

# Ditcheat Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

This newsletter can also be read on our school website:

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

### Dates

*New Dates in Bold and Italic*

#### March

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> - World Book Day - Dress up as your favourite book character

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Cherry Garden Transformation Morning 09:00 - 11:00

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Maple Inspire - 9.00am - 10.00am - parents and carers welcome

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> - Cherry Inspire - 2.00pm - 3.00pm - parents and carers welcome

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> - Netball tournament Year 5/6

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Parents' Evening - Appointments to follow

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Rendezvous - Holly Class

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Parents' Evening - Appointments to follow

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Easter Service - 9.30am at Ditcheat Church

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays

### Word of the week



To replace our 'Talk Homework' we are going to provide a word of the week for each class.

<u>Cherry</u>	<u>Maple</u>	<u>Holly</u>	<u>Willow</u>
hatch	delicious	sauntered	pungent

Please find time over the next five days to help your child;

- find the meaning
- practise using it in a sentence
- find a **synonym** (similar word) or **antonym** (opposite) of the word.

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Cherry Garden Transformation Morning 09:00 - 11:00

Miss Boyce will be working in Cherry Garden - please come along to lend a hand:

- clearing around our pond - ready to pond dip
- installing a drainpipe play area
- gardening our raised beds and setting up areas for planting
- painting a chalk board wall
- moving decking to make a stage to perform on

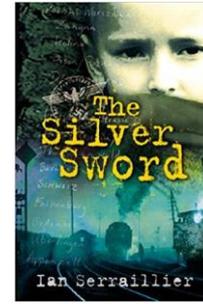
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### Book Review

The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier

I think it is about 35 years since I read this book the first time. I was just as gripped the second time. The story is about a group of children who escape war torn Poland. They journey across Europe in the hope that they will be reunited with their parents in Switzerland.

Suitable for years 5 and 6+ It gets a 9/10 from me.



Mr Reid

### Ditcheat Big Screen

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Ditcheat Big Screen will be showing Paddington 2. The doors will open at 5pm. More information will follow.

### Molly the dog

On occasional days, Miss Crook will be bringing in her dog (Molly) to work with some children. She is well trained with a lovely temperament and likes children. A risk assessment has been undertaken to ensure that the environment is safe for both the children and Molly.

If your child has an allergy to dogs, please inform the class teacher and we will ensure that due consideration will be made.

### Living and Growing in Cherry

We will have some animals in Cherry classroom this term to help us learn about living and growing. We will also learn about being responsible and caring for others.

We will have:

- some eggs incubating in class
- frogspawn in a tank
- stick insects in a tank

These animals will arrive from **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018** onwards. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Miss Boyce beforehand.

### Bath Half Marathon

I'm running Bath Half Marathon this Sunday for the Bath Rugby Foundation. The charity raises money to help children and young people achieve their potential by empowering them through sport. My target is to raise £250. Please donate if you can it's a great local cause! Any cheerleaders on the day are also encouraged.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RoseBoyce>

Thank you in advance,  
Miss Boyce

### Extreme Weather

Should we experience inclement weather, 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](http://www.ditcheatprimary.co.uk)) and informing local radio stations.

### Book People

Please take a look at the books left in the foyer. Could we please have your payment by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, no later than 9.00am. If we have received payment, your book/s will be ready for collection in the office at the end of the day.

### Scarlet Fever

We have received a letter from the Public Health Authority to inform us of a recent national increase in notifications of scarlet fever to Public Health England, above seasonal expected levels.

#### Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A streptococcus (GAS). The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a **sandpaper-like texture**. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves, peeling of the skin can occur.

#### Infection control advice

As per national *Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Child Care Settings*, children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should be **excluded** from school for **24 hours** after the commencement of appropriate antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

### World Book Day

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character.

Eco club will also be running a book swap after school on Thursday. If you have any books (maximum 3) that you would be happy to donate we will try and find a new owner to enjoy the book. Please could all donated books be given to Miss Hunt.

### Tesco Bags of Help Scheme

Thank you to parents/carers who have been supporting the scheme by posting tokens into our slot in Tesco. We have until Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, so only a couple of days remaining.

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**Our learning week ahead**

**Cherry Class**

**Numeracy**            Missing numbers - how can we work them out  
 $7 + ? = 20$

**Literacy**            Book Week - charades, frieze, illustrations, book making

**Maple Class**

**Numeracy**            Measuring length, weight and mass.

**Literacy**            Writing instructions to make Pirate Soup.

**Holly Class**

**Numeracy**            Measuring length (perimeter)

**Literacy**            Letters informal and formal

**Willow Class**

**Numeracy**            Algebra

**Literacy**            Narrative: Sherlock Holmes

**Stars of the Week**

Tom Mazur, Olivia Fowler, Katie Paddison and Ellissa Swan

**Headteacher's Cup**

Jayden Marks

**Writers of the Week**

Ethan Bishop, Rowan and Beau Croxson

**Mathematicians of the week**

Grace Bou Aoun, Callie Fewell, Adam Bone and Lacie-Mae Dycer

**Well done to all of you!**

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## FRIENDS OF SHEPTON MALLET LIBRARY

Dear Parents & Guardians

**Our local library in Shepton Mallet is under threat of closure.**

Somerset County Council is currently running a consultation to find the views of local people to determine the future of Shepton Mallet's library, along with other libraries in Somerset.

The consultation gives three options for the future of Shepton Mallet library:

### **OPTION A**

**Move the library to Shape Mendip hub but continue an unaltered service.**

### **OPTION B**

**Maintain a library somewhere in Shepton Mallet with volunteer staff** and some funding support (there is no indication of how much this might be) by the County Council.  
OR

**CLOSE THE SHEPTON MALLET LIBRARY** and deliver 'outreach library services' (ie 'events', 'activities', 'small book collections' and/or computer terminals) via 'alternative venues' (there is no information about where) and providing an additional mobile library stop.

If there is insufficient support for the library in the consultation process, this option, as the cheapest under consideration, may be the one chosen.

*(OPTION C on the consultation document is the same as OPTION A)*

**Keeping the library in the town centre is not being considered as an option.**

**Why does this matter to you?**

The **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)** says, 'Reading for Pleasure is a better indicator of academic success than wealth or social class.' In other words, **access to a library is vital to every child's well-being and life chances.**

**How you can have your say:**

- Attend the **Consultation Drop-In at Shepton Mallet Library** on 27<sup>th</sup> February from 2.30-5.30 pm
- **Respond to the consultation, and make your views known.**  
**CONSULTATION PAPERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY OR ONLINE AT**  
<http://somersetlibraries.co.uk/consultation/>
- **WRITE TO YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR JOHN PARHAM:**  
[jparham@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:jparham@somerset.gov.uk)

**AND LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL DAVID FOTHERGILL:**  
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