



Ditchheat Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: 20th April 2020

This newsletter can also be read on our school website:

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

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents

I really hope you have had a good Easter. It has been so lovely to see many of the children on our Webex meetings – we are missing them all so much.

Home Learning

We start back this week with our home learning. Teachers have provided work covering English, maths and foundation subjects. Please do not feel that all of it has to be completed. You can do as little or as much as you and your child feel is manageable. If you have more than one child, you may wish to focus on the topic work set for just one class and do it together so you are not having to juggle too many topics at once.

As ever, our focus is on ensuring that your child is happy and coping in our current situation rather than putting stress upon you all. Remember that when we are back at school, we will take care of helping your child catch up.

Tapestry

Many of you have seen the email from Tapestry asking you to create a login (please check your spam folder if you have not had an email). Tapestry is a system we have used for the last 4 years to track the learning in Cherry class (so many of you will be aware of it already) but it is also a great method of securely sharing learning, information and communication across the whole school. We have now extended it to include all of our children. The platform is easy to navigate and I urge you to look at the memos and documents that the staff are putting on. You can use it from a range of devices and there is an app that you can download.

Tapestry will provide a forum for you to share your child's learning and communicate directly with your child's class teacher. Please be aware that I have asked the staff to check Tapestry once a day to respond to families and I have asked that they only check during the working day (not weekends or evenings). Please also be aware that most of our staff are providing childcare for children of key worker parents at school so will be limited in the amount of time they can give to responding.

Questionnaire

Being sent out today by email is a questionnaire about how you are finding home learning and how we can improve. Mrs Leru has written this for us so that we can try and make sure that we are doing all we can to make this a positive experience for your family. Please fill it in as honestly as possible!

Financial help

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, thank you for all the work you are doing with your child and remember that we are here for you if you need us.



Victoria Withers

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/>

