



"To have life and live it to the full."

Ditton CE Junior Newsletter - 23rd April 2021

Welcome back to the summer terms and better weather! Most of you will know now that my time is coming to an end here and that **Miss Johnson** will be the new boss from next Friday, with my interference a day a week for the time being! Thank you again for the privilege of leading your school. However, our work goes on, perhaps with even more urgency, to complete the plans we made and to put a robust new plan in place for September onwards. Our **Interim Executive Board** will write as soon as possible to communicate any changes they wish to make for next year but we intend to have a great summer at school and to map out 2021-22 in detail with the team. I would also like to draw your attention to the attached summary of the **Parent Survey** results. Included with it is a short statement about what we aim to do in response but overall we are delighted to see so many improvements in positive responses in almost every area. It has been our intention to be promptly and fully responsive to the concerns and alerts that different evidence throws up in our work to accelerate improvement. It's good to know you recognise that.



Summer Uniform soon?



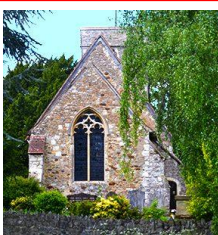
Forest School training for our team is nearly complete. Year 3 and 4 sessions will then be scheduled for the rest of term 5 and Mrs Moon will write to parents to let them know the days. Miss Baker will write to Y5/6 parents later this term to set out the schedules for those year groups in term 6.

Another reminder to check on **summer uniform** and purchase school shoes not trainers if buying new. The **new website** has gone live and there is a uniform page on there. www.ditton-jun.kent.sch.uk

I also wanted to tell you all how much Mrs Martin in the office has put into this website relaunch and we are very grateful for that.

Sadly we say good bye to **Mrs Bryant** in the office on 7th May as she moves to a new job with the Health Service. She will be very much missed by us all. Her dedication, humour and experience has been an integral part of how effective this school's office is under Mrs Stevens' leadership.

Just a quick reminder that we are not out of the trees yet regarding **CoVID**, so we still need to ask that birthday treats for classmates are not brought into school, as was tradition here. On top of that, if you do find that you or one of your children needs to isolate please remember that they should not be out of the house for that period. Under all these pressures we are making plans for the children for the **summer terms**, especially for our **Y6 leavers**, and will write soon with dates etc. but it will look different and it is unlikely that events such as a Sports day will be possible in the normal format this year.



Richard Sutton-Smith

In the week when Elite football seemed on the verge of separating itself from the game played on parks, playgrounds, Sunday pitches and patches of grass, we all need to persevere with what we believe to be right and this is well expressed in Galatians 6:9: *"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"*.

It has been the same for the team here and we hope that, through the headaches and hassles of lockdowns we have stuck closely to our goals of providing a great education, great care and great opportunity for your children. We've persevered, even when all the changes made the job so tough, and we have enjoyed support from you to help us through. We aren't likely to be fully back to normal for some time but it is to everyone's credit that we have made it through.