



Ditchheat Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: 3rd June 2019

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

Dates

New dates in bold and italic

June

Wednesday 5 th -	Inspire – Parents/Carers welcome 9 – 10.30 Red and Yellow teams, 1.30 – 3.00 Green and Blue teams
Monday 10 th -	Heights and Weights – Reception and Year 6 – Letter coming home
Tuesday 11 th -	Rendezvous – Willow
Thursday 13th -	New Reception Intake morning – 9.00am – 11.00am
Thursday 13th -	Football Match at Evercreech – Some Yr 5/6 – Letter coming home
Friday 14th -	Mufti day (bring a bottle for the fete)
Saturday 15 th -	Country dancing on the Green at Wells Cathedral
Tuesday 18th -	Yr 3,4,5 and 6 Athletics at Ansford – Letter coming home
Tuesday 18th -	New Reception Intake Parent Meeting – 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Saturday 22 nd -	School fete at Alhampton and Country Dancers performing
Tuesday 25th -	New Reception Intake afternoon – 1.15pm – 3.00pm

July

Monday 1st -	Vocabulary Day – children to come in with their favourite adjective
Tuesday 2nd -	Parent Online Safety Session – After school
Tuesday 2nd -	FoDS AGM – 6.00pm – 7.00pm ALL welcome
Wednesday 3rd -	Transition morning for whole school
Wednesday 3rd -	New Reception Intake morning – 9.00am – 11.00am
Wednesday 3rd -	Thank You Tea Party – Details to be confirmed
Friday 5th -	Home learning work due in
Monday 8th -	Sports Day – PM for parents and carers
Monday 8th -	Rounders match – Parents Vs Staff – 3.30pm
Tuesday 9th -	Yr 6 Sports day at Ansford – Letter coming home
Wednesday 10th -	Holly Class Fete – Details to be confirmed
Thursday 11th -	What a Knight – Evening performance – 6.00pm
Friday 12th -	What a Knight – Afternoon performance – time TBC
Tuesday 16th -	Music concert – 2.30pm – Ukulele, Drumming and piano

Headteacher Update

Welcome back for our final half term. I hope you had a lovely break. Over the holidays, we have had our playground resurfaced (please feel free to pop in and have a look). The markings will be put on in the summer holidays and later in the term we will be resurfacing the play area with artificial grass (so hopefully no more black hands and t-shirts!). The trim trail will also be replaced.

During the last week of term, Willow class went on their residential trip to Whitmead Forest Park. They all had a wonderful time and were very lucky with the weather. Please see all the great photos on our facebook page. Huge thanks to both Miss Crook and Miss Mason for giving up their time to take the children.

This week we warmly welcome Cath Clarkson to our kitchen as our full time cook.

On Wednesday, we have our second Inspire session of the year. We would like to invite you to join your child/children to help them create leaves and butterflies to decorate the entrance of the school. The children will be split into their teams – red and yellow teams 9 – 10.30 in the hall and green and blue teams 1.30 – 3.00 in the hall. It would be great to have as many family members involved as possible.

Finally, there is another Tuning Into Kids course running this term. It has had great reviews from many parents. Should you wish to book a slot, let me know or contact Cassie (details for Cassie can be found on the attached poster).



Victoria Withers

Word of the week



<u>Cherry</u>	<u>Maple</u>	<u>Holly</u>	<u>Willow</u>
bravery	meek	telegraph	prejudice

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.

Attendance For Last Week

Cherry	Maple	Holly	Willow
95.8%	97.1%	94.8%	100%
Whole School Attendance up to last week: 96.4%			

New Menu

Please can you upload your child's lunch choices for this term. There are a lot of children who weren't down for a lunch today and, as we have a new menu, it takes a while going class to class asking what they would like for lunch. Please note we have started back on **week 3.**

Tucasi Invoices

Invoices will be coming home shortly with money owed on Tucasi. As the school year is drawing to a close it is vital that accounts are up to date with payments especially if your child is leaving us. Please check your accounts regularly.

FoDS News

Summer Fete

Hopefully you have seen the posters around but in case you haven't, the Summer Fete is being held in Alhampton this year because the family who own the miniature railway wanted to open it for us. The proceeds will all be going to FoDS.

It's shaping up to be a great day. In addition to the Railway, other attractions include; the Dog Show, Birds of Prey, live music, BBQ, bouncy castle, face painting, pony rides, stalls, games and loads more!

If you are able to help out there are a few things we are looking for:

- The loan of GAZEBO/s and PICNIC BLANKETS
- Bric-a-brac, books, produce (cakes, plants, jams etc)
- Donations of old school uniform (we will be selling pre-loved uniform)
- Volunteers - if you can help us by covering someone else (even just for 30mins) it will help us to make sure everyone has a good day

There is a multi-day on 14th June, on this day we ask for donations for our bottle tombola.

AGM

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Tues 2nd July at 6pm. If you want to stay informed and get involved, please come along.

Our learning week ahead

Cherry Class

Numeracy Halving

Literacy 'Little Monkey'

Maple Class

Numeracy Measure

Literacy Letter Writing

Holly Class

Numeracy Directions, turns and angles

Literacy Biography and formal writing

Willow Class

Numeracy Decimals

Literacy Book reviews

Stars of the Week

Cherry: Chloe

Maple: Imogen

Willow: Nathan and Ella

Well done to all of you!

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.



I'm more equipped with the skills to help my daughters as they are growing up
Castle Cary parent

I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to do it
Keinton Mandeville parent

It has really made a difference to the feeling of my house, parents calmer means calmer children!
Countess Gytha parent

Mondays 9.30am till 11.30am at Countess Gytha Primary School.

Course Dates – 10th June, 17th June, 24th June, 1st July, 8th July and 15th July.

To book a place or for more information please phone or text Cassie on 07841 015264.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

At Ditcheat Primary School the health, safety and well-being of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, governors, parent/carers and volunteers to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.