



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

THE HEART OF LONG DITTON SINCE 1911

### NEWSLETTER

#### 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## LATEST NEWS

### Dear Parents and Carers

It is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas this week! All week my office has been overrun with the aroma of Christmas cakes and biscuits. And I have actually heard the children sing (in a COVID friendly way) Christmas songs. I hadn't realised what was missing until I heard 'Little Donkey' floating up the stairs. The moment I recognised 'carry Mary safely on her way' it just felt as if all was right with world and Christmas is coming.

### Christmas Jumper Day

What fabulously Christmassy jumpers you all have. It was brilliant to see you all with your Christmas jumpers on. Thank you for your donations to Save the Children. They will be very pleased 😊

### Contact Numbers

It is very important that you make sure we have a number to contact you on in case of an emergency or poorly child. Please take one moment to think about the numbers the school has for you and if they are correct. Also ensure that if you are unable to be contacted for any reason during the day, please let us know an alternative number to call should the need arise. All new phone numbers should be given to the school to keep our contact details up to date.

### Amazon Smile

If you haven't signed up for Amazon Smile please see the leaflet at the end of the newsletter. Signing up to this is a great and easy way for the Friends to make money for the school!



### Theo's Sponsored Guess How Many Competition

And the winner of the 'Guess How Many Decorations in the jar' is Aurora.

### Festive Fancy Dress Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

The last day of term will be very different this year and we will be asking the children to come to school in a 'festive' outfit for the last day in return for a donation to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

### Message from Poppy Appeal

*"Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal. £252.58 was collected by you. Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work."*

### 18<sup>th</sup> December Staggered Finish times for the last day of term

We will be closing for the children early on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Finish times will be as follows:

Class	Time	Gate
Corgi	1.00 pm	Car park Gate
Spaniel	1.00 pm	Main Gate
Beagle	1.10 pm	Car park Gate
Dalmatian	1.10 pm	Main Gate
Labrador	1.15 pm	Car park Gate
Husky	1.15 pm	Main Gate

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery last day

This will be the last day for Nursery children. Nursery will close at the usual time.

### Raffle Ticket Reading

Sofia and Zachary were the two reading raffle ticket winners this week.

### Birthday Books

Thank you to Harrison, Sofia and Erik for choosing birthday books to give to their classes.

### INSET day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January will be an INSET day – as planned. You might have seen some lovely notions and ideas in the press that the Government are ‘giving’ us an INSET day, or a shopping day, on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please know that all our INSET days are well planned in line with our School Development Plan and not ever just ‘ad hoc’ or ‘shopping days’. They are very valuable days of learning for us and crucial to ensure we continue to develop and improve our work.

### Thought for the week:

“A friend is one that knows you as you are, understands where you have been, accepts what you have become and still gently allows you to grow.” William Shakespeare.

Even if you can't see them this weekend – give your friends a call just because. Have a friendly weekend!

**Mrs Paines**

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### Nursery

We have had a wonderful week at nursery!

Christmas has started, the children have really enjoyed talking about their own experiences of Christmas. They have all enjoyed listening to and talking about Christmas stories. They have helped to decorate the nursery with a tree and decorations ready for Christmas.

As part of our Christmas crafts the children have made Santa faces, decorated Christmas craft bags, made Christmas cards and salt dough decorations!

The children have worked really hard learning and practising our Christmas songs and we have started to video the show ready to share it on Tapestry next week! Please be reassured we have done our best to encourage everyone to join!

Please remember that Monday is costume day, we look forward to seeing all of the children dressed up as different characters from the Nativity story.

We have collected all of the library books in now and library sessions will resume after the Christmas break. Please return any school library books that you might have at home.

Have a good weekend.

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### Reception (Year R)

We have been very busy in reception this week with lots of Christmas activities, phonics and maths learning. The children very much enjoyed their Christmas dinner on Wednesday and Christmas jumper day on Friday, we are definitely all feeling festive and ready for Christmas now! The children have been recapping finding one more this week as well as beginning to look at subtraction. They have also learned some new sounds and are getting more confident with reading and writing every day. We have made our own Christmas cards this week and then used our phonic knowledge to write a message inside them. The children have all done fantastically practicing ‘Going on a Baby Hunt’ and their Christmas songs this week and we look forward to filming these to put on Tapestry and show you all next week.

