

# Weekly Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Message from the Head of School

What a hot week! The children have been amazing given that Year 1 have been taking their phonics check and Year 4 have been doing their times tables checks – they have really demonstrated our school value of resilience.

We are expecting the weather to be cooler next week, so normal summer school uniform expectations will resume.

Please continue to ensure that your child comes to school with a filled water bottle, sun hat and wearing sun cream to keep safe in the sun at this time of year.

We are close to confirming staffing for next year and we hope to inform parents about their child's next class teacher soon.

## Pre-loved Uniform

We are hoping to set up a pre-loved uniform shop.

If you have any pre-loved uniform that is in a good condition, please drop it off to the box in the school office from Monday onwards.

Our first pre-loved uniform shop will be held during the summer fayre on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

## School Fayre

We will be holding a school summer fayre to raise money for our school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July. This will be a fun-packed afternoon for the children. The summer fayre will begin from 2pm and parents can pick their child up at this time and travel around the stalls with them. Children will not be allowed to attend the school fayre without an adult.

To help us raise money we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The children can wear their own clothes on this day in return for bringing a bottle for our tombola.



## Diary Dates

### Summer Term

#### JUNE

19<sup>th</sup> – First Aid Training Y6

19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – National School Sports Week

23<sup>rd</sup> – LJM University STEM event

27<sup>th</sup> – Tobacco Awareness

Workshop Y6

30<sup>th</sup> – INSET day (School closed to pupils)

#### JULY

3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 1 trip to Knowsley Safari

4<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Science Trip

5<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Science Trip

5<sup>th</sup> – Potential Strike Day

6<sup>th</sup> – Choir concert COHS DCBL Stadium

7<sup>th</sup> – Own clothes day (Bring a bottle)

7<sup>th</sup> – Potential Strike Day

17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Residential

20<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fayre

21<sup>st</sup> – Leavers Assembly (9.30am)

# Attendance

Whole School Attendance target is 96%

## Reminders for attendance

### HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Ditton Primary School CANNOT authorise holidays in term time.

All Warrington Head Teachers have agreed that, unless exceptional circumstances can be proved, any absence for a family holiday in future will be treated as an unauthorised absence.

We understand the economic pressures every family now faces, and share the frustration felt by many at having to pay more for breaks within school holiday times. We recognise that more needs to be done by the government and the travel industry to regulate and reduce these prices, but we cannot allow children's education to be put at risk because of high holiday costs.

We urge all parents and carers to work with us and book family time and breaks away during the 175 days of the year when our schools are not open for learning. This will give every child the same chance to take advantage of the rich educational and social experiences our school provides.

**Please let us know if you have no choice but to go away in term time. We will probably not authorise this absence. However, we are duty bound to make home visits for welfare checks when we have not seen children in term time and parents have not given a reason for absence. It will save us having to ring, ping, phone, make home visits, or in the worst case scenarios, we have to ring the police to complete welfare checks.**

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RRL	97.7	RWP	90.4
Y1RD	96.5	Y1LD	94.2
Y2CH	89.6	Y2AP	88.9
Y3LA	93.4	Y3LW	95.1
Y4AL	83.3	Y4AM	99.1
Y5ML	88.5	Y5AS	92.5
Y6GB	87.1	Y6DW	97.7

This week 's winners are:

**KS2-4EA/BM**

**KS1-1RD**

The class with the fewest lates this week were 2CH in KS1 with 2 people late all week and 6GB in KS2 with 3 lates all week.

All 4 classes win 15m extra playtime

Mr. Longworth's Reception class had a big improvement with attendance this week with 2 days on 100%. Brilliant! I'm sure he will reward the class in some way next week.

