

## DATES FOR TERM 6

3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Staff Development Day
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Term 6 starts
5 <sup>th</sup> June	New Entrants Meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Silver Class Shared Golden Time - 2.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Story Week
10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 & 2 Phonic Screen
13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> June	YR Hearing & Vision Checks
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Gold Class Shared Golden Time - 2.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year R Caterlink Workshop
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Forum - 9am
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Parent Info Evening at Junior School - 6pm
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Blue Class Shared Golden Time - 2.40pm
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Trip
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Purple Class Shared Golden Time - 2.40pm
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Eco-school Sea Creature Dress Up Day (details to follow)
w/e 5 <sup>th</sup> July	After school clubs finish
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to parents
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Non-uniform day - PTA Summer Event (more details to follow)
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Red Class Shared Golden Time - 2.40pm
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year R Trip
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Consultations (optional)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Production
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Yellow Class Shared Golden Time - 2.40pm
19 <sup>th</sup> July	After school PTA Summer Event
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of term

### Staff Development Days for 2019/20

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019  
3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019  
6<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
1<sup>st</sup> June 2020  
2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

## Ditton Infant School



### **Newsletter 6**

**Summer Term 2019**

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 Father's Story Week.

Mr Pollard will be leaving us at the end of Term 6 and we have employed Miss Sigle to be a new teacher in KS1 from September. We all wish Mr Pollard well in his future career and thank him for his contribution to the school over the last two years. Miss Sigle will be coming in this term to visit us and take part in transition events. We will soon let you know which class your child will be in next year and the staff working in the classes. Mrs Mundy will also be joining our teaching team and will be sharing the teaching role with Miss Major who has returned to work part time.

A big thank you to Mr Merralls who has very kindly donated some prizes from his employer, Tesco. He has been a great support to the school over the last few years.

We have also spoken to the children to find out what they have like best during our Forest School Inspired Learning and I am delighted that Mrs Murray will be back next year to continue working with each class.

Can I ask that if you are intending for your child to have their ears pierced over the summer holidays, please do this as close to the start as possible so that the earrings can be removed for PE once we return to school in September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. C Lewer  
Headteacher

### Shared Golden Times

We will have to limit this to one parent each time due to the size of the classrooms. 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. One activity we will set up during these times is a table to make a 'seed bomb' with your child. A seed bomb is a ball made of compost mixed with clay and water into which seeds have been embedded. Once the bomb has been thrown and the seeds have begun to germinate the bomb will slowly break apart. The soil will then provide a base for the seeds to start growing. We will maintain our usual safeguarding guidelines and ask that no phones or mobile devices are used during this time.

7<sup>th</sup> June - Silver Class - 2.30-3.00pm  
14<sup>th</sup> June - Gold Class - 2.30-3.00pm  
21<sup>st</sup> June - Blue Class - 2.40-3.10pm  
5<sup>th</sup> July - Purple Class - 2.40-3.10pm  
12<sup>th</sup> July - Red Class - 2.40-3.10pm  
19<sup>th</sup> July - Yellow Class - 2.40-3.10pm

## 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.

## Attendance

We have sent home a Term 6 attendance colouring sheet today. There will be a class prize drawn at the end of term for any children who can colour in 35 of the 36 boxes. Please return colouring sheets to school on the last day of term. (23rd July)



## PTA After-School Summer Event

Although the PTA have decided against running a Summer Fair this year we are hoping to run an after-school event towards the end of term. More details will follow soon.

If anyone has any soft toys/teddies that they would like to donate, the PTA are starting to collect from beginning of next term. Please drop them into the office.

£124 was raised last term by the 'Bag2School' collection. Thank you for your support

Thank you to Mrs Alford's family who have kindly donated some stumps for our wildlife area.

Thank you for your donations for the Marie Curie daffodils. We raised £59.75

## Free School Meals -September 2019

You may be aware that from September 2014 all children in Year 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. PLEASE NOTE - it is very important that if your child(ren) currently receive a free school meal, you continue to apply/update your details on [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk). If you believe you are eligible under the existing rules and have either not claimed, or wish your child to remain on packed lunches in September it would be very helpful for the school if you still made an application.

Schools receive money called pupil premium based on the number of children who are eligible (free school meals/children adopted from care/children of service personnel). If you think your child is entitled under the service personnel category and the school is not aware, please let the office know.

## Father's Story Week

This will run between 10th-14th 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. You will have already had a letter with the dates and times and I look forward to delivering the workshops in June.

## 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 10th 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.

## Battery Recycling

We are now running a battery recycling scheme at school. Please bring any used batteries to the office. Sizes include:

6V, D, C, AA, AAA, 9V, Button

## 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.