



Ditchheat Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: 16th March 2020

This newsletter can also be read on our school website:

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

Dates

New dates in bold and italic

March

Tuesday 17th -	Netball FINAL leaving 12.15 and finishing at 4.00pm
Wednesday 18 th -	Parent Forum 3.30pm - 4.30pm - Maths calculations
Thursday 19 th -	Parent Forum 9am - 10am - Maths calculations
Tuesday 24 th -	FoDS Meeting – 3.30pm
Monday 30 th -	Share My Learning

April

Thursday 2nd -	Cross Country Race for Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6
Saturday 4 th -	Family Easter trail 10am at the Jubilee Hall, Ditchheat

Easter Holidays – Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April

Headteacher Update

Dear parents

The Chief Medical Officer provided new advice around self-isolation and Public Health England have updated their web pages so we would encourage you to review the updated information online: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

You must self-isolate at home for seven days if you have a recent onset of:

- **High temperature and/or**
- **A new continuous cough**

If staff or pupils have these symptoms then they should now take steps to stay at home and not leave their house for seven days from when their symptoms started.

This will help to protect others in the community while they are infectious. Anyone displaying symptoms should not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. Please report absence in the normal way by calling the school office.

If you keep your child at home, you do not need to contact NHS 111 to tell them they are staying at home and Public Health England will not be testing people who are self-isolating with mild symptoms. If your child's symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days, please contact NHS 111 Online at 111.nhs.uk.

If your child is in school and it becomes evident that they have a continuous cough and/or a high temperature, we will contact you immediately and ask for your child to be collected. We will do this not only for the health and wellbeing of your child, but also for the health and wellbeing of the school community.

You can view the guidance around self-isolation online:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance>

At Ditchheat 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.

We are receiving daily advice from the Department of Education and Public Health. We will continue to respond and act accordingly and keep everyone updated via our school communications.

If you have any concerns you can call the DfE helpline Phone: 0800 046 8687 or Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk between 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

Our school is taking a number of measures to ensure the safety of children, staff and visitors in school. These include additional handwashing and cleaning routines and teaching of effective handwashing to children.

We will only close the school if advised by Public Health England that we should do so or if the government announces blanket closures. However insufficient staffing levels due to illness may also necessitate closure. This may happen at short notice but we will endeavour to contact you as quickly as possible.

In the meantime we are assessing how technology may be used to continue children's learning in the event of a closure. Please can you ensure that we have your most up to date email address?

We understand how challenging and worrying the current situation is and thank you for your patience and support during this difficult period.



Victoria Withers

Attendance For Last Week			
Cherry	Maple	Holly	Willow
94.7%	95.9%	96.9%	98.1%
Whole School Attendance up to last week: 96.7%			

Donation

A huge thank you to Fern and Adrian Fawcett for their very kind and generous donation to our school. We have already put the monies to good use buying more new books and a visualiser for the classroom.



**Battens
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We were kindly donated £200 from Battens Solicitors Limited. We are very grateful for every donation we receive. Thank you from all at Ditchat Primary School.

Stars of the Week

Cherry: Alexander

Maple: Molly

Holly: Rowan

Willow: Phoebe

Writers of the Week

Cherry: David

Maple: Hugo

Holly: Rowan

Willow: George and Ethan

Headteacher's Cup

Maple: Maisie

Mathematicians of the week

Cherry: Olivia

Maple: Jude

Holly: Tayla

Willow: Phoebe

Well done to all of you!