



# Ditcheat Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

This newsletter can also be read on our school website:

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

### Dates

*New dates in bold and italic*

#### September

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| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>   | - Reception 8.45 – 1.15pm - staying for lunch        |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>                          | - Parent Forum Sex and Relationships policy 9am      |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> | - Bikeability for Year 6                             |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>                             | - Drop in parent evening 3.15pm                      |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>                             | - Reception full time – finish at 3.15pm             |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>                            | - Reception - Tapestry workshop – 2.30pm             |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>                           | - Reception – Read with your child workshop – 2.30pm |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>                           | - Ansford open evening – 6.00pm -8.00pm              |
| <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>                       | <b>- FoDS Macmillan Coffee Morning</b>               |

#### October

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>   | - Inspire – details to be confirmed |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>    | - Reception Vision Screening        |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> | - School photos                     |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>   | - Halloween disco                   |

**Half Term – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

### Headteacher Update

Last week, on the Somerset Live website there was an article about schools that were hard to get into. Our school came out as the hardest in Somerset to get your child into reception. While this may make us sound very popular, I'm afraid the figures may be slightly misleading. We only have 12 spaces that we are able to allocate in reception and last year we had a large number of applications which was out of the ordinary.

I would like to reassure those parents with siblings already in our school that they will not be at risk of being refused a place and please put the word out to other families that it is worth applying! We feel that this year was just a one off!

Please see attached a flyer for the Tuning Into Kids course. A number of our parents have already been on it and have found it extremely beneficial. There are still a couple of spaces should you wish to go on the one this term.

Our first of six parent forums is this Wednesday at 9am. The main focus will be about the new sex and relationship policy but it is also an opportunity for you to raise any other matters with me. Everyone is welcome.

This is a forward notice but we have our first of three parent evenings next Monday (23<sup>rd</sup> September). It is an informal event where the class will be open with the children's work available to look at from 3.20 until 5pm. It is a chance to chat with your child's class teacher and see the space in which your child is learning. If you have anything you need to discuss that requires a more private environment, please make a separate appointment with your child's class teacher.

Victoria Withers

<b><u>Attendance For Last Week</u></b>			
Cherry	Maple	Holly	Willow
100%	98.9%	96.8%	100%
<b>Whole School Attendance up to last week: 98.8%</b>			

**Cherry Garden – Wanted**  
Sand to level uneven ground  
Pebbles, gravel, slate

**Flu Vaccination**  
Could we please have your child's form back by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination. Thank you.

**SCOPAY**  
Can we remind parents to upload their child's lunch choices. There are still children coming up to the hatch who have not been put down for a lunch. Thank you

**Bikeability**  
Could the Year 6 children please return their Bikeability forms handed out last week ASAP. Thank you.

**FoDS News**  
On **Friday 27th Sept** we will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning. We will be in the School Hall from 9am and we'd love you to join us for a cake and a cuppa. Any donations of baked (or bought) nibbles and cakes will be very gratefully received on the morning of the 27th. Thank you

**September's Issue of Parent Talk**

Parent Tal are delighted to enclose this month's edition of Parent Talk. By clicking on this link, [Parent Talk](#) it will take you to our digital edition which should be readable on all computers, tablets or smart phones. By double tapping any major article, it will jump to a clearly readable version. Also, if you tap on any advert, it will automatically navigate to the correct site. This is very much in response to readership demand and we trust that you enjoy it as much as the paper version. You will still find paper versions in local libraries, cafes, garden centres and some school receptions etc. Should you wish to revert a paper copy, please discuss this with your school reception.

In this month's edition:

- ✓ Getting philosophical with kids
- ✓ Competitions to win tickets to Marvel and Disney shows
- ✓ Mental health and social media – top tips for worried parents

**Stars of the Week**

**Maple:** Ted  
**Holly:** Olivia C-S  
**Willow:** Ethan

**Writers of the Week**

**Maple:** Jude  
**Holly:** Evie  
**Willow:** Phoebe

**Mathematicians of the week**

**Maple:** Josselyn  
**Holly:** Jayden  
**Willow:** Violet  
**Well done to all of you!**

# Tuning in to Kids

I would definitely recommend this course to all parents!  
Keinton Mandeville parent

*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.



My relationship with my daughter has changed in such a short space of time, which is amazing and this is just the beginning!  
Castle Cary parent

This course has been great – it has allowed me to find myself and find my children again!  
Ditcheat parent

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

**Starts Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September!**

Thursdays 1pm till 3pm at Castle Cary Primary School.

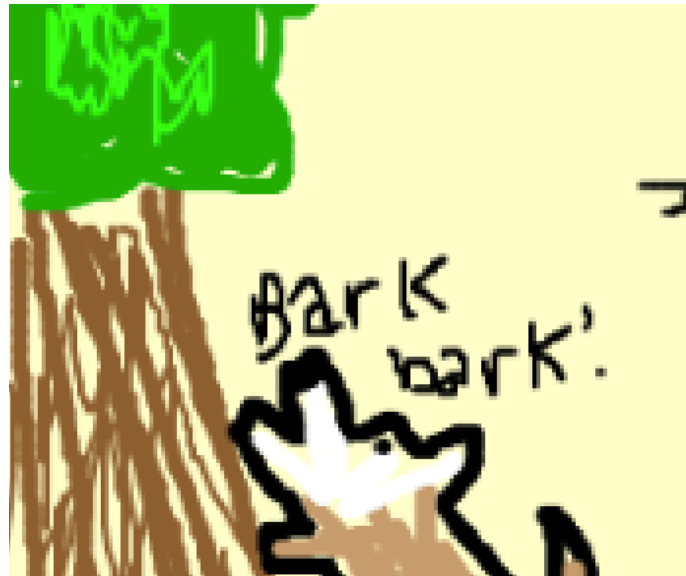
Course Dates – 19<sup>th</sup> September, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 17<sup>th</sup> October and 24<sup>th</sup> October.

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.

**THE FRIENDS OF HADDON WOOD  
PRESENTS A HADDON WOOD OPEN  
DAY**

**TREE-SURE HUNT 2019**

**SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 11AM ~  
3PM.**



**‘BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE’**

**FREE ENTRY**

**TREE-SURE HUNT**

**WILLOW WORKSHOPS, WOODLAND  
GAMES, DEMONSTRATIONS AND  
MERCHANDISE.**

**BARBEQUE & REFRESHMENTS**

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