With regards to filming the Christmas production, this will happen on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**, you should have received a letter detailing which part your child will be. The children need to be wearing the colour detailed in their letter, ideally on their top half and bottom half but please do not worry if this is not possible. Wearing their colour top or jumper with school trousers/skirt etc. would also be fine. We would like the children to come to school in their costume colour on Monday and they will wear this all day at school, just like on a PE day. We

have made each child a headband in school for them to wear along with their specific coloured clothing. Please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office or class email if you have any questions.

Next week, we will learn the final sounds in set one and spend some time practising our blending and segmenting skills for reading and writing. We will continue to look at subtraction and begin to focus on working out simple subtraction calculations using objects and number lines to support us. We will also be doing some baking, making gingerbread men, that the children will be able to take home and enjoy at the end of the week. The children will also be having a campfire run by Mrs Dawes on Wednesday afternoon. We have talked to the children about fire safety this week and have practised sitting around the campfire circle. The children were very sensible and knew that we should not get too close to the fire pit or run around the fire circle. We are all very excited to experience this next week!

#### **Home Learning Ideas:**

- Can you use your toys at home to find one less or solve some subtraction problems? E.g. If I have three teddy bears and I take away one how many will I have left over?
- Can you spot our tricky words for the week, to and said, in your story books at home?

#### **Reminders:**

- Please make sure your child's purple or blue FRED folder is in their book bag each day so that we can easily add the new sound sheets to be completed as home learning.

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## **Year 1**

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This week Year 1 has been transformed into a film studio, with the children working hard to plan and produce their stop-motion animation of their Nativity. The children have worked really hard making models, learning songs, planning the film and learning how to use the chrome books to film their production. We hope that you will enjoy the film when you see it next week. We are certainly impressed with what they have achieved.

In literacy, we have read the story of the Jolly Christmas Postman and then planned and written a sequel to the story. The postman met some amazing characters on his rounds and there were some inventive presents. In maths, we have been comparing number sentences and revising our maths language of greater than, less than and equal to.

We have been learning about how Christmas is celebrated in this country and comparing it to how it is celebrated in other countries in RE. We have also been practising our listening and risk assessment skills when we went to our fire circle to practise for our campfire next week. We are very excited and have been learning some campfire songs. Please remember that the children need wellies and PE kit, as well as a warm coat, next Thursday.

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 the hands up on the Kindness Tree!

#### **Vocabulary**

*Maths:* subtraction, addition, greater than, less than, equal to

*Literacy:* Christmas, once upon a time, next, then, finally

*RE:* Christmas, traditions, decorations

#### **Home Learning Ideas**

- 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.
- Why not see if you can think of any other characters the Jolly Postman could visit and what presents they might like
- Next week we will be writing a letter to Santa so can you think of a questions you would like to ask him?

#### **Reminders:**

- Wellies and PE kit on Thursday
- There is no PE on Monday

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## Year 2

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We cannot believe we only have one more week left at school before the Christmas holidays. This week we have been busy learning our Christmas songs and practising saying the lines for our Christmas video. In art, we have been making stained glass windows using tissue paper and designing Christmas cards. In literacy, we have been reading the story 'Mog's Christmas Calamity' and then completing activities around the book. In maths, we have been reviewing everything we have learnt this term. We have also been making our own individual Christmas cakes following a recipe.

Next week, we have a busy and exciting week planned. In literacy, we will be writing a letter to Santa. We will also be decorating our Christmas cakes ready to take home to eat. On Tuesday morning, we have organised for each Year 2 class to go into the woodland area. During this time, children will sit around a camp fire and sing Christmas songs. Children will also get the opportunity to make a craft decoration using natural materials. They can take the craft decoration home and choose to use it as a Christmas decoration if they wish. On Friday we have planned a talent show for each class and children will be given some time in the week to rehearse their act.

### Twigs

On Monday, please can your child bring in 5 to 10 small twigs (around 5cm-10cm long). The twigs will be used for the craft decoration. Please put the twigs in a bag with your child's name written on the bag. Thank you!

