

# Ditchheat Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter: 20<sup>th</sup> Newsletter 2017

This newsletter can also be read on our school website:

<http://ditchheatprimary.co.uk/>

### Dates

*New Dates in Bold and Italic*

#### November

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Bag2School being collected

#### December

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 Multi-Skills Festival

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Basketball tournament

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> - Manicure Marathon - leaflet coming home today

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Rendezvous - Willow Class

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Whole school trip to see 'Babe the Sheep Pig' at Strode Theatre

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> - Cherry Nativity 2.30pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Holly/Maple Christmas performance 2.00pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Holly/Maple Christmas performance 6.30pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Carol Service 9.30am**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> - FoDS Christmas lunch for ALL children-Information to follow

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> - Christmas Jumper Day - £1 Donation

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> - Last Day of School

Christmas Holiday - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec - 5<sup>th</sup> January

### Talk Homework

**Cherry: What do you know about wolves in the wild?**

**Maple: Can you give instructions to make breakfast?**

**Holly: Can you show your parents how to use a fronted adverbial?**

**Willow: What do you think about the theory of evolution?**

### Water Bottles

Please can we remind parents that children need to have a water bottle at school. Could we please ask that this only contains water. Evidence confirms that children perform better if they are well hydrated.

### School Photos

The order forms are being sent off tomorrow via post so if you still want to order photos please can we have your forms in by 9.00am tomorrow morning. Thank you.

### Community Meal

We have a community lunch on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Please ring the office if you know someone in the community who would like to come.

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### FoDS News

Dear Parents

Sorry it's taken me a while to get this out. A massive thank you to all that helped at the Halloween party. I hope the children enjoyed themselves. They were all so well behaved and hopefully we will do it again next year. We raised an amazing £358.68 which we will put towards the Christmas meal.

Talking of the Christmas meal, this year it will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> Dec, the children and staff all have lunch together in the village hall. If you could help set up, serving or tidying up please let me know. On that day the children don't need a lunch box, but will need a water bottle and Christmas jumper (donation of £1).

We also have the Manicure Marathon happening on the 9<sup>th</sup> Dec there are still places available if anyone would like their nails done for Christmas please get in touch.

Your FODS team

### Bag2School

If you need any more bags we have a supply in the office. This is a perfect time to have a big sort out ready for Christmas. They accept good quality adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys.

Please DO NOT include bedding, curtains, towels, household linen or bric-a-brac. If you need any more information please look on their website

[www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com)

Can we have your bags dropped off by the school gate (if raining under the bike shelter) by 9.00am on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

### Whole School Trip

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December the whole school are going to watch a panto at Strode Theatre. As we need to leave promptly we are going to do a quick lunch so changes will be made to the menu. We will be serving Hot Dogs as this lunch is quick to serve and eat. So the following changes will be made and we need you to amend Tucasi as necessary.

Week 1 - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December will NOT be Hot Dogs. It will be Sausage Rolls and Mashed Potatoes.

Week 2 - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December will NOT be Sausage Rolls it will be Chicken Korma.  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (Panto day) will be Hot Dogs.

Please amend Tucasi as soon as possible.

### School App

Please don't forget to register your email as we can't send you any messages as we don't know who you belong to! We still have a few unnamed users.

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### Parent Questionnaire

Please note there is a parent questionnaire going home today in children's book bags. We would be grateful if these could be returned as soon as possible.

If you would prefer, you can use the online survey called Parent View, which asks almost the same set of questions. This can be accessed via our website on the **Ofsted/School Performance** tab. Alternatively you can use the following link: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

This feedback is extremely valuable and helps us to improve our performance and practice. Many thanks.

### Our learning week ahead

#### Cherry Class

##### Numeracy

Counting. Matching numerals to objects.

Number bonds to 10 - addition number sentences

##### Literacy

Finding out all about wolves in the wild - Non fiction

#### Maple Class

##### Numeracy

Multiplication using drawings and resources.

##### Literacy

Writing instructions

#### Holly Class

##### Numeracy

Multiplication and division problems and reasoning.

##### Literacy

Persuasion, our environment.

#### Willow Class

##### Numeracy

Bar modelling

##### Literacy

Balanced discussion

### Stars of the Week

Victor Travis, Jacob Lewis, Lydia Evans, Kyle Meader  
and Matthew Bone

### Headteacher's Cup

Poppy Richards

### Writers of the Week

Faye York, Jayden Marks, Arthur Vaughan and Matthew Bone

### Mathematicians of the week

Buddy Hurstwaite, Anoushka Lumley, Hunter McLennan and Callie Fewell

**Well done to all of you!**

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