



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

## Ditton Junior Newsletter – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021

At last, the summer appears to be here. The sunshine seems to have raised everybody's spirits and there is a really positive, happy vibe around the school. It has been fabulous to see the children and the teachers making the most of the school grounds and taking the learning outside when possible. This has meant that Science Week has been an exciting and interactive start to the last term of the year.

The summer term in a junior school is one of the most exciting times of the year (maybe only eclipsed by Christmas) but it is also tinged with a few worries about changes and the unknown. We are planning events in school for the children to enjoy as well as some information sharing. These won't be able to be run in exactly the same way as they usually are, but we are trying to plan COVID friendly alternatives. The children will be meeting their new teachers in July, and you will be able to 'meet the teacher' before the end of the academic year. We are also trying to find a way for you to be able to see your child's work - we are so proud of how hard they have been working and want you to see it too!

Each year group is planning an educational visit for this term which is either linked to their classroom learning or to one of our school values. If you haven't already had a letter about this, you soon will. Miss Semark has been working hard to get a Sports Week ready for the children with different workshops for them to experience a range of activities. More detailed information will be out soon for each of these events.

It wouldn't be a headteacher's newsletter without mention of **parking** somewhere. We have had complaints from local residents about people blocking the road or their drives. Please park considerately – we want DJS to be a valued part of the community.

On the subject of road safety, we are noticing more children being dropped off on the **zig zags**. This is really dangerous as it blocks visibility and other cars might try to overtake you. Please find a safer place to stop further up the road.



### End of the year dates (so far):

w/b 21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 6 Fun Week (separate letter to follow).

22<sup>nd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> June – Headteacher meeting for new parents.

w/b 28<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Week

30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 trip to Chatham Dockyard

5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 trip to Bowles Centre

8<sup>th</sup> July – Meet the teacher after for children.

9<sup>th</sup> July – Reports out to parents

9<sup>th</sup> July – Year 3 trip to Kent Life

w/b 12<sup>th</sup> July – Optional 'Meet the Teacher' parents evening and year group information presentations.

16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leavers disco

19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leavers service – 2pm

21<sup>st</sup> July – Last day of term

Thank for those who attended the RSE talk on Wednesday. Don't forget to talk to me or your class teacher if you choose to withdraw you child from **sex education** (human reproduction).

☀️ Next week is going to be VERY hot. Please make sure that your child has a **water bottle** and **sun hat** in school. Please ensure they have **sun cream** on before they come to school.

In assembly this week we have been talking about **RESILIENCE**. I talked to the children about my favourite flowers, **daisies** and how they bounce right back after being mown. Our children have shown how resilient they are with the fantastic way they have dealt with the

Thank you do much for all your patience during the **computer issues** we are having in school. This has still not been resolved completely so please continue to use **Class Dojo** and the phone to keep in touch with us.

If you are not yet signed up to Dojo, please let your class teacher know and they can send a code home with your child. It would be great to have every family signed up. It is free!



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pandemic and the return to school – they have some great strategies for helping each other.

I have been inundated with presents of daisies, daisy chains and daisy caterpillars! But my favourite quote was from a Y3 boy who said "This daisy is for you to wear to remind you that you can always have on your badge. It will help you if you get flattened by a lawnmower!" I hope he was being metaphorical!