### Fred

Next week we will not be teaching Fred and therefore children will not take home a book or spellings for the Christmas holidays.

### Christmas jumpers

Please can your child bring in their Christmas jumper on Monday in a named bag for recording our class Christmas story. Jumpers will be returned by the end of the week.

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## Reading records and library books

Please can your child bring in their reading book, reading record and library book on Thursday ready to change for the holidays.

**Key vocabulary:** craft, nature, group work, instructions, recipe. decorate, theme, Christmas, rules

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## School Office

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### **Apply for Primary School Place – Reception and Year 3**

Applications opened on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

You can apply for a Reception or Year 3 (Junior) school place online at:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>

Or if you live in the Kingston borough at:

[https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200342/apply\\_for\\_a\\_school\\_place/209/apply\\_for\\_an\\_infant\\_junior\\_or\\_primary\\_school\\_place\\_september\\_intake](https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200342/apply_for_a_school_place/209/apply_for_an_infant_junior_or_primary_school_place_september_intake)

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## Friends

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!! We hope you've noticed the decorations that are slowly going up around the school and the neighbourhood, the Winter Wonderland Walk starts on Monday!

If you would like to join the walk, please order your pack on the below link. You'll get a lovely goodie bag, map, activities and more, well worth the price, it's a long walk as so many lovely houses are taking part, so it will keep you busy over the whole holiday period!

🧡 \*Winter Wonderland Walk\* 🧡 Trail packs can be ordered at this link £5/pack <https://forms.gle/9oemt27XQwa53qps9>

We still have the wonderful Christmas market too, if you are looking for gifts. There are lovely stalls with fab present available.



The \*Virtual Christmas Market\* ☐ please take a look at the christmassy stalls here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/398733811153121>



**\*\*Christmas Tree Fund Raiser\*\***



Available from Squires. They have extended the voucher till Monday 14th December. Voucher below allows £5 per tree to be donated to both schools.



**\*\* Rainbow Raffle\*\***

Please buy your tickets! Soon! Take a look at the prizes! These hampers are the BOMB! And for only £3!

Draw on Monday 14th so please buy raffle tickets for £3 each, text 'LDSRAFF3' to 70331. Alternatively place cash in an envelope with your name, address and mobile number please.

Look at this AMAZING list!!!! A massive thank you to ALL the generous local businesses who have donated to our Rainbow Raffle. Raffle tickets/texts cost £3 plus your standard network rate. Enter as many times as you like to WIN!

Bachmanns Patisserie  
Bellarinas Ballet Lessons  
Bocketts Farm Park  
Boxed Local  
Cento Uno Restaurant  
Colets Health and Fitness  
Complete Pilates  
Cook Surbiton  
Cookies and More  
Cyclups and Graft  
Farrow and Ball Esher  
Game Larder  
Garsons Farm  
Halloumi Bite  
Jenny Abri illustrations  
Key Sports  
Laser Lionz  
Megan's Restaurant  
Nuffield Health and Fitness  
Painshill Park  
Picnic and Play  
Robin's Bobbins  
Simon Smith Flowers

Surbiton Angling  
The Click Studios  
Usborne books  
Waitrose Surbiton

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**\*\*Elmbridge lottery\*\***

<https://www.elmbridgelottery.co.uk/support/friends-of-long-ditton-infant-and-nursery-school>

**\*Tea Towels\***

We still have some left. Order on the link below please

<https://forms.gle/XJQx8ez9hJcwB7CBA>

The fabulous wreaths made at our Christmas wreath workshop at the George Evelyn pub. Thanks to the pub for accommodating us outside in the heated gazebos. Outside is definitely the new in. lovely food too. Thanks to the mums that took part and helped raise funds for our infant school. see you all next year for this great Christmas cheery activity.

Thanks for all your support over the term. only 5 school days left this term.

Have a great last week!  
The Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS



### Value Stars Friendship

James for being a kind and forgiving friend.  
Zachary for always helping out your friends in Husky class.  
Charlie for being a super friend and always helping others make good choices.  
Theo for looking out for other members of Corgi class and cheering up your friends when they are feeling sad.  
Sam for being a good friend to others.  
Tate for being a great friend in the playground.