Note % is for Friday to Thursday

# See what we've been up to!

Look at our twitter page (@ditton\_ps) to see even more!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
 <p>Another glorious week in Reception. We have enjoyed planning our friendship story based on The Storm Whale. In maths we have been learning to double numbers to 10! Children did an amazing job, first using paint, then a mirror, and then just their heads! We have been learning about different environments and looking for similarities and differences. We then looked at similarities and differences between the seaside now and in the past!</p>	<p>What a busy week we have had in Year 1! We are incredibly proud of how hard the children have worked on their Phonics skills and this week they have demonstrated how brilliant they are. All of the children have tried their best, which is all we can ask of them. Well done to each and every one!</p>  <p>The children also had fun in computing, where they have been using word processor to add and remove text on a digital page.</p>  <p>In music, they have continued to practise their technique on the glockenspiels.</p> <p>In DT, the children created some structures as part of our new unit of work. They practised combining different materials together.</p>	<p>Children in Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their computing work this week. They are developing their skills using ScratchJr.</p>  <p>They were able to predict the outcomes of real-life scenarios and a range of small programs in ScratchJr. Learners matched programs that produced the same outcome when ran, and used a set of blocks to create programs that produced different outcomes when ran.</p> 
<p>Year 3 have had another busy week! We have begun to perfect our knowledge of adding instruments to support our singing! The children have started learning how to use the djembes alongside singing 'ROAR' by Katy Perry!</p> <p>In our DT sessions we have been learning about shell structures and which materials are most suitable depending on the purpose of the structure! The children had a go at creating 3D shapes from nets, finding out which materials would be the best adhesive and why.</p> <p>Despite the beautiful sunshine and the heat, Year 3 still worked tremendously hard, and we are super proud of them!</p>	<p>This week Y4 have enjoyed getting back on the djembes in music. We are now playing instruments and singing at the same time! In DT we have started to practise our sewing skills to create our pencil cases, we look forward to designing them soon. We have continued to improve our time telling skills and can now convert between 12 and 24 hours. In English we have started to plan and write our transformative narrative and are now using many of the writing techniques we have learned this year. Despite the sun and heat, we have worked hard and been enthusiastic in our learning. Enjoy the weekend and wear sun cream!</p>	<p>Year 5</p>  <p>In addition to sampling a variety of breads last week, the children took part in a Fun Food Chef workshop in which they made pizza! In English lessons, we have moved onto a new text which features the fictional character Kong. The children have made predictions based upon a teaser of items and images.</p> 
<p>Year 6</p> <p>This week we had a career talk with a well-known chef and another wonderful swimming session. We have been singing a variety of songs in Music and learning about Oliver Crowell, the English Civil War and its connections to Halton in both History and English. The children have also been refining their Spanish skills during a role-play ordering food and drink in a Spanish Café. Well done to Jackson who received a reply from Derek Twigg's office. Our MP has sent his letter to Rishi Sunak himself!</p>	<p>Sports</p> <p>On Wednesday, School Games organised an all-girls World Cup tournament for years 5 and 6, in order to celebrate the upcoming Women's World Cup this summer. Our girls represented Germany and absolutely blew us away with their incredible team spirit. They went on to win every single match they played in the tournament and as a result, they won the entire competition and brought home the trophy!</p>	 <p>A huge well done girls, you should be so proud of yourselves.</p>



# Certificate winners!



Name	School Value	Reason
Chloe S	Pioneering	For leading the way in 2AP with a great number of home reads logged weekly.
Luke F	Pioneering	For his outstanding writing in English. His recount of our recent school trip makes me want to go back and visit again!
Jah D-R	Resilience	For working extremely hard on his story plan, and orally telling the story to many adults in school.
1LD	Resilience	For a fantastic effort in their phonics screening checks this week. All of the children have made us extremely proud.
1RD	Resilience	For a fantastic effort in their phonics screening checks this week. All of the children have made us extremely proud.
Harry S	Pioneering	For fantastic effort all week and being a great role model to all pupils.
Maya	Resilience	For fantastic story telling in English!
Luke G	Resilience	For his outstanding attitude to learning, modelling our school values and being a model student.
Eliza A	Resilience	Overcoming their worries in school
Arlo C	Resilience	Working hard despite the heat and noise of the class.
Hollie O	Pioneering	An amazing work ethic in music (and other lessons!)
Jackson S	Pioneering	Great progress in Writing and well done for getting a reply from our MP!
Jackson G	Pioneering	For being a fantastic role model, working your socks off and making great progress. Your new school will be very lucky to have you!
Finley R	Children First	Being a fantastic role model to the children in 3LW!
George C	Children First	Being a perfect role model in year 3.