



Ditchheat Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: 15th October 2018

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

Dates

New Dates in Bold and Italic

October

Monday 22 nd -	Carnivals in Somerset Team visit Holly and Willow
Tuesday 23 rd -	Harvest Festival at Ditchheat Church – 11.00am
Wednesday 24 th -	Parent forum – 9.00am
Friday 26 th -	INSET day – School closed for children

Half Term – Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November

November

Monday 5th -	<i>Trip to Wells Cathedral – Holly and Willow- Details below</i>
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Headteacher Update

What a great week we had last week. Our student council met and came up with some wonderful ideas, our year 5 girls extracted DNA from bananas during their science day at Bruton school for girls, our FoDS group met and made great plans for the future, Wessex Water came and taught us all how to look after water on our planet (and save money at the same time!) and we all had our photos taken on Friday!

Next week, on Wednesday 24th at 9am, we have our first parent forum about how we share information with you. Everyone is welcome. If you are unable to attend and want to have your say, please email the school office and we can discuss your ideas at the meeting.



We have had some wonderful news this week....our FoDS group have granted us the money to buy all the books we need to provide an excellent reading scheme for the children in our school. This is something that will benefit every child and help make reading a wonderful, fun experience for them and set them up to love reading for life. Thank you FoDS.

Tickets are on sale from the school office for the FoDS quiz night which should be an entertaining evening so get your tickets before they sell out!

Finally, this is a much longer newsletter because I wanted to share with you our proposed behaviour policy update (added to the end of the newsletter). Through it, we will be raising expectations of and for the children while providing more opportunities to reward those who already demonstrate positive learning behaviours. If you have any questions about it, please come and talk to me.

Victoria Withers

Word of the week



Cherry	Maple	Holly	Willow
listen	amazingly	usually	hyperbole

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.

FoDS News

This term we are delighted to be participating in the Christmas fundraiser, offering you the chance to purchase a range of items including Christmas Cards, with your child's design on. The funds that we raise through your purchases will be used to benefit the school.

This week, your child will bring home with them, a sheet for their design and on the back an order form for you, as well as more information about all of the products that will be available.

All designs and order forms with payment must be returned by 22nd October. Printed products are expected to arrive the first week in December.

Book People

Books have arrived for those parents who have paid for their purchases. The books have been left for another week so if you would like to buy one, you have until Monday 22nd October, 9.00am.

Fruit Break

Can children bring in ONLY fruit and/or vegetables for their fruit break. Many thanks.

Holly and Willow School Trip

On Monday 5th November, Holly and Willow class will be travelling by coach to Wells Cathedral, the cost of the trip is £6.00. £2.00 for the coach and £4.00 for a tour and activities. The trip letter will be sent home via the app and you will need to pay your child's contribution through Tucasi and tick the consent box allowing your child to leave school, by Thursday 25th October. If we do not have your child's consent, they will not be able to go on the trip. Unfortunately, if we do not have enough contributions, the trip will not be able to go ahead.

Holly and Willow – Illuminations

Please remember to pay your contribution for the Carnivals in Somerset Team visit on Monday 22nd October, via Tucasi. We are asking for a £2.50 donation. Thank you to those parents who have already contributed.

Our learning week ahead

Cherry Class

Numeracy Making numbers in different ways

Literacy The Scarecrow

Maple Class

Numeracy Related addition and subtraction facts

Literacy We will be innovating The Snail and The Whale

Holly Class

Numeracy Using methods – addition and subtraction

Literacy Instructions/imperative verbs

Willow Class

Numeracy Calculation (multiplication and division)

Literacy Persuasive writing: adverts

Stars of the Week

Cherry: Ted

Maple: Serafina

Holly: Aurelia

Willow: Lucy

Writers of the Week

Cherry: Maddie

Maple: Jayden

Holly: Grace O

Willow: Nick

Headteacher's Cup

Willow: Conner

Mathematicians of the week

Cherry: Max

Maple: Darcey

Holly: Fintan

Willow: Luke

Well done to all of you!

Parent/Carer Consultation

Below is our proposal updated behaviour policy. Please have a read and then inform me of any comments you wish to raise. This will be going to our Board of Governors for their approval. Please email the school if you are unable to speak to me on ditchheat@educ.somerset.gov.uk. The consultation will close for parents/carers on Thursday 25th October 2018.



Behaviour policy update

As a staff, we have been working on updating our behaviour expectations for the children. We want to be able to reward positive learning behaviour which can often be overlooked as well as make clear the process of sanctions for poor behaviour.

We will be introducing several learning behaviours to our children. When a child demonstrates one of these, they will be rewarded with a tick next to their name. The ticks will be added up for the week and the 3 children with the most amount of ticks will get a golden ticket which will be entered into a raffle at the end of term. Cherry class will still operate the sun and rainbow system but will also put forward 3 children for golden tickets each week. Exceptional work will be rewarded with a headteacher's award which will be equivalent to 5 ticks and also added on to their weekly total. This can be rewarded at any time by the teacher.

After half term, we will reorganise the children into 4 teams. Every Friday afternoon, the teams will meet as a whole group with an adult and discuss the learning behaviours they are good at and the ones they want to improve next week. In Friday assembly, the team with the most points will sit on the benches the following week. Once a term there will be a reward afternoon where there will be a range of activities on offer for all the children but the team with the most amount of points for the previous term will be able to come to school in mufti. Siblings will be in the same team as each other.

We will continue to celebrate writing, maths, Ditchheat Stars, Headteacher's cup and award reading certificates in assembly.

If a child does not follow the learning behaviours expected of them, they will get a warning and their name put on a yellow card on the board. Three consecutive warnings will result in missing some of their break (10 minutes if in Key Stage 2 and 5 minutes if in Key Stage 1). During this time, they go to 'reflection' where they will work with a teacher to think and reflect on what they did to receive those warnings.

We will inform parents via the reading journal with a sticker in it. If a child gets 3 reflections in a week, parents will be informed directly by the class teacher. If a child gets 5 reflections in a two week period, they will go on report and their behaviour will be tracked in detail at regular intervals throughout the day by the headteacher.

Certain behaviours will result in automatically getting reflection time. These include being rude to a member of staff, physical violence or threatening behaviour, swearing intentionally to cause offence and racist, sexist or homophobic remarks.

Learning behaviours that will be rewarded:

Listening Caring Thinking Respecting Reflecting
Tolerating Collaborating Perseverance Concentrating
Questioning Communicating