

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Spaniel Class: spaniel@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Labrador Class:

labrador@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Top Teaching Tip Week 6: You never know where your influence will end

If you are planning, preparing and helping your child through the learning from home you are probably wondering 'why don't they say thank you?' As a teacher you rarely get feedback from the children about what they have learned. Sometimes, when a lesson has been successful, you expect a 'wow! Mrs Paines that was awesome thank you!' But they go out to play with their friends without a backward glance. Here's the thing – you never know what you have done, arranged or said

will spark in their minds in the future. I played Dolly Parton once to my class – it was a fabulous lesson linked to feelings and emotions. I thought I had 'nailed it' in teaching terms. At the end of the lesson – nothing. The next day - nothing from the parents or carers – not even 'did you sing a song yesterday?' I thought oh well maybe it wasn't as good as I thought. 12 years later I stood in the polling station in the queue to vote and a lady said "Mrs Paines! How are you? Oh do you know my Jess still talks about the day you played Dolly Parton and taught her how to manage her feelings."

They will be listening and learning from every single thing you do or say. You might not see how it affects their future but all the effort you put in now will make a difference – at some point! Below is a very poignant clip below from Ian Wright who talks about one of his teachers. Your children may not be thanking you at the moment for the learning you are carrying out at home but in the years to come, I hope they will think of this time as a very special learning experience for you all.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VplePNEU2PI>

Learning from Home Gallery

Remember to keep your Golden Certificates completed for the Weekly Learning Challenge. When you have 4 Golden Certificates you can send them in for a Credit Card ☺

Skipping Challenge

1. Mrs Paines 160
2. Sophie 123
3. Georgina 100

(I am still the champion in the Paine's household too. I would love to be beaten - any challengers yet?)

Thought for the week:

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle..."

Albert Einstein

Crownmyinfo.com

Sun's out, we can go out a little bit more – let's look at everything like it's the first time we've seen it!
Enjoy ☺

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Hello to Everybody

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well and thank you for sending in your photos of the activities that you are doing. It is lovely to hear from you and to be kept informed about what you are up to. We also hope that you are managing to access the videos that we are sending via email.

This week's sharing from the Sheltie network:

- TJ has learnt the Days of the Week Song of by heart, Brilliant!
- Harry has been embracing messy play, Amazing!

Thank you for your continued support.

Stay Safe

The Nursery Team

Home learning link:

<http://longditton.surrey.sch.uk/meet-the-classes/nursery/>

Reception

Dear Beagle and Corgi classes

We hope you have all had a good week. Thank you to everyone who has sent us or uploaded onto Tapestry their learning this week. We really enjoy looking at and reading your endeavours. The best part is that we always learn something new as well.

Next week, we will be completing our minibeast topic by exploring how minibeasts contribute to our world and thinking of how we could adapt our environment to make it more minibeast friendly. The Reception Team has also been having fun by recreating scenes from their favourite story books. We wonder if you can guess what they are? The rule of the game was that we had to use only items

found in our houses and we were not allowed ready-made costumes. Good Luck!

Please find below the learning outcomes for this week together with some learning ideas. Please remember that all these resources are here to support you and there are a variety and range of activities offered that hopefully give you some ideas or focus. There is absolutely no expectation for all of them to be used or completed; they are merely a resource should you choose to use them.

Stay safe

The Reception Team

Please refer to the Modified Reception Timetable to see how the suggested activities below may fit into your week.

Home learning link:

<http://longditton.surrey.sch.uk/meet-the-classes/reception/>

You can find out more about Colin on the website!

Colin the Corgi

On Friday 8th May it was VE Day, Colin, Mrs McQuillan and her family joined their neighbours with social distancing street party to celebrate the end of the 2nd World War.

Colin enjoyed having his tea on the driveway, seeing all the decorated houses and watching the children across the road play swing ball.



Year 1

We hope you have all had a good week and are keeping safe and well. We have really enjoyed speaking to the children and families on the phone over the past few weeks. It has been lovely to hear how you all are and what you have been doing at home. We continue to be really impressed with all your fantastic home learning.

Please remember to pick and choose what to focus on and do not feel any pressure to complete everything. If there is anything we can help you with, please get in touch. Have a super week.

Home learning link:

<http://longditton.surrey.sch.uk/meet-the-classes/year-1/>

Year 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a good week. We really appreciate all the work that you've been doing at home so thank you for keeping it up!

In Maths this week the children have worked hard on using different methods for addition and subtraction. In Literacy we have been working hard finding out all about famous Explorers. We have also kept busy in the afternoons with lots of other exciting activities.

The children who have been in school with us this week have done a great job and we look forward to seeing and hearing how you have been getting on at home.

Next week in Maths we will be focusing on dividing by sharing. We will be learning how to divide on a blank number line as well as using the plate method that we are already familiar with. Some of us have already had experience of using a blank number line for sharing and we will be building on this experience by using a blank number line to solve a range of different division problems.

In Literacy we will be identifying features of diary writing and creating a diary entry about our exciting expedition to the rainforest. We will focus on understanding how we write in the past tense and test our knowledge by completing the Amazing Verbs activity on Education City. Our Topic activities include a science experiment involving making our own rocket launcher, making a puppet of your favourite character from a story and

discovering what a food chain is. To complete these activities your child will need (if possible) an old sock and an empty plastic milk bottle (the bigger the better!)

We hope you have a relaxing weekend and get to see lots of lovely sunshine.

The Year 2 Team.

Home Learning Link

<http://longditton.surrey.sch.uk/meet-the-classes/year-2/>

School Office

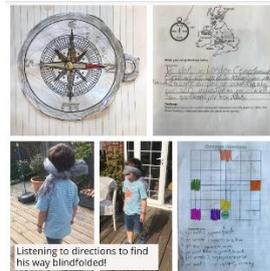
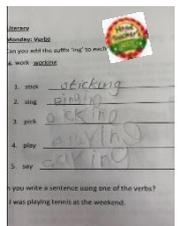
ACHIEVEMENTS

Have a look at the wonderful learning from home gallery!

Well done everyone 😊



	79g	82g
ROCKS	121g	242g
DOUBLE	97g	147g
SMALL CH	39g	14g
BIG CRAB	16g	24g
MATS	31g	35g
119g	27g	19g



Other Achievements

Olivia has perfected her handstands, cart wheels and headstands while being off!



Edward – 5

Alice - 5

DIARY DATES

May 2020

Sunday 17 th	National Children's day
Wednesday 20 th	DfE Thank you teacher day
23 rd -31 st	National Children's Gardening week
Sunday 24 th	Eid al-Fitr (Festival of Breaking the Fast)
25 th to 29 th	Half term break
28 th -30 th May	Shavuot (Jewish festival)

June 2020

Monday 1 st	International Children's Day
Saturday 20 th	Summer Solstice
Sunday 21 st	Father's Day

EVENTS / ACTIVITES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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

Do you need help to achieve a healthy weight for your children?

Be Your Best is a **FREE** service for Surrey families with children aged 0-11yrs.

The Be Your Best programme offers both targeted and universal support, and is all about helping your family by supporting you to eat better and move more.

Eligible families will be offered 6 1:1 virtual nurse led consultations with community nurses and have access to 6 virtual, fun and educational workshops.

Sessions include:

- Live cooking workshops
- Interactive supermarket tours
- Family Physical Activity Sessions
- Meal planning for the whole family
- Reducing anxiety and screen time
- How to become an active family



For more information please visit www.bybsurrey.org or email beyourbest@surreycc.gov.uk or call 07972 188697

