



Ditchheat Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: 24th September 2018

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

Dates

New Dates in Bold and Italic

September

Tuesday 25th -

Wednesday 26th -

Thursday 27th -

Friday 28th -

Meet the Teacher – 3.30pm – 4.00pm

European Day of Languages – Information below

Ansford Open Evening – 6pm onwards

Macmillan Coffee Morning – 9.00am – School Hall

October

Tuesday 2nd -

Tuesday 9th -

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Friday 12th -

Tuesday 23rd -

SEN Consultation – 1.30pm – 3.00pm

FoDS Meeting – **3.30pm**

Year 5 Girls – Science Day – Bruton School

Individual School Photos

Harvest Festival at Ditchheat Church – **11.00am**

Headteacher Update

Despite the bad weather, our brave cyclists all successfully completed bikeability last week – huge congratulations to them.

Meet the teacher

On Tuesday this week, we have a meet the teacher afternoon. We would like to welcome you into school to come and see your child's classroom and look at some of their work so far. It is an informal event but we would like as many parents and family to come as possible. In Cherry class, there will be a presentation by Ms Boyce about how to use Tapestry at 3.30pm.

European Day of Languages

Wednesday is European Day of Languages and we will use this day to celebrate countries and cultures from all over the world (not just Europe!). Each class will be finding out about a different country with a range of activities planned from food tasting to flag design!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday at 9.00am FoDS are having a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan cancer. Please do come and support this worthwhile event.

Welcome

This week we welcome Caroline Amor to our staff team on Tuesday afternoons in Willow class. Caroline is a very experienced teacher who is well known to the children and we feel extremely lucky to have her.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has completed a questionnaire about the school. I shall be collating the results at the end of the week so you still have time to have your say. Please just ask for a copy at the office.

Victoria Withers

Word of the week



Cherry	Maple	Holly	Willow
choice	obstacle	effect	profound

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.

Individual School Photos

Photos will be taken of individual pupils and sibling groups. If you would like younger siblings (who are not of school age) to be included in your child's photo, please let the school office know and come to the school hall for 8.30am.

Please ensure your child has their school jumper with them for the photo.

Fruit Snack and Water Bottles

Could ALL children bring in a fruit or vegetable snack every day for the morning snack time. Unfortunately, we cannot provide a snack to those children who have forgotten one. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will have a healthy afternoon snack provided by the Government.

Could ALL children bring a water bottle to school every day. It is important that all children stay hydrated throughout the day.

School Lunches

Children will only be offered the lunch choice you have put down for them on Tucasi - there will be no deviation. We will encourage all children to try the food on their plate, but if they really do not like it, we will inform you and ask that you amend their lunch choice as necessary. There will also be no seconds offered as we have strict portion sizes we need to abide by.

SEN Consultation

Miss Crook is overhauling the school's SEN (Special Educational Needs) policy and is inviting parent/carer feedback on this. Miss Crook will be working on the SEN policy on **Tuesday 2nd October, between 1.30pm – 3.00pm**. Please feel free to drop in between these times to read and discuss the SEN policy. Could you please let Miss Crook know if you will be dropping in when you see her on Friday morning, greeting children at the main door. If you do not drop off but would like to attend, please let the school office know.

Shelving Unit

We have a sturdy shelving unit that we no longer need or use. This would be perfect for someone's shed/garage. It is free to collect and can be viewed if needed. The shelving unit will be destroyed next week if no one can find a use for it.

Secondary School Places

Please follow the link below to apply for your child's secondary school place. Please note the closing date is the 31st October 2018.

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

Data Collection Sheets

Coming home with your child today is their Data Collection Sheet. This holds vital information from emergency contacts to food allergies etc. It is important that this document is checked and amended if needed. Please return your child's Data Collection sheet to the school office as soon as possible. If there are NO amendments, please still sign the form so we know that it has been checked. If your address or phone number change throughout the year, please let the school office know ASAP so our records can be amended.

School Lunches – Tucasi

Please note when ordering your child's lunch, only use the codes:

M – Meat

V – Veg

J – Jacket potato

P – Packed lunch (provided from home)

The 'S' option is only to be used if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and they are going on a **school trip**. This is the only time school will provide a packed lunch for your child. Thank you.

Colder Weather

As the weather is now turning cooler, can ALL children bring a school jumper/cardigan to school and a coat every day.

Change of PE Day

Maple will have PE on Thursday and Willow will have PE on a Wednesday. Please make sure they have their full PE kit on those days.

Our learning week ahead

Cherry Class

Numeracy Counting and numeral recognition

Literacy Fact Files

Maple Class

Numeracy Place value: Place value chart

Literacy Story writing: Writing a story to go with an illustrated book

Holly Class

Numeracy Rounding numbers and looking at decimals

Literacy Fairy tales to play scripts

Willow Class

Numeracy Place value: Negative numbers

Literacy Narrative: Myths and legends

Stars of the Week

Cherry: Hugo
Maple: Serafina
Holly: Jake
Willow: Sophie

Writers of the Week

Cherry: Beau
Maple: Jack
Holly: Korbyn
Willow: Ella

Headteacher's Cup

Holly: Violet

Mathematicians of the week

Cherry: Mollie
Maple: Findlay
Holly: Grace BA
Willow: Nathan