



Ditchheat Primary School

Weekly Newsletter:

This newsletter can also be read on our school website:

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

Headteacher Update

2nd April 2020

Dear Parents

What a strange couple of weeks it has been for us all. I have managed to speak to nearly everyone so far and we have just had our first online meeting with some children from Willow class.

We hope to have a video meeting with some of the classes (particularly the older children) using Webex which has been kindly set up by Roger Bou-Aoun. Please keep an eye out for emails and facebook updates about dates and times.

School was open last week and this Monday for only key worker's children and I am very thankful to those parents who managed to find alternative provision to ensure the numbers of children were as low as possible thereby reducing risk of infection for families and staff.

I've heard that lots of you are doing the Joe Wicks work out. So have the staff (all slightly aching now!). We know that many of you may be coming to the end of the work packs we sent home – don't worry if you haven't. After Easter, the class pages on the website will be updated with further work. All of the teachers have been posting on our facebook site giving ideas for activities and keeping you up to date and I thank them for their dedication.

For Easter, we will not be setting work but instead encourage you to complete some family fun challenges that will help keep you entertained. The ideas for these can be found below. You can send us photos/videos of your challenges to our school email address or share them in your weekly video meetings. Obviously, please keep going with TT rockstars, spelling shed etc.

I know that this is an extremely difficult time for many and some families may be experiencing financial pressures. FoDS have very kindly released a pot of money that can be accessed by families in need. If you feel that you could benefit from this, please email me through the school email: ditchheat@educ.somerset.gov.uk and I will contact you directly about how we may be able to help to you.

Finally, please know that we are here for you if you need anything at all and we are all thinking of you.

Victoria Withers

Fun Easter Family Challenges



Blue Peter Badge



Apply for a Blue Peter Badge. There are lots to apply for from the music one to the green one!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curations/blue-peter-badges>

Neighbourly Contact

Write a postcard, picture or a poem for a neighbour and, on your daily exercise, post it through their letter box.

Invention Challenge

Can you invent something to help entertain people? It could be a dance, a piece of equipment, a game or an interesting recipe.

You could film it, make it, draw it and share with your friends and family.

Decorate an Egg

Draw an egg or decorate a hard boiled egg with an NHS or key worker theme.

Make an Audio Book

Film yourself reading a book for others to hear. Send it to the school email and we can share with others.

Make a Time Capsule

Write a diary entry, draw some pictures, cut out something from the newspaper and make a time capsule to bury in your back garden for future generations to find.



These are unsettling times for all of us but if you are worried about how your child or you are coping, please see the NSPCC website for support and advice.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

