



# Long Ditton St Mary's Church of England (Aided) Junior School

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Dear Parents,

## Headteacher's Letter

I hope you enjoy reading all the information that our prospectus contains about Long Ditton St Mary's School and that this will help in your selection of our School for your child.

We are proud of the long history of our School, our successful OfSTED Inspection findings in November 2006 and Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools (SIAS) in January 2007, academic and other wide-ranging music, drama, art and sporting achievements. As a Voluntary Aided Church of England School we enjoy very close links with St Mary's Church and equally strong links with our diocese, the Diocese of Guildford. This really does add a further dimension to the educational work and rationale of our School which, we believe, is of great benefit to all concerned.

At the moment we are at a very exciting time in the School's history in continuing to provide up-to-date facilities for all our pupils. We have already achieved much in our existing classrooms and have a purpose built ICT suite. The latter now boasts 30 state-of-the-art computers and all our classrooms have an interactive white board. Equally within the last four years we have completed an enlarged library area and book stock, as well as the building of two new classrooms to replace our mobile rooms, which was funded by a £279,000 grant from the Department for Children, Schools and Families and (DCSF). We have installed a computerised library system for our fiction books, new internal entrance doors and air conditioning in the ICT suite. During the summer break and autumn term 2008 work is underway to enlarge an Upper School class room, refurbish pupil toilets, insert a small window in the office for pupil use, extend the staff room and relocate the music room.

In future we hope to enlarge and modernise two of our remaining classrooms that are undersized.

Our SATs results last year were yet again above national results in English, Maths and Science, which is a huge achievement. Music, art and sport thrive alongside the academic subjects as does the care and emphasis we place on helping pupils to be confident, articulate and caring.

If there is anything you wish to know which is not in the prospectus, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Susan Woods  
Headteacher

