

Headteacher Newsletter May 2018

New term, new website



After many months of working behind the scenes our new website launched. Alongside our new vision of 'Enriching generations to serve and flourish' which as a staff we believe encapsulates our ethos.

We still have a long way to go to ensure the content fulfils all needs and gives a well-rounded view of everything we do in our school.

If you have any comments, suggestions or ideas for what you would like to see on the website, please email our school office (schooloffice@ditton-jun.kent.sch.uk) as we welcome feedback.



Year 6 are gearing up for SATs week 14th May 2018. They are working hard to ensure that they have enough practice and understanding of the process to achieve their potential.

The government have published a leaflet for parents to support you in understanding the expectation.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

If you would like a paper copy, please ask at the school office.



Our Year 6 residential to Acorn Adventures in the Brecon Beacons is fast approaching and in preparation for this Mrs Dennison and I went to Wales for the weekend. We stayed in a pod and got to see how two days would work and ask all the questions.



We both came back very excited about the amazing time the children would have and feeling reassured about the safety of our children.

On top of this we are starting the excitement for year 5 as we book and collect deposits ready for their adventure.



It is the time of year when Year 5 start thinking about Secondary schools. The new booklet for September 2019 hasn't come out yet, but we will be informing parents as soon as it does.

It will be on the www.kent.gov.uk website which has information on Secondary schools admission. To apply for a Secondary school go to www.kent.gov.uk/ola. If you need any help or support we are happy to do all we can.

Recently we have had children arriving in our playground before 8:30am without parent supervision. This is a concern as our staff are preparing for lessons and may not notice if something happens. We open our gates and supervise the playground from 8:30am every day. So for the safety of the children please ensure they are not arriving before then.



Royal wedding street party

18th May children can wear red, white and blue to school and we will have a street party lunch in the playground. Children will also have a small mug to decorate as a souvenir of the day.

Coming up...

- 11th May – Dress down day
- 14th May – SATS week (Year 6)
- 17th May – 3LN class assembly
- 18th May – Cake sale and Royal wedding street party
- 21st May – Year 4 trip to Penshurst Place
- 23rd May – Year 6 meeting re. residential trip
- 24th May – Year 5 trip to Maidstone Museum
- 25th May – School closed (Inset day)

Thought for the month

MATHEMATICS
is not about
numbers, equations,
computations, or
algorithms:
it is about
UNDERSTANDING.

William Paul Thurston