

# Headteacher Newsletter April 2019

## Leavers

We start this month by saying goodbye to a few members of staff. At Easter we lose Mr Payne, Mr Madden and Mrs Barr from our community.

Mr Payne has been a well-loved member of staff and part of our leadership team. He has been dedicated to the improvement of the school.

Mr Madden has been a long term supply who has supported our children in making progress and been involved in all aspects of our school community.

Mrs Barr has been a Teaching Assistant who worked with many of our children in class and on the playground. She has also been a governor and instrumental in improvements.

All of them will be missed but we wish them all the best for their future and thank them for their contribution to our school.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome back Mrs Clancy and look forward to seeing the children in her class flourish.

We would also like to welcome Mr Maggio who has joined us as a Teaching Assistant currently until July and we are grateful that he will join Year 6 on their residential to Wales.

## Craziness at Ditton



To support charities, as a church school, we have had crazy hat day and crazy hair day. The children looked fabulous on both days and were very imaginative with their creations.

Through these events we raised over £367.00 which supports those less fortunate than ourselves.

During crazy hat day we also had a penny line competition across the playground. 5AB found themselves the winners with the longest line. Well done!

## SATS

Last week we had another mock sats week to ensure we have our procedures correct, a clear understanding of where the children are and that the children know what the week entails. This also allows us to analyse the results and tailor our teaching over the next few weeks to the specific needs.

With only 3 teaching weeks to go after Easter, we are well prepared and ready to support the children in reaching their full potential.

## PTA



We would like to extend a huge thank you to the PTA for providing every child with an Easter Egg and hosting our Mother's Day present room.

The PTA is vital to supporting our school. They reinforce the enrichment and community side of school life whilst raising money to support projects in the school.

If you would be able to offer your advice, support or time please don't hesitate to email them on dittonjuniorspta@hotmail.co.uk

## Reading



From discussions with staff and parents we have decided that we need to fully invest in our reading resources. Having improved our teaching of reading and results across the school we now need to develop a love of reading. To that end we will be looking closely at all books

and selling off ones that are out of date or not relevant, as well as utilising the money from our book fairs. This then means we can buy new books that match Accelerated Reader and develop a love of reading.

The sponsorship money from the colour run will go towards the books and technology required to ensure an improvement in reading for pleasure.

## Parent forum

Minutes from our parent forums can now be found on our website. These meetings have been very useful and have had an impact in our school. Thank you for all your comments and questions they are always well received.

## Things to come...

5<sup>th</sup> April – Colour run  
(parents welcome from 2:30pm)

8-22<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Holidays

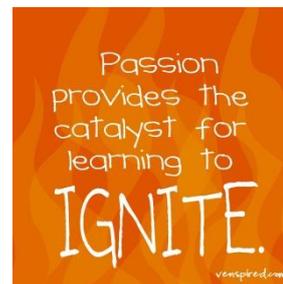
23<sup>rd</sup> April – Easter church services  
(parents welcome)

29<sup>th</sup> April – Year 5 parents residential meeting

30<sup>th</sup> April – Class photographs

30<sup>th</sup> April – Parent forum meeting  
(Focus – technology)

## Thought of the month



**Enriching generations to serve and flourish**

**Courage • Empathy • Respect • Responsibility**