

DATES FOR THE TERM

18 th -22 nd Feb	Half Term
25 th Feb	Term 4 begins
1 st March	Yr 1 Scooter training
1 st Mar - 2.30	Shared Golden Time - Silver
5 th March	Yr R After-school reading session - 3.15-4.30pm
5 th March	SATS workshop - 2.30pm
7 th March	World Book Day - dress up day
8 th Mar - 2.30	Shared Golden Time - Gold
13 th March	Parent Forum - 9.00am focus on Parent Consultations
15 th March	Comic Relief - non uniform
15 th Mar - 2.40	Shared Golden Time - Blue
18 th -22 nd March	Book Week
19 th March	YrR Maths Stay & Play 9.10am
22 nd Mar - 2.40	Shared Golden Time - Purple
w/e 22 nd March	After school clubs finish
25 th -29 March	Mother's Day Activities & PTFA Raffle
29 th Mar - 2.40	Shared Golden Time - Red & Yellow
4 th April	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
5 th April	Sponsored Colour Run
5 th April	Term 4 ends
23 rd April	Term 5 starts



Staff development day 3rd June 2019

Positive Posts

Thank you to those parents who wrote a positive post after their parent consultation. We have displayed these in our display book in the entrance hall for visitors to look at and read.



SATS workshop for Parents

This year we will be holding our workshop for parents of Year 2 children a little earlier in the term. It will be on Tuesday 5th March at 2.30pm. Mrs Kreiselmeyer will be sharing information with you and showing you some past papers.

Ditton Infant School



Newsletter 4

Spring Term 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

This year we will be holding our World Book Day celebrations on the same day as Ditton Junior School (7th March). All children are invited to dress up as a book character. If they can bring a copy of the book their character is from they can share these in class. Weather permitting, we will walk and parade around each school. Miss Coulbault will send some KS2 children to us on this day to take part in some shared reading activities.

Comic Relief then follows the week after and the theme will be 'Wild Hair and Red Clothes'. £1 donations suggested for non-uniform.

This year we have decided to do a Sponsored Event to raise some much-needed funds for school ICT resources. Due to the popularity of the Colour Run, traditionally led by the Year R team, we have decided to extend this to the rest of the school. More details to follow soon!

We will also be repeating our Mother's Day workshops this year with a different selection of activities. Due to the popularity of last year we will spread these out over more sessions and have a limit on numbers for the Friday afternoon slot!

Mrs. C.S. Lewer
Headteacher

Attendance

We will not authorise and strongly discourage holidays to be taken in term time but are aware that some families continue to do so. I would like to draw your attention to the times when Phonics Screens and SATs are taking place as it is **important** that children are in school during these times and the lead up to these weeks where teachers will be planning revision sessions to target any existing gaps in concepts.

Phonics Screen (Yr1 and Yr2 re-takes) - 10th - 14th June 2019
Yr2 SATS - May 2019

We will be running an Easter Attendance competition from 4th March until the end of Term 4. Just like the Christmas tree, children will be asked to colour a part of the egg at home for each day they attend school. Those children who have coloured 24 or more sections will be entered into a prize draw.



An Eco Update

This term we have been very excited about receiving our first Bronze Award and launching our very first Eco after school club. Throughout the weeks we will be thinking about:

- Reusing/recycling
- Biodiversity (supporting our local wildlife to flourish)
- Healthy living

So far, we have explored these areas in very practical ways. We spruced up some old plant pots by giving them a lick of paint and have created homes for spiders using sticks, masking tape and string. We took these to the Wildlife Garden and placed them in areas that we thought the spiders would like. We enjoyed learning about and making homes for the spiders so much that we are looking to create homes for other essential wildlife like toads and earwigs. In addition to this, we will be promoting healthy living by planting beans in our newly painted pots and potatoes in our shared planters. Alongside this we are also hoping to plant a selection of flowers to attract and support our local bee population.

Keep an eye on our website for ways to be eco friendly at home.

Policy Updates

We have recently reviewed and updated the following policies and added them to our website. Paper copies are available on request:

- Charging Policy
- SEND Policy
- Child Friendly Child Protection Policy and Stay Safe Poster

I am also delighted to announce that Mrs Cole, one of our Year 2 parents, has been elected as our new parent governor.

Gymnastic Competition

Four of our Year 2 children represented the school at an inter-school gymnastics competition just before half term and I am delighted to announce that they have made it to the final in June.

Well done Team Ditton!

Severe Weather Arrangements

In the event of bad weather such as snow or high winds, it may be necessary to temporarily close the school or open a little later. If the weather causes concern overnight, please remember to check your emails and text messages. We will also try to put a message on the website as soon as possible to assist you with your planning. **No child will be allowed to leave the premises without an adult who is on the home time collection slip or has previously been agreed by the parent.**



Wellbeing Support and Forest School Learning

We are delighted that Miss Croker, Mrs Cox and Mrs Brooker have agreed to work some additional hours in order to continue the Wellbeing provision in school following Mrs Savoury's departure. We are also having a Forest School trainer called Mrs Murray coming to work alongside each class this term so that all staff are equipped to deliver some Forest-School inspired learning opportunities.

Dates for shared Golden Time

We will have to limit this to one parent each time due to the size of the classrooms, but it will give you a chance to see the displays in class and your child can share their work. Parents can then take turns to attend during the year if they wish to. This will not be an opportunity to talk about your child with the teacher as they will be busy supervising the activities. We will maintain our usual safeguarding guidelines and ask that no phones or mobile devices are used during this time.

Year R - 2.30pm-3.00pm / Year 1 & 2 - 2.40pm-3.10pm

1st March - Silver Class

8th March - Gold Class

15th March - Blue Class

22nd March - Purple Class

29th March - Yellow Class and Red Class

Transition to Year 3

Year 2 children who are transferring to Ditton Junior School in September will begin visiting in small groups with Mrs Coles each Friday. We will be organising more transition events such as storytimes in Terms 5 and 6.