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## A message from Mrs Tweed

*We have had a terrific first week back after the February half-term break. Ditton is such a positive school with the children modelling excellent behaviours for learning and manners every day.*

*We are really excited for World Book Day on Thursday. We have booked a Dance company to come and work with us for the day linking stories with dance. We would love you to join us at 3.15 to watch a very short video of what the children did in their class. We will open our gates early so you can come in through your child's usual outside classroom door. Please do come if you are free.*

*We hope that you have all signed up for Parent Consultations next week - I am sure you will enjoy hearing how your child is progressing.  
Enjoy your weekend.*



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## *This week our class spotlight is Year Four*

*This week, we started reading *The Boy At The Back of The Class* by Onjali Q Rauf, which brought forward engaging discussions about refugees worldwide. The children developed their comparing and retrieval skills, alongside test-technique, when articulating their answers. In English, the children started writing their explanatory texts about the human digestive system, utilising technical, subject-specific language learnt in recent Science lessons on the human body. In Geography, we dived into our new topic: *The Water Cycle*, and in Maths, we continued to learn about Length and Perimeter on shapes, alongside consolidating times-table knowledge. Well done Year 4 with all your hard work on TTRS - your scores have improved considerably! In Art, we started our new unit: *3D and Collage*, in which the children were introduced to recording proportions of the human body accurately. In PE, we practised our pivot and pass skills when playing netball, and in PSHE, we started our new unit of learning on *Rights Respecting*, which ties in beautifully with the ethos of Ditton Lodge.*





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## This week our subject spotlight is Geography

The children have enjoyed some interesting topics in geography this term. Early years have explored habitats through the story 'The Carnival of the Animals'. They have looked at African plains, forests, the ocean and the Arctic. Year 1 have been learning about the countries of the United Kingdom and the names of their capital cities. The children in Year 2 have been comparing two locations (London and Kenya). They have been learning about Kenya and its geographical features, as well as the Maasai tribe. In Year 3, children have been learning about the countries that make up the United Kingdom. They have looked at the different regions that make up England, and have identified the different counties that make up East Anglia. The children have been identifying the human and physical features such as cities, mountains, coasts and rivers. Pupils in Year 4 have been learning about lines of latitude and longitude and how they tell us what a location is like. They have also been using these lines to find exact locations around the world. In Year 5 the children have been learning about 4 and 6 figure grid references; and how to find precise locations on an Ordnance Survey map by using the Eastings and Northings. Children in Year 6 have been learning about settlements; from hamlets (the smallest type of settlement, "ham" means home and "let" means small) to conurbations. These are the largest type of settlement and are when cities connect together, "con" means together and 'urb' means "city".



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## Attendance

### This Week's Year Group Attendance

Reception - 95%    Year 1 - 98.06%    Year 2 - 98.67%

Year 3 - 95.48%    Year 4 - 91.67%    Year 5 - 98.57%

Year 6 - 97%    Whole School - 96.35%





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## House Points

*This Week's House Points Winner is :*

*Palace House - 267  
Tattersalls House - 270  
Severals House - 146  
Hyperion House - 147*



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## Diary Dates

*Tuesday 4th March - Year 1 Forest School*

*Wednesday 5th March - Parents Evening - 3.30 - 6.00 pm - all year groups except Year 1, 3 & 6*

*Thursday 6th March - Parents Evening - 3.30 - 6.00 pm - all year groups except Year 1 & 6*

*Thursday 6th March - World Book Day - (PJ's and Onesies)*

*Friday 7th March - PTFA After School Ice Cream Sale*

*Tuesday 11th March - Vision Screening for Reception*

*Tuesday 11th March - Year 2 Forest School*

*Wednesday 12th March - Parents Evening - 3.30 - 6.00 pm - Year 1 & 6*

*Thursday 13th March - Parents Evening - 3.30 - 6.00 pm - Year 1, 3 & 6*

*Thursday 13th March - Bags2School Collection Day*

*Friday 14th March - PTFA After School Ice Cream Sale*

*Week Beginning 17th March - Year 5 Bikeability*

*Tuesday 18th March - Year 3 Forest School*

*Friday 21st March - Mother's Day Pop Up Shop*

*Tuesday 25th March - Year 4 Forest School*

*Friday 28th March - School Disco*

*Tuesday 1st April - Whole School Forest School*

*Friday 4th April - Break the Rules Day*

*Friday 4th April - Last day of Term*





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## PTFA Diary Dates

*The PTFA will be holding the first ice cream Friday of the year next Friday 7th March (weather dependent).*

*Bags2School is coming up on 13th March for those of you having a spring clean. Donations of good quality second hand clothes and shoes can be donated to raise money.*