

Ditcheat Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: 4th December 2017

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

Dates

New Dates in Bold and Italic

December

Thursday 7th - Year 5/6 Basketball tournament

Saturday 9th - Manicure Marathon

Tuesday 12th - Rendezvous - Willow Class

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

Thursday 14th - Cherry Nativity 2.30pm

Monday 18th - Holly/Maple Christmas performance 2.00pm

Tuesday 19th - Holly/Maple Christmas performance 6.30pm

Wednesday 20th - Carol Service 9.30am

Thursday 21st - FoDS Christmas lunch for ALL children-Information to follow

Thursday 21st - Christmas Jumper Day - £1 Donation

Thursday 21st - Ditcheat Extra NOT running

Thursday 21st - Last Day of School

Christmas Holiday - Friday 22nd Dec - 5th January

Talk Homework

Cherry: Can you retell the Christmas story?

Maple: Can you describe what you can see outside?

Holly: Can you give an example of a superlative or comparative adjective?

Willow: Tell someone at home about the Windmill Farmer.

Ordering Hot Lunches

Please can we remind parents to let the office know if you add your child on Tucasi for a hot lunch AFTER Monday.

Last Thursday's lunch was a stretch as we had 3 extra children added for Pizza after Monday. We ONLY print the totals off on Monday so Ann knows how many to cook for and what food to order. Some meals are easier to make stretch but Ann individually makes pizzas for everyone so Thursday was a tricky day for Mrs Cooper.

At Ditcheat 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.

Projector Screen

The projector screen that we use in the hall broke last week and is now beyond repair.

We just wondered whether anyone has a projector screen at home or at work that they no longer use and would be happy to donate to the school.

Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme

We are delighted to announce that we were successful in our bid for a Tesco grant.

It is now up to the voting shoppers to decide whether we win £4,000, £2,000 or £1,000.

The money will be going towards new play equipment in the 'woodchip' area of the playground.

Voting, with the plastic counters, will take place from Tuesday 2nd January to Wednesday 28th February at the Shepton Mallet store.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Guitar Lessons

We have been approached by an experienced guitar teacher asking whether any parents would be interested in their children learning the guitar. Please enquire in the office if you would like more information. If there is sufficient interest, lessons could start in January.

PE Kit Reminder

Can we please remind parents and children to have their PE kit in school. We have a lot of children at the moment doing PE in their school uniform. PE days are as follows:

Cherry - Tuesday

Maple - Friday

Holly - Wednesday

Willow - Thursday

Tucasi Payments

Many thanks to all parents who are successfully paying via Tucasi. When paying for trips please don't tick the box on the permission slip to say you have paid when you have NOT paid. We do check payments against permission slips and it can be time consuming double checking those that have said they have paid.

Ditcheat Big Screen

Please see posters on the noticeboard and flyers coming home with your oldest child with regards to Despicable Me 3 showing at Ditcheat Village hall on December 15th at 5.30pm (doors open at 5.00pm).

Buying at Christmas Time

If you are thinking of buying technology for your children at Christmas, then you might like to read the advice from the UK Safer internet Centre.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology> which includes buying guides to help you choose the best device.

Bad Weather

Should we experience inclement weather in the next few months, we will take several steps to keep parents as well informed as possible. Should we need to take the decision to close the school, we will make sure that we post the news on our Facebook page (Ditcheat Primary School) as well as putting a notice on the home page of our website (www.ditcheatprimary.co.uk) and informing local radio stations.

Change of Menu

Please remember the menu has changed on Thursday so we can have Hot Dogs next Tuesday for Panto day.

Thursday 7th - Sausage Rolls and Mash Potato

Monday 11th - Chicken Kormas

Tuesday 12th - Hot Dogs

Babe 'The Sheep Pig'

Can we please have your child's permission slip, no later than, Wednesday 6th December. Please make payment via Tucasi. It is vital that we have a permission slip for your child to attend the trip.

Christmas Cards

The post box is out ready for your children to post their cards to their friends. Can you please make sure the child's class is on the envelope so the Elves deliver them to the correct classroom. We will be putting a list of first names for each class on our school app under Useful Documents.

Poppy Appeal

Ditcheat Primary School raised £33.55 for this year's Poppy Appeal. Thank you to those who donated.

Last Week of Clubs

Please note it will be the LAST week of clubs next week, so the last club will be Thursday 13th December. We will be running Ditcheat Extra on Monday 18th December, Tuesday 19th December and Wednesday 20th December.

Ditcheat Extra

Please note, Ditcheat Extra will NOT run on the last day of term, Thursday 21st December.

Our learning week ahead

Cherry Class

Numeracy 3D Shapes
Literacy Letter to Father Christmas

Maple Class

Numeracy Division - sharing fairly between 2 and 5
Literacy A winter scene description

Holly Class

Numeracy Equivalent fractions
Literacy Poetry -poem to prose

Willow Class

Numeracy Fractions: addition and subtraction
Literacy Narrative: The Windmill Farmer

Stars of the Week

Arrianna Cheasley, Evie Bingham, Sophie Meader, Jack Phillips
and Connie Johnston

Headteacher's Cup

Annalee Collier

Writers of the Week

Maddie Russell, Phoebe Hopkins, Hattie Knott and Emily Rogers

Mathematicians of the week

Sofia Collier, Hunter McLennan, Isabel Zillwood and Nick Hodgson

Well done to all of you!