

# Ditchheat Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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



### Dates

*New Dates in Bold and Italic*

#### December

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

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

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> - Ditchheat Extra NOT running

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

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

#### January

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - First day back at school - Happy New Year

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - Willow/Holly School Trip

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Yrs 3,4 and 5 Swimming



### Talk Homework

**Cherry:** What will make your holiday special?

**Maple:** Practise the spellings in the back of your homework book ready for the spelling bee.

**Holly:** How many spellings can you learn over the Christmas break?

**Willow:** This week we have a writing competition. Speak to someone at home about what you plan to do.

### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Thank you so much for your support this term. There have been so many wonderful achievements since we started in September. I really hope you can find some time to relax and enjoy the Christmas holidays with your family.

At Ditchheat Primary School the health, safety and well-being of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, governors, parent/carers and volunteers to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.

### Chicken Pox

We have had a confirmed case of Chicken Pox in the school. If you are at all worried or concerned please speak to your pharmacist/GP.

### NO Ditcheat Extra

Please remember there will be NO Ditcheat Extra on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

### FoDS Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December FoDS will be cooking Christmas Dinner for all children and staff. Therefore, children do not need to bring in a packed lunch if they normally do so. Can we please remind children to bring in their water bottles as these will be taken over to the village hall. Thank you

### Tucasi

Hot Lunches - Please can you upload your lunches for January over the school holiday. The menu will continue until further notice. Thank you

Trips - Can you please make payments, if you haven't done so already, for swimming and the Bristol trip ASAP. Also, please return your permission slips via the office for the Bristol trip and swimming.

Early Birds and Ditcheat Extra - I will be uploading the last attendees on Thursday afternoon so Tucasi will be up to date for this term.

### Willow class

On Tuesday we will be baking our Christmas treats that we will sell during the Carol service on Wednesday. Please can Willow class pupils bring in an apron or old t-shirt to protect their school clothes. Thank you ☺

### 'Are We Nearly There yet?'

There are still tickets available for both performances. The tickets cost £2 each. If you have reserved some tickets, you have been allocated the number required and we can accept payment at the performance. If you need to book your child into the crèche please do so via the office. Miss Mascall or Miss Mason will be running the crèche in Cherry class. Hope you all enjoy the performances.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Please remember on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December it will be Christmas Jumper day. Your child/ren can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper/top and non-school uniform for a donation of £1 to go to Save the Children. Your child's class teacher will be collecting the donations.

**Our learning week ahead**

**Cherry Class**

**Numeracy** Counting and measuring

**Literacy** Talking to members of our community with confidence.

**Maple Class**

**Numeracy** Christmas number problems

**Literacy** Narrative - re-telling The Snowman, by Raymond Briggs.

**Holly Class**

**Numeracy** Christmas maths

**Literacy** Christmas play

**Willow Class**

**Numeracy** Christmas fractions!

**Literacy** Free write competition!

**Stars of the Week**

Harriet Mewse, Jake Gilchrist, Maddie Russell, Faye York and Hunter McLennan

**Headteacher's Cup**

Findlay Shrimpton

**Writers of the Week**

Callie Fewell and Freya Hare

**Mathematicians of the week**

Faolan Weston

**Well done to all of you!**