### Golden Certificates



Hugo for making progress in every area of his learning.  
Isabella for doing really well in her reading.  
Erik for your fantastic Christmas card writing this week.  
Victoria for settling so well into Corgi class this week.  
Clement for his creative input in the group stop-motion  
Luca for showing resilience and talking about his feelings  
Edward B for fantastic maths work  
Seungjoon for fantastic writing about the Jolly Christmas Postman.  
Harvey for making a fantastic stained glass window in art.  
Olly for working really hard in group work and sharing super ideas.  
Nila for working very hard and managing her distractions.  
Noa for writing a great interview with Mog.

### Credit Cards (4x Certificates)



Calla



Harrison – 7  
Elsie – 6  
Felix - 5

### Other Achievements

Felix was awarded golfer of the week.  
Edward M achieved his Swim Skills level 1 and has been invested as a Beaver Scout  
William achieved his Penguin 2 swim award

## DIARY DATES

### December 2020

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Wonderland Walk opens
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 and Nursery craft and campfire – please see letter sent out by ParentMail for details of what to wear to school
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Reception and Nursery craft and campfire - please see letter sent out by ParentMail for details of what to wear to school
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 craft and campfire - please see letter sent out by ParentMail for details of what to wear to school
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Festive Fancy Dress day Finish early for Christmas holidays – please see times below

### January 2021

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Inset day – school closed to children
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Spring term for children

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The Friends of Long Ditton Schools are pleased to present

# WINTER WONDERLAND WALK

14th December - 3rd January

Each £5 bag contains:

- \* Map \* Sweets
- \* Picture to colour
- \* Scavenger hunt
- \* Raffle ticket
- \* Ginger bread recipe

Starting from Manny's tree and finishing at the George Evelyn Pub

Please SCAN THE QR CODE to order your bag. Or alternatively, you can contact the Friends at: [longdittonfriends@outlook.com](mailto:longdittonfriends@outlook.com)

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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.

## LEARN TOGETHER WITH YOUR CHILD

Want some support with parenting but don't know where to look?



**Surrey Adult Learning offers FREE workshops to help you create a better family life.**

- Manage anxiety for you and your child with **stressbusting** workshops
- Join a **cooking** class with your child and create tasty recipes together
- Develop your creative side with a **Storytelling with craft** workshop
- Learn how to support your child's reading with a **Phonics** workshop
- Build your **communication skills** and understand your child's behaviour
- Improve your **English** to help your child with their homework
- Take a **maths** course based on what your child is learning.

Are you worried about your child's behaviour or development or see your child struggling in school? These courses can benefit you and your child.

**Family Learning**  
email: [family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk)

Sign up today for your **FREE** course online at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning)

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Amazon Smile is a simple way to shop on Amazon and support The Friends of Long Ditton Infant & Nursery school at no additional cost. Every time you make an eligible purchase through Amazon Smile, Amazon donates 0.5% to us! Here's how it works:



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Under Your Account, select **Change Your Charity** | **STEP TWO**


**STEP THREE** | Search for The Friends of Long Ditton Infant & Nursery School, then click **Select**.

Turn on Amazon Smile in your Amazon Shopping app (find it under Settings), or visit [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) and have fun shopping! | **STEP FOUR**

By making eligible purchases through Amazon Smile, a donation will be made to **The Friends of Long Ditton Infant & Nursery School** helping us to purchase essential equipment!

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...for our children

# LONG DITTON SHINES



St Mary's church invites you to make a star for your window to spread some joy this Christmas.

Let's brighten every street in the village and make **LONG DITTON SHINE!**

#LongDittonShines2020

**East Elmsbridge foodbank**

**Are you struggling to provide food for yourself or your family?**

The Foodbank is here to support anybody who is currently finding it difficult to provide food for themselves or their families due to financial or other issues. **You do not have to be in receipt of benefits to get help from us.**

If you feel that you need support from us, then please call or message us on: **07908 777475** or email [referrals@eastelmsbridge.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:referrals@eastelmsbridge.foodbank.org.uk) and we can let you know what you need to do for us to be able to deliver an emergency food parcel.

Catherine Heavens  
East Elmsbridge Foodbank Coordinator