



# Ditchheat Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

This newsletter can also be read on our school website:

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

### Dates

*New dates in bold and italic*

#### February

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Racquet Festival at Ansford – PM –letter coming home**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – Willow class Bristol Residential

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> - Holly trip to Bristol – Letter on the app

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Willow class – Rendezvous

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Cherry and Maple - Starling trip –Parents to meet at 3.50pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - INSET day – School closed

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Half Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Parent help needed for painting Willow class – 9.00am

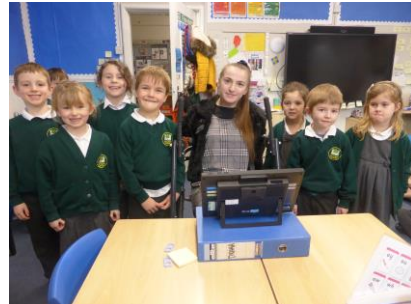
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - First day back to school

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Share My Learning

### Headteacher Update

#### **Visitor**

Last week, we had Ellise Hayward visit our school. Ellise is an 18 year old student at Yeovil College who came to talk to the children about her life and her disability. She was utterly inspirational. The children were amazed at how she uses her computer to communicate and some of them went on to write letters of thanks to her.



#### **Trips**

Over the next two weeks, all of the children will be going on school trips. Thank you so much to the staff for organising these to really enhance the learning for the children. Please make sure you have consented and made appropriate payments.

#### **Painting**

We are planning to paint Willow class on the Monday of half term. We have had one parent sign up to help so far. If you are able to spare a couple of hours, we would be extremely grateful.

Victoria Withers

<b><u>Attendance For Last Week</u></b>			
Cherry	Maple	Holly	Willow
93.3%	95%	97.3%	98.8%
<b>Whole School Attendance up to last week: 96.6%</b>			

**Parent Election Results**  
 We would like to congratulate Simon Lilley on becoming our new parent governor.

**Bad Weather**  
 Should we experience inclement weather in the next couple of months, we will take several steps to keep parents as well informed as possible. We do not take the decision lightly to close the school and will try to give as much warning as possible. Should we need to close the school, we will make sure that we post the news on our Facebook page (Ditcheat Primary School) as well as putting a notice on the home page of our website ([www.ditcheatprimary.co.uk](http://www.ditcheatprimary.co.uk)) and messaging you via the App.

**Bristol Trip**  
**Holly**  
 Can we please ask you log in to SCOPAY and consent and contribute towards the trip ASAP. 6/26 have not paid their contribution and 4/26 have not consented, if you have not consented for your child they will not be allowed to attend the trip.  
**Willow and Holly**  
 As your child will not be in school on Thursday (and Friday for Willow) we have credited your child's accounts for lunches not taken.  
**Travel updates**  
 Holly - We will try to keep you updated as much as possible on the time Holly will be returning on **Thursday**. We hope that the traffic in Bristol will be fine and the children will be back to school at 3.15pm, if not, we will update Facebook and App parents.  
 Willow – Again, if any delays on the trains affect Willows return on **Friday** we will let you know via Facebook and App parents. Expected time back to Castle Cary station is 3.30pm.

**Starling Trip – Cherry/Maple Class**  
 Coming home with some children are consent slips for the Starling trip. Please return these to the office as soon as you can. Also, can you put an emergency contact number for the day. Thank you.

**School Calendar 2020-2021**  
 We have set 4 Inset days for 2020-2021, we still have 1 more to confirm. The calendar has been uploaded onto the school app and website.

**Clubbercise**  
 Clubbercise will still be running on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

**Year 3 Racquet Festival**  
 Please look out for a letter coming home with a consent slip that needs to be returned by Wednesday morning. Sorry for the short notice.

## FoDS News

This Friday (7<sup>th</sup> Feb) FoDS are hosting an 80s Disco, PLUS an Auction of Promises. Doors open at 7.30pm at Ditchheat Jubilee Hall, tickets are available in advance and are just £10 each. We will be celebrating all things 80s, with a selection of the best (and possibly worst) music from the decade, 80s dress (for those who are willing) and a buffet which will be 80s inspired! You are welcome to bring your own drinks, but we will also be running a cash bar.

The evening will also be home to the Auction of Promises, 18 Lots kindly donated by parents, villagers and the wider community. Fancy getting your dog walked? Maybe you need your lawn cut, or take advantage of a session of babysitting... or perhaps you will have your eye on one of our experience Lots; a flight in a light aircraft, a morning at the gallops (plus breakfast) at Paul Nicholls stables, a lesson from a golf pro, a tour of Wild Beer Brewery or a hypnotherapy session?

We've also been donated some really lovely Lots that you might not have known you needed ... until now! A collection of CDs from a local musician, a tonne of manure or reusable face wipes.

And finally some lovely treats and days (or night) out; cream tea delivered, a 1 hr relaxation treatment, tickets to Ditchheat Big Screen, family days out at Longleat and Wookey Hole, a children's cake or dinner for 4.

We would love to see you all there on the night, it's going to be huge fun, however, if you can't make it but would still like to bid on some of these incredible Lots, you can do so by sending an email to [friendsofditchheat@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofditchheat@gmail.com) or pop your reserve on our [Facebook](#) post.

Thank you to everyone who has kindly offered their time or items for us to auction! Good luck!

### **Headteacher's Cup**

**Holly:** Olivia

### **Stars of the Week**

**Cherry:** Harry

**Maple:** Victor

**Holly:** Darcey

**Willow:** Violet

### **Writers of the Week**

**Cherry:** Den

**Maple:** Victor

**Holly:** Amelie

**Willow:** Tom

### **Mathematicians of the week**

**Cherry:** Bryony

**Maple:** Lola

**Holly:** Tayla

**Willow:** Connor

**Well done to all of you!**