# END OF TERM NEWSLETTER

April 2025 DITTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

### Message from the Headteacher

As we come to the end of another busy and productive term, I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support. This term has been full of learning, growth, and community spirit. From exciting curriculum events and educational visits, to residentials and enrichment activities—our children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and resilience. None of this would be possible without the strong partnership we share with you at home.

Your encouragement, time, and involvement—whether through attending events, supporting learning at home, or simply cheering your children on—make a real difference. It's been a joy to see the children thrive, and we are incredibly proud of all they've achieved. I hope you all enjoy a restful and well-deserved break with your families. We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the new term

ahead.

## Reminders

Please keep checking the newsletter that is sent out each week for upcoming events.

Children return to school On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

## **Upcoming Events**

- 22nd April School reopens
- 25th April Y5 chemistry workshops
- 12th 15th May Y6 Sats Breakfast club
- 12th 15th May Y6 Sats Assessments
- 9th May Provisional Date for Sports Day KS1
- 20th May Provisional Date for Sports Day LKS2
- 21st May Provisional Date for Sports Day UKS2
- 22nd May Provisional Date for Sports Day EYFS
- 23rd May Half term holidays

#### P.E. Update

We would like to inform you that there will be some changes to our PE provision next term. Unfortunately, MSE Kev will not be continuing his support in school due to personal circumstances. We are incredibly grateful for the contribution he has made to our enrichment activities. His dedication, particularly in developing our Forest School provision, has been greatly appreciated by staff and pupils alike. His last days in school will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of April and we wish him all the very best for the future.

Looking ahead, we are excited to be starting our swimming programme shortly after we return from the Easter break. All KS2 children will have the opportunity to develop their swimming skills and build water confidence in small groups using our on-site swimming pool. Further details regarding swimming arrangements will be shared with parents soon.

#### TT ROCKSTARs

We're thrilled to see so many children have "Gone Green" on TT Rockstars this term – a fantastic sign that they're building speed and confidence with their times tables. This progress makes a huge difference in helping children feel more confident and capable in maths lessons.

Please do encourage your child to keep practising over the holidays – just 3 minutes a day can make a big difference and help them hold on to all the progress they've made so far!

#### Positive behaviour

#### **Celebrating Positive Behaviour**

We're so proud to share that every child in school earned at least 150 Track-it points last term and took part in the Bronze Award reward on the last day of term – what a brilliant effort! An amazing 110 children also achieved over 400 points and earned the Silver Award.

Next term, children will continue to collect Track-it points, with more rewards to look forward to at the end of term. The award levels are:

•	Bronze – 150 points
•	Silver – 400 points

- Gold 1000 points
- Diamond 1750 points

Points from this term will carry over, so children can keep building on their successes. We'll share more details about the rewards as the term goes on.

#### ATTENDANCE

We'd like to say a big thank you to all our families for your continued support in improving attendance across the school. We've seen a positive shift in our attendance figures this term, and that's down to your effort in making sure children are in school and ready to learn every day.

Good attendance is vital for every child's education, wellbeing, and long-term success. Even a few days missed can have an impact on learning, friendships, and progress. The Government has made it clear that schools must take attendance seriously and follow up

on patterns of absence. This includes regular monitoring and, where necessary, working with families to ensure that attendance improves. We know that sometimes absence is unavoidable, but wherever possible, we encourage families to prioritise school attendance and avoid term-time holidays or unnecessary days off. Together, we can make every school day count.

Thank you once again for your support!







