



"Enriching generations to serve and flourish."

Ditton CE Junior Newsletter – 15th January

So, we are into our second week of remote learning and this week a different team of staff are in school. We are finding, as I'm sure you are, that the teams working from home are flat out, with long days, particularly responding to feedback from you and children. I think that's true across the country. I know your challenges are immense but forgive me just adding how proud I am of the way this team of staff has tackled these responsibilities this time around. Whilst the children in school have found it very strange again, the team in school has also been superb last week and this. Despite all the challenges I am very impressed with how our community is coping, and praying this doesn't last too long. We are all in this together, and we are really showing the key thing – **We're all on the child's team!**



We are delighted to welcome two new Teaching Assistants to our squad, Miss Ford has joined Miss Semark in our Year 3 team, and Ms Beadle has joined Mr Hawkins and Mrs Smith in our Year 5 team.

The governance of the school is now formally being led by an Interim Executive Board which is a smaller governing board who each have extensive expertise in key areas. Their key information will be on the website soon and they will write shortly too.

Here are a few more links for you to look at related to exercise and sport but with some Maths thrown in. These come from our sports partnership. I'm not able to check the quality of all such links so you may want to look at them first.

<https://hortongrangeacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Greenacre-Sports-Partnership-Activity-Booklet.pdf>

Short Cosmic Yoga Stories/Exercises

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8snGkhBF7nhTxJt1M7d6A7mmD3kK6wE1>

Fun Football Maths Exercises (5-11 yrs)

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/twinkl-partnerships/champions-challenge-cards/ages-5-11>

Premier League Primary Stars English/Maths/Activity Challenges

<https://plprimarystars.com/home-learning>



Thoughts from a Church school: *"Let's not get tired of doing what is good, for at the right time we will reap a harvest- if we do not give up"* **Galatians 6:9**

Getting up, getting online, missing friends or extended family, doing your work - these things need even more stickability or **perseverance** than they used to for our children. The same is clearly true for parents and teachers right now. Hang onto the positive hope that we are getting through this, that things will improve and that the school remains a support. Together we are building a school to be proud of and the best way for us to play our part is to always know your concerns, and to stick at it!

Richard Sutton-
Smith