

## DATES FOR TERMS 5 & 6

23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Term 5 begins
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Yr R Stay & Play - 2.15-2.45pm
1 <sup>st</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 SATs
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> May	After-school clubs begin
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photos
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Forum - 9am
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Trip to Rare Breeds Centre
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Non-uniform day for NSPCC Last day of term
<b>27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Staff Development Day
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Term 6 begins
5 <sup>th</sup> June	New Entrants Meeting - 2pm
10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Story Week
10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr1 & 2 Phonic Screen
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Forum - 9am
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Parent Info Evening at Junior School - 6pm
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
w/e 5 <sup>th</sup> July	After school clubs finish
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to parents
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Consultations (optional)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Production - TBC
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of term

**Shared Golden Times will resume again in Term 6 and dates will be in the Term 6 newsletter. They can also be found on the website.**

### Parking outside the School

In the interest of everyone's safety, it is essential all parents take extreme care when parking outside the school. No parent should be parking on the zig-zag lines or obstructing resident's drives. Community Wardens do monitor the situation carefully and advise residents to report vehicles to the Borough Council or the Police.

## Ditton Infant School



### **Newsletter 5**

### **Summer Term 2019**

Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting our sponsored colour run last term and for those who have already sent in their sponsorship money. Please continue to collect in any outstanding money and hand into the school office by 3<sup>rd</sup> May. We will then let you know the grand total raised.

We will be welcoming Miss Major back to Blue Class in Term 6. She will teach the first half of the week and Mrs Tuft has kindly agreed to continue to work in Blue Class until the end of Term 6 from Wednesday afternoon to Friday afternoon. Mrs Azzopardi will sadly be leaving us at the end of Term 5.

We will also be organising more transition events over Terms 5 and 6 for our Year 2 children as they prepare for life in Year 3 at Ditton Junior School, as well as welcoming our new Year R intake into school for some visits.

The school currently has a vacancy for a co-opted governor. This role is appointed by the governing body. They are people who in the opinion of the governing body have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. Please contact me if you know of any colleagues or friends who may be interested.

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 Spring and 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 or field. 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 10<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> 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 brother. I appreciate that many of our 'dads' work and am therefore considering ways in which we can encourage involvement at a time which fits in with work commitments. I am hoping to run story sessions and activity workshops before school and end of the school day across the week for father figures to attend with their child. More details to follow soon!

## Safeguarding Update

You will soon receive a letter about an NSPCC assembly we will be holding on 20<sup>th</sup> May. During the assembly they will share information with your child about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries.

These are very worthwhile and empowering sessions for both pupils and teachers. They talk to the children and staff about the valuable work they do across the country, and about how important it is for everyone in our school community to support them. We will therefore, be holding a non-uniform day on the last day of Term 5 to raise funds for this charitable organisation.

## Phonic Screen

Practice, practice, practice! Please make sure that your child is ready for the Year 1 Phonics Screen which will take place during the week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Some Year 2 pupils will also be re-screened this week. If you are unsure what skills your child should practice for the test, please ask their class teacher.

## Key Stage 1 SATS

These assessments will take place in May. We always encourage excellent attendance, but it is vital that children attend school as regularly as possible and do not miss the starts of school days. Teachers will be planning activities to address any gaps and revisiting areas covered earlier in the Key Stage to ensure children are as secure as possible with the concepts.

## Attendance

At the start of this term, you will have received your child's attendance printout showing their attendance since September.

The winners of our Easter Egg attendance challenge were

Emma, James, Kierra, Willow, James, Esmee.

Thank you to all those who took part.



32 children were congratulated for 100% since the beginning of the school year. This is a fantastic achievement and in line with the same time last year.

Our whole school attendance now stands at 96.71%. Thank you for your support with attendance. We are now very close to our 97% target!

## Forest School Inspired Learning

### **25<sup>th</sup> April - Year R**

Silver Class - 10.00-11.45am

Gold Class - 1.00-2.45pm

### **2<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 1**

Blue Class - 10.00-11.45am

Purple Class - 1.00-2.45pm

### **9<sup>th</sup> May - Year 2**

Red Class - 10.00-11.45am

Yellow Class - 1.00-2.45pm

Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for the weather for example wellingtons in the wet or stout trainers in the dry. We suggest a pair of jogging bottoms and a long-sleeved top as a base layer adding layers according to the weather. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with them just in case there is rain.

If your child's class has been allocated a morning Forest session, please send your child in wearing clothing suitable for the weather which you don't mind them getting dirty and their uniform in a named plastic bag with a towel and spare pants and socks (yes sometimes they get that muddy!)

If your child's class has been allocated an afternoon session, please send their Forest kit into school in a named bag and we will get them changed at lunchtime.