



Ditchheat Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: 10th February 2020

This newsletter can also be read on our school website:

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

Dates

New dates in bold and italic

February

- Tuesday 11th - Willow class – Rendezvous
Tuesday 11th - Safer Internet Day
~~Wednesday 12th - Cherry and Maple – Starling trip – Parents to meet at 3.50pm –~~
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Wednesday 12th - Cherry and Maple Outdoor Afternoon
Friday 14th - INSET day – School closed
- Monday 17th – Friday 21st – Half Term
Monday 17th - Parent help needed for painting Willow class – 9.00am
- Monday 24th - First day back to school
Monday 24th - Share My Learning

Headteacher Update

Somerset Apprenticeship Awards

Last week, Miss Mascall and Mrs Knight attended the Somerset Apprenticeship Awards where our school was nominated as Apprentice Employer of the Year. We didn't win but were thrilled to have even been nominated which was mainly down to the success of Miss Mascall as an apprentice.



Bristol visit

Both Holly and Willow had a wonderful time during their trip to Bristol. They visited the suspension bridge and museum and a Mosque. Willow class then went on to see and original Banský and visit the university where they were lucky enough to have a workshop about dinosaurs and fossils. Willow class stayed overnight and the next day visited M Shed and the docks before getting the train home.

A massive thank you to the teachers for organising such a fantastic trip.

Parking

There have been a couple of occasions when a car has been parked on the corner by the pub which has stopped larger vehicles getting by. Please can everyone avoid parking there?

Assembly Speakers

Next term, we are looking to introduce the children to a range of occupations and give them a chance to ask questions. If you have a job that you think the children would be interested in finding out more about, please let me know. We would ask you to come to an assembly for 10.45am, introduce your role and explain what you do and then answer a couple of questions.



Victoria Withers

Attendance For Last Week			
Cherry	Maple	Holly	Willow
97.9%	96.5%	97.4%	98.5%
Whole School Attendance up to last week: 96.6%			



Department for Education

Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

Summer Menu

The Summer menu will start on Monday 24th February (first day back from holiday). Please take a look at it with your child over the half term holiday and add your choices to SCOPAY. The new menu will be uploaded to the school app and the website. This menu will run until the 17th July 2020.

Cherry and Maple – Starling Trip

Sadly with the inclement weather forecast for the weekend and unpredictability of nature, it has been decided that the Starling Trip will **not** go ahead. We encourage you to make your own trip before end of February to see the murmurations.

Cherry and Maple will instead have an '**outdoor afternoon**' together on Wednesday 12th February. In the **summer term**, they will visit the RSPB Ham Wall reserve to explore plants and animals. Further details and information to follow shortly.

Thank you for your patience and understanding with this matter. We hope it has not caused too much inconvenience.

Head Lice

We have had a confirmed case of Head Lice in Holly class. Please check your child's hair regularly and make sure children with longer hair has it tied up. If you need any advice, please speak to your local pharmacist.

Reading Books

Can you please ensure that school reading books are being returned after you child has finished reading them. Thank you.

School App

There has been an update to the app for Safeguarding reasons and it is now asking for parents/carers to log in. For some reason during the update the app unlinked accounts so it may not recognise your log in. If this is the case, you may need to register again. If you need the unique code please ask the office. Thank you.

Headteacher's Cup

Maple: Evie

Stars of the Week

Cherry: Olive

Maple: Mollie

Holly: Hattie

Writers of the Week

Cherry: Bryony

Maple: Arlo

Holly: Serafina

Mathematicians of the week

Cherry: Olivia

Maple: Evie

Holly: Jayden

Well done to all of you!

Ansford Examination Invigilator

Do you have the time and skills to be an examinations invigilator?

We are seeking to expand our team of invigilators, who work with us on a casual contract basis to support the Examinations Office in the running of internal and external examinations. For more information and how to apply, see the vacancies page on our website:

<http://www.ansford.org.uk/vacancies>