

## Dates for Term 6

4 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
7 <sup>th</sup> June	New Entrants Meeting - 2pm
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year R Height & Weight
w/b 11 June	Yr1 & 2 Phonic Screening
11-15 June	Father's Story Week
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr2 Trip - Dover Castle
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 2 Parents - Information Evening at Junior School - 6.00pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sports Day - 10am-2.30pm
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Yr1 Trip - Rare Breeds
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Forum - 9am
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr2 visit to Junior School
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to parents
w/e 6 <sup>th</sup> July	After-school clubs end
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent consultations (optional)
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr R Trip - Godstone Farm
14 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA joint Summer Fayre with Junior School
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr2 Leavers' Production - 6pm at Community Centre
24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of school year

## Staff Development Days for 2018/19

3rd September 2018  
4<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
3rd January 2019  
4<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
3rd June 2019

On Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, LJ Betts are opening their farm in Offham, West Malling to the public as part of a nationwide event called Open Farm Sunday. They would like to help children and their families understand the value of the countryside, give them an appreciation of where their food really comes from and show them how it travels from the field to their plate.

# Ditton Infant School



## **Newsletter 6**

**Summer Term 2018**

Dear Parents,

Where did Term 5 go? The end of the school year is rapidly approaching along with exciting whole school events such as Sports Day and the Summer Fair. The PTFA are always grateful for offers of help, so please let them know if you can help before or during the Summer Fair.

In line with GDPR we will soon be sending out some updated permission forms and data collection sheets for you to complete at home and return to school.

As you will now know Mrs Gillard will be leaving us at the end of July and Mrs Bridle left at the end of Term 5. We welcome Mrs Mundy back to our team who will work across the KS1 classes until the end of term on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We have appointed a new Inclusion Manager to work across the two Ditton schools. Her name is Mrs Campbell and she will be coming in to school in July to meet parents, children and staff.

This term we will be focusing on transition as children prepare to move classes or schools. We will also be welcoming some new families to our school.

I am delighted to announce that Mr Pollard's wife had a baby boy over half term. Mr Pollard will therefore be on paternity leave for the next two weeks, during which time Mrs Wicks will be covering Yellow Class.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs. C Lewer  
Headteacher

## Uniform

Although the weather is warmer now, sudden showers of rain and cold winds continue to be a feature of the British Summer. Please make sure your child continues to have a suitable, waterproof coat in school to wear at these times. All children in school will need either plimsolls or trainers for PE as we hope to hold more lessons on the playground. If you wish your child to wear trainers please ensure that these have a Velcro fastening or that your child can tie their own laces. If you are about to purchase summer footwear, please can you make sure these are safe enough to play in. Backless sandals, flip-flops and shoes with a large wedge can cause children to fall over and should not be worn to school.

Just a reminder as well that all clothing needs to be clearly marked with your child's name. This is particularly important in the case of cardigans, jumpers and sweatshirts as these are frequently taken off during the school day.

### Father's Story Week

This will run between 11th- 15th June and fall in with Father's Day Celebrations. It is a national event associated with the Fatherhood Institute with the aim of promoting 'dads' reading at home with their child. Research shows that fathers who are involved in their children's early education have a significant impact on attainment and on future aspiration. We feel the term 'Father' can mean any male your child would see as looking after them; dad, step-dad, uncle, grandad, big bother. You will have already had a letter with the dates and times and I look forward to delivering the workshops in June.

### Free School Meals -September 2018

You may be aware that since September 2014 all children in Yrs R, 1 and 2 are eligible for a free school meal. We would like to encourage as many children as possible to take up this offer.

If you receive certain benefits, then our school can receive additional funding called Pupil Premium to support your child's learning. Please speak to the school office if you would like further information or to check if you are eligible, please visit <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

Thank you - this additional funding really makes a difference to our school.

### Policies

The Home Learning Policy and Attendance Policy have been reviewed by the Governing Board and although no changes have been made, updated versions will be placed on the website soon.

### Attendance

Your child will shortly be bringing home a Term 6 attendance colouring sheet. There will be a class prize drawn at the end of term for any children who can colour in 36 of the 37 boxes. Please return colouring sheets to school on the last day of term. (24<sup>th</sup> July)



### Phonics Screening Test

Practice, practice, practice! Please make sure that your child is ready for the Year 1 Phonics Test which will take place during the week beginning Monday 11th June. Some Year 2 pupils will also be re-tested this week. If you are unsure what skills your child should practice for the test, please ask their class teacher.

### Hot weather

Please ensure your child comes to school with a bottle of plain water and a sun hat. Children may also bring in a named bottle of sun lotion which they can apply themselves. Staff will remind children to apply this during the day usually at lunchtime. Prescription sunglasses are welcome but please keep other sunglasses at home unless a doctor has recommended that your child wears them.



### Measles Outbreak

As you may be aware there have been an increase in the number of children and adults contracting measles and we have been asked by the NHS to raise awareness of the MMR vaccine and encourage people to get vaccinated. There is no upper age limit for having the free MMR vaccine, so if you are not sure if you or your children have received two doses of MMR, please contact your GP.

### Sports Day

We are currently very busy planning Sports Day. Are there any parents who have a gazebo that we can use on the day? If so please let the office know. Any help to erect them on the morning would be greatly appreciated.