

Ditcheat Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: 14th May 2018

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

Dates

New Dates in Bold and Italic

May

- Tuesday 15th - Poet visiting school (Matt Bryden)
Friday 18th - Royal Wedding Celebrations - See details below
Friday 25th - Year 1 festival at Ansford

May Half Term - Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June

June

- Tuesday 5th - Willow Inspire 9.00am - 11.00am
Thursday 7th - Holly Inspire 9.00am - 11.00am
Tuesday 12th - Rendezvous - Class to be confirmed
Monday 18th - Whole School DT week
Wednesday 27th - Sports Day - 1.30pm at the Sports Field

July

- Tuesday 3rd - Reserve Sports Day - 1.30pm at the Sports Field

Word of the week



<u>Cherry</u>	<u>Maple</u>	<u>Holly</u>	<u>Willow</u>
pesky	perseverance	unison	tranquillity

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.

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New KS1 Teacher

We are pleased to inform you that we successfully appointed a new KS1 teacher, Joanna Leru. We had a strong field of candidates and Joanna excelled in all areas of the interview process. She will start in September 2018.

Developing Independence

We are looking to develop some of our younger children's independence. At the beginning of the day please encourage them to: hang up their own coat and bag; put their own book bag away; put their lunch box away in the hall etc. Could we also ask that parents leave classes promptly, so lessons can begin by 8.55am?

Many thanks.

Royal Wedding Celebrations

It is mufti day this Friday (Friday 18th May) and the theme is red, white and blue. We will also be doing Royal Wedding themed team activities throughout the day.

Chicken Pox

We have a confirmed case of chicken pox in school. We ask that children are kept from school until the spots have crusted over. If you need further information, please take a look at the NHS website or speak to your pharmacist.

Reading Club Reminder

There is no reading Club tonight. You can book your child into Ditchheat Extra, please ring the office. Thank you.

FoDS Meeting

Although I did receive a number of apologies and offers of future help, only two parents attended our recent meeting.

I was very disappointed as the work of FoDS can make a huge difference to the opportunities we provide for the children. I am convinced there is support within our parent body and I will try to run another meeting before the end of term.

Kate Rowe has agreed to run the Macmillan Coffee morning on the 28th September. This is a lovely way to welcome new parents into our school community.

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Our learning week ahead

Cherry Class

Numeracy Sorting and sharing (division)

Literacy The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch - retelling the story

Maple Class

Numeracy SATs week

Literacy SATs week

Holly Class

Numeracy Position and direction

Literacy Poetry

Willow Class

Numeracy SATs week

Literacy SATs week

Stars of the Week

Matthew Bone, Millie Knott, Fintan, Jake Gilchrist and Millie Hopkins

Headteacher's Cup

Grace Bou Aoun

Writers of the Week

Max Papsø and Lydia Evans

Mathematicians of the week

Rowan, Freya Hare and Jayden Marks

Well done to all of you!

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Tuning in to Kids

Do you want a better emotional connection with your child?

Would you like some more tools for your parenting toolbox?

Do you want your child to build resilience and have strategies to cope in difficult situations?

Tuning into Kids is a six-week group programme for parents. It can help you to teach your child the skills of emotional intelligence.

Emotional Intelligence is about using your emotions to guide you through the world.

Helping children and young people to understand the different emotions they

experience, why they occur and how to handle them. Gottman, 1996.



This programme provided me with the support that I so desperately needed!
Ansford parent

The best thing I've ever done!
Milborne Port parent

We have 2 courses running after half term...

Thursdays 9.30am till 11.30am at Wincanton Primary School starting on Thursday 7th June

Tuesdays 6pm till 8pm at Ansford Academy starting on Tuesday 5th June
To book a place or for more information please phone or text Jan for the Wincanton course on 07956 496383 or Cassie for the Ansford course on 07841 015264. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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