

DITTON PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER



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WHAT'S
NEW?

A New School Year!

As summer vacation comes to an end, we aim to equip you with all the necessary details to ensure a smooth start to the school year for your family. We trust that this newsletter offers the information you require.

Uniform

We ask that all our pupils wear the agreed uniform:

- white shirt
- tie
- grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- grey or white socks or plain grey tights
- navy jumper or cardigan with school logo
- black (flat) school shoes (completely black)
- waterproof coat



PE DAYS

Children should come to school on their PE days wearing their PE kit:

- Plain white t-shirt
- black shorts
- plimsolls or trainers
- A plain grey/black tracksuit without logos for outdoor PE

Mondays - Miss Woodward (Y5LW)
Mr Bourque (Y6GB)

Tuesdays - Year 1 (Y1 LD and Y1 RD)
Mr White (Y6DW)

Wednesdays - Mr Paul (Y3TP)
Year 2 (Y2LA and Y2AP)

Thursdays - Mrs Magan (Y3BM)
Mr Linaker (Y5ML)

Fridays - Mr Lynch (Y4AL)
Mrs Hubball (Y4CH)



Upcoming Events

- School reopens - Sept 4th
- Rock Kidz - Sept 11th
- School Photos - Sept 17th/18th
- Y3 trip - Oct 3rd
- Y5 trip - Oct 16th
- Half term - Oct 18th

LUNCHES

Hot dinners should be ordered on the school meals hub. We would encourage all families to choose meals in advance - the system will be live on Tuesday (barring any technical issues!!)

Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. We would encourage all families that think that they could be entitled to Free School meals to register so that the school received additional funding.

If your child has a packed lunch we would ask that parents provide healthy, balanced content without sugary drinks. We would also ask parents not to provide chocolate and sweets as part of a packed lunch. Alternatives can be found here : <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-food-swaps/>

If your child has dietary needs, please ensure that school are aware of these and that the data collection sheets reflect these needs.



Snacks

We encourage children to bring in healthy snacks full of vitamins and minerals containing no added salt, fat or sugar. Many of these will help contribute to their 5 daily portions of fruit and vegetables, keep them alert and help them concentrate. Children in EYFS and KS1 have a daily snack of fruit or veg provided for free by the government, so additional snacks for these ages may not be required.

If you are intending to send in healthy snacks, please consider the ideas on the list opposite:

- Vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot, a range of colour ensures different vitamins and minerals.
- A piece of cheddar cheese or babybel
- A piece of fresh or dried fruit, high in soluble fibre and vitamins would also be a great snack– pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices.
- Bread sticks, plain pretzels, banana bread, malt loaf, oat/rice cakes and small pitta breads are also good snacks, providing children with carbohydrate to sustain them in-between meals.
- Homemade snack - flapjacks or other oat/whole grain based snack.





Attendance and Punctuality

Ensuring children achieve their full potential is a key focus.

Please inform the school before 8.45am if your child is absent. You can leave a message on the attendance line at 0151 4245861 or email Ditton.absence@wpat.uk.

Regular updates on your child's attendance will be provided by the school. Notifications will be sent periodically to address concerns and encourage discussions regarding any support the school can offer.

A child will be labeled as persistently absent if they have 19 days of absence in a school year.

Punctuality is crucial for a child's education.

Classroom doors open at 8.35am and close at 8.50am. Late arrivals after this time will enter through the school office and be marked as late.

Children arriving after 9.20am will be recorded as absent for the morning session, as per government guidelines, which the school cannot change.

For more information on the school's approach to attendance, please see the attendance policy on the school's website.

