



# Ditchheat Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter: 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018

This newsletter can also be read on our school website:

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

### Dates

*New Dates in Bold and Italic*

#### October

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

Half Term – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

#### November

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> -	Trip to Wells Cathedral – Holly and Willow- Details below
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> -</b>	<b>FoDS Quiz Night</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> -</b>	<b>Bag2school bags to be returned by 9.00am</b>

### Headteacher Update

It's hard to believe that we are in the last week of term already as it seems to have flown by.

#### Harvest

This week we are really looking forward to our Harvest Festival at the church at 11am on Tuesday to which we would like to invite you all. The children have been learning some new songs and each class with do a small bit about harvest.

#### HELP!

In last week's newsletter, I mentioned that FoDS had bought a new reading scheme for the school. The books have arrived already but I am now looking for a volunteer to give up a couple of hours to form a list of the books that we can keep on our system to reference which books the children have read. It is a simple job but quite time consuming. If you can give a couple of hours this week, please let me know.

#### INSET

Finally, we have our INSET this Friday where the teachers will receive training on application of number skills and problem solving/using & applying in maths. I hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing half term.

Victoria Withers

### Word of the week



<b>Cherry</b>	<b>Maple</b>	<b>Holly</b>	<b>Willow</b>
pattern	percussion	consider	contemplation

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.

### **Bag2School**

Please note that Bag2School bags will be coming home via your oldest child. If you need any more we have a supply in the office. This is a perfect time to have a big sort out ready for Christmas. They accept good quality adult and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys.

Please DO NOT include bedding, curtains, towels, household linen, school uniform, work uniform or bric-a-brac. If you need any more information, please look on their website [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com). All money raised by this scheme will be donated to the FoDS team.

### **School Photos**

Can we have school photos returned by tomorrow (Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October) no later than 9.00am. If you return them to school, you will save on postage and packaging.

### **FoDS Christmas Cards**

Please can you return your child's design for their Christmas cards and payment to the school office by 3.15pm tomorrow (Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October). Can cheques be made payable to Friends of Ditchheat School? Thank you.

### **Thursday lunch is changing**

Mrs Cooper is wanting to use stock up from her freezer before we break up for the holidays. Thursday's meal will now be beef burgers and NOT build your own roll. If your child does not like beef burgers please amend Tucasi.

### **Carnivals in Somerset Team Visit**

Our visit is happening this afternoon. Thank you to those parents who have kindly donated. We still have 15/39 children who have not donated. You can still do this via Tucasi.

### **Holly and Willow – Wells Cathedral Trip**

Holly and Willow children will be going to Wells Cathedral on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. We need consent for your child and payment to be made through Tucasi. If we do not have consent, your child will not be able to leave the school. We still have 23/39 children who have not paid or consented to the trip. Please can you do this as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Harvest Festival**

Parents and carers are welcome to attend our Harvest festival tomorrow at the church from 11.00am. Could your child please bring their donations to the school hall in the morning. The dry food and tins of food will be donated to Wells food bank. Look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

### **Painter Needed**

This is a plea! We have been let down by a decorator who is now unable to redecorate Maple and Holly classroom over October half term. Does anyone know a decorator who has availability in half term and would be willing to paint these classrooms? We would like the wood panelling to be stripped right back and a heavy duty paint put on, and the skirting and doors re painted. If you know someone who could help please ask them to ring the office and we will be happy to show them.

### **FoDS Quiz Night**

Tickets are now starting to sell and tables are getting booked. To avoid disappointment please purchase your tickets as soon as possible from the school office. Tickets cost £8.50 per head and this includes a delicious Thai buffet.

### **Our learning week ahead**

#### **Cherry Class**

**Numeracy**

More or less?

**Literacy**

Loud and proud, clear and confident speaking.

#### **Maple Class**

**Numeracy**

Checking answers using different strategies

**Literacy**

Inventing our own story

#### **Holly Class**

**Numeracy**

Multiplication and division - commutative law.

**Literacy**

Instructions and explanations

#### **Willow Class**

**Numeracy**

Calculation (Multiplication and division)

**Literacy**

Persuasive writing: Adverts

### **Stars of the Week**

**Cherry:** Linus

**Maple:** Toby

**Holly:** Tom

**Willow:** Luke

### **Writers of the Week**

**Cherry:** Evie

**Maple:** Imogen

**Holly:** Hattie

**Willow:** Henry

### **Headteacher's Cup**

**Holly:** Faye

### **Mathematicians of the week**

**Cherry:** Chloe

**Maple:** Olivia

**Holly:** Arthur

**Willow:** Ethan

**Well done to all of you!**

ANSFORD ACADEMY PRESENTS

# JOURNEY'S END

by

# RC SHERRIFF

A play about Conflict and Camaraderie

Directed by Polly Hardy-Stewart



November 7th, 8th & 9th | 2018 | 7pm | PA2

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN RECEPTION

This amateur production of "Journey's End" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH LTD.