



Ditchheat Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: 17th September 2018

This newsletter can also be read on our school website:

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

Dates

New Dates in Bold and Italic

September

Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st -	Reception children – 8.55am – 1.00pm
Monday 17 th -	2.00pm Headteacher's Presentation
Tuesday 18 th -	6.00pm Headteacher's Presentation
Thursday 20 th -	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 21 st -	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 25th -	Meet the Teacher – 3.30pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 26th -	European Day of Languages – Information to follow
Thursday 27th -	Ansford Open Evening – 6pm onwards
Friday 28th -	Macmillan Coffee Morning – 9.00am – School Hall

October

Tuesday 9th -	FoDS Meeting
Friday 12th -	Individual School Photos
Tuesday 23rd -	Harvest Festival at Ditchheat Church

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents

By the time you read this we will have had the first Headteacher meeting with another one on Tuesday at 6pm. If you have managed to make it along, I really appreciate it. If you haven't been able to come, there is a questionnaire and some information about the meeting that you can collect from the school office.

Reading

We have slightly changed the way we manage reading. Your child will not get specific reading homework based on the guided reading done in class. Instead, they will have their own reading book which we expect them to read some of every night. We hope to invest in a more comprehensive reading scheme to support reading throughout the school.

Clubs

Clubs start this week and I thank all the staff who have given up their time to run them after school. If your child is unable to attend the club for any reason, please let us know.

FoDS

We had a well-attended FoDS meeting last week which generated some excellent ideas for future fundraising events. We are always on the lookout for more volunteers to join so don't be shy in coming forward! The first fundraiser is the Macmillan coffee morning on 28th September at 9am in the school hall. All proceeds go towards the amazing charity Macmillan which supports people facing cancer.

Open classrooms

Next week, on 25th September, we will be having an open classroom at the end of the school day to give you an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and have a look at the work they have done so far. It is an informal open afternoon but Ms Boyce will be running a Tapestry information session from 3.30-4pm in Cherry class.

Victoria Withers

Word of the week



Cherry	Maple	Holly	Willow
sound	equator	affect and effect	fastidious

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.

Cancelled Clubs

Due to 'Meet the Teachers' on Monday 25th September there will be NO Basketball or Kudo club. If you need child care, you can book your child into Ditchat Extra.

FODS News!!

Macmillian Coffee Morning – A charity fundraising event with Coffee, Tea and Chat!

Friday the 28th September we will be taking part in the world's biggest coffee morning.

From 9am until 11am (straight after drop off), we welcome parents, carers and all friends of Ditchat School to join us in the school hall to buy cake, drink tea and coffee and chat together whilst raising money for Macmillan cancer support.

Please could we ask for cake donations to sell on the day to be brought to the main hall on the morning – ideally the type of cakes that we can slice / sell individually – muffins, cupcakes, tray bakes, biscuits all are most welcome.

If you can't hang around at 9am – we'll wrap your cake to go! But please come and visit us before you leave!!

Thank you – FoDS Team

Yogini's

Starting this week on Thursday the 20th. If you are interested in this club, please collect an application form from the office.

Book People

The date has now been extended to Friday 21st September. The Book People leave a selection of books that parents/carers can order and pick up from school. We need payment before the order form is collected. If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to the Book People. Can loose change please be brought into the office. The school receive 10% commission from this to buy books for the school.

School Admissions

As you may have heard in the local news, the School Admissions team will no longer be sending a letter out to new parents prompting them to apply for a school place. Below is the link to access the School Admissions website where you can apply for your child's reception place. If you know anyone whose child is due to start in September 2019, can you please sign post them to this website. Thank you.

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/choosing-a-school/apply-to-start-school/>

The closing date for Reception September 2019 children is January 15th 2019.

Clubs

Clubs will be starting today, a list of who is on which club will be on the App. Clubs will finish at 4.00pm unless your child is in Multi Skills or Tag Rugby, these clubs finish at 4.15pm.

Our learning week ahead

Cherry Class

Numeracy Numbers and counting

Literacy Writing our first sounds

Maple Class

Numeracy Place value

Literacy Adjectives

Holly Class

Numeracy Place value finding 1, 10 and 100 more

Literacy Understanding terminology – noun, verb, adjective, adverb

Willow Class

Numeracy Place value

Literacy Information reports – Somerset carnivals

Stars of the Week

Cherry - Maddie

Maple – Darcey

Holly – Jake and Hattie

Willow - Connor

Headteacher's Cup

Emily

Writers of the Week

Cherry – Jude

Holly – Violet

Willow - Lucy

Mathematicians of the week

Cherry – Millie

Holly – Lilly

Willow - Emily

Well done to all of you!