

Headteacher Newsletter May 2019

Welcome

We are excited to welcome 3 new Teaching Assistants to our staff. Miss Bonner and Miss Lake have already started and have settled in well. Mrs Boyd will be joining us after half term.

We would also like to welcome back Mrs Moon as Assistant Headteacher.

Colour run

We raised £1096.30 for the school at our colour run. Thank you for all the donations and I am glad all the children had a wonderful time. It was a lovely way to start the Easter break.

SATs



I would like to extend my best wishes to all of Year 6 this week as Sats week starts. We know they are prepared and ready to achieve their best and look forward to supporting them through this week.

Children will come in early for breakfast club and to do a morning workout each day to ensure they are in the best mindset going forward. This will also allow us to check that all the children are in attendance. On Friday we will do a special celebration breakfast to round the week off.

The Sats run from Monday to Thursday with each test lasting around an hour. We will then spend the afternoon getting the children prepared for the next days test in a motivating and engaging way to ensure children's well-being throughout this week.

PTA

Quiz night was a great success and I would like to thank the PTA for their hard work in organising the evening,

even though it was the teachers team that won.



The greatest showman is the next event where children can come and watch the film and sing-a-long together. It should be a fun night and a good end to this term. If you would like your child to attend please pick up a form from the office.

As always if you are able to offer your support or time please don't hesitate to email them on dittonjuniorspta@hotmail.co.uk

Parent forum

Thank you to our dedicated parents who collect the parent's thoughts and relay them back each month through our parent forum.

This has been very useful in supporting us in understanding the improvements needed and celebrating things that are going well.

Minutes of these meetings are passed out through parentmail and then uploaded to the website.

Governors

Recently it has come to my attention that parents would like to feel that the Governors have a stronger presence in the school, especially when there is a period of change. In speaking with the Chair of Governors it was decided that the governors would write a newsletter to parents during the year.

I do meet regularly with the Chair of Governors and she is aware of everything that happens within the school so that she can support me in my strategic decision making. She also attends meetings with our School Improvement Advisor and supports with

some recruitment interviews. This all allows for a good understanding of the school as a whole.

Car park

We have found our new car park layout to be successful in increasing safety for all. We would ask parents and children to continue to follow the blue walkway so that they are safely away from the cars.

Summer

As summer approaches a quick reminder that the children make sure they have hats and suncream on ready for playtime and lunchtime.

Things to come...

22nd May – Year 6 residential meeting (6pm)

24th May – PTA film night (3:30pm)

3rd June – Staff development day (school closed all day)

7th June – Sports day (1pm onwards)

Thought of the month...

SUCCESS IS
THE SUM OF
SMALL
EFFORTS,
REPEATED DAY
IN AND DAY
OUT.
Robert Collier

Enriching generations to serve and flourish
Courage • Empathy • Respect • Responsibility