

Headteacher Newsletter September 2018

Welcome

I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and are refreshed and ready for this new year.

I would like to welcome our new year 3 children and look forward to getting to know them better and seeing the progression in their learning.

We have a few new members of staff who I am excited to introduce.



Mrs Campbell, Inclusion manager



Miss Harrington, Year 5 teacher



Miss Hamilton, Year 4 teacher

Mrs Konstanti-Weedon,
Counsellor

Finally, I would like to explain that this year I have taken the decision to go back to my maiden name of Miss Coulbault (pronounced cool bow).

Holiday works

During the holidays we have been busy. As you noticed on your way in we have tarmacked the side entrance. We have also finished painting and carpeting the classrooms.

Some windows have been replaced and the flat roof repaired to ensure no leaks. The lights in the hall are new and the kitchen has been painted.

The playground has a trim trail to enhance playtimes and the site manager caretaker has a new shed to store everything safely.

Also we have improved our SENCo room to allow it to be used as a multi-functional space.

Finally after overwhelming support we have new outside toilets.

Curriculum

Last year, as a staff, we re-designed our curriculum to match our school and pupils.

Every term has a theme linked to school, church and British values. It begins with the local area and ends the year with journeys/transition.

You can see the curriculum on our website.

Website

Our new website was launched last year at www.ditton-jun.kent.sch.uk

It will be kept up to date with information and dates of events. Also the class pages will be populated with photographs, learning and class specific information.

Vision and priorities

Our school vision is 'Enriching generations to serve and flourish' and we want to ensure all our children have opportunities to fulfil their potential.

Our priorities for this year are:-

- Expected progress for all
- Developing leaders

- Embed Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural learning
- Effective, excellent teachers

PTA

Our PTA do a great job of supporting the school and giving the children additional experiences.

If you could help or support with any aspect. Please email dittonjuniorspta@hotmail.co.uk

Coming up...

5th September – First day of the new term

6th September – 11+ test

19th September – Meet the Teachers 3.30pm

21st September – Jeans for Genes Day

25th September – Music for Schools presentation to parents and children 6pm

Further information can be found on the school website.

Final thought

*Promise me you'll always remember:
You're braver than you believe, stronger
than you seem, and smarter
than you think*

