

# Ditcheat Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter: 5<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*

#### February

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Theme Week - 'Jobs and Aspirations'

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Racket Festival

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> - Inset Day - School Closed

HALF TERM Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

#### March

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

### Talk Homework

**Cherry:** What jobs do you do at home to help?

**Maple:** Can you explain to someone at home what the difference is between an adjective and an adverb?

**Holly:** Can you describe your parents with a simile?

**Willow:** What made Isambard Kingdom Brunel a 'Great Briton'?

### Child Absence

Our school policy is to ring a parent/carer at 10.00am if we haven't had a phone call from you to find out why your child/ren are not in school. We will ring the 1<sup>st</sup> priority contact that you provided and if we cannot get hold of you, we will ring the 2<sup>nd</sup>, then 3<sup>rd</sup> etc. Please make sure these contact numbers are up to date. If you wish to add a contact, it could be a grandparent, close relative or neighbour, please do so by contacting the office. Thank you

### Chess Club

Unfortunately, there will be no chess club this Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February as Mr Reid is unavailable. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

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### Writing Books

Some of you may remember that we sent all our children's writing books home last year. Our intention is that parents can have a closer look at their child's work and see the progress they are making. Please watch out for these books coming home at the end of the week. There is a small comment box for parents to complete. Can you please ensure these books are looked after and returned to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Many thanks.

## The Ugly Five

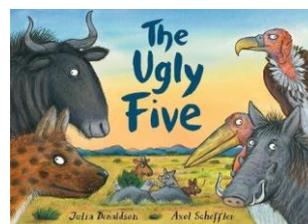
by Julia Donaldson Alex Scheffler

I really like this book because it is full of animals. It also has a lovely ending that makes me feel happy.

Suitable for children up to age 7.

It gets a 10/10 from me.

Written by, **Grace Oliver** Year 2



### Chickenpox

We now have a number of confirmed cases of Chickenpox at school. The advice that is given to schools by the Public Health Agency is to keep the child off until all the spots have crusted over. Please speak to your GP if anything is of concern. Our notes also advise that Chickenpox can affect pregnancies if a woman has not already had the infection. Please report exposure to your midwife and GP at any stage of pregnancy.

### Library Books

A note has been sent home to those children with outstanding library books, stating the title of the book. Please could you return the book to the office with the note inside for easy identification.

However, if you think the book has been lost or already returned, please indicate on the note and return that to the office so that your child can choose another book.

Many thanks

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**Our learning week ahead**

**Cherry Class**

**Numeracy**            Measure - capacity

**Literacy**            Letter writing

**Maple Class**

**Numeracy**            Telling the time

**Literacy**            Writing a letter asking to be saved from a desert island.

**Holly Class**

**Numeracy**            Measures - Time

**Literacy**            Poetry - syllabic forms, haiku, tanka, cinquain.

**Willow Class**

**Numeracy**            Statistics

**Literacy**            Narrative: The Highwayman

**Stars of the Week**

Nathan Jelly, Rowan, Fintan, Poppy Richards and Tayla Rice

**Headteacher's Cup**

Arthur Vaughan

**Writers of the Week**

Findlay Shrimpton, Adam Bone and Arrianna Cheasley

**Mathematicians of the week**

Amélie Fox, Ellissa Swan, Henry Hurstwaite and Matthew Bone

**Well done to all of you!**

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