



Ditchheat Primary School

Weekly Newsletter:

This newsletter can also be read on our school website:

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

Key Dates

May

Wednesday 6th - 10am Willow class webex - history
- 2pm Maple class webex – catch up

Thursday 7th - 10am Willow class webex – catch up
- 3pm Holly class webex - catch up

Headteacher Update

4th May 2020

Dear Parents

As we enter our fifth week of home learning there is much speculation about lifting lockdown for us all. We have yet to have any clarity about what will happen in terms of returning to school but I will keep you informed as soon as I know any details.

This week, all the staff at Ditchheat were blown away with the video made by many of our children. I know it made lots of us cry and made us miss all of the children even more. If you haven't seen it, go to our facebook to take a look.

Tapestry

Tapestry is proving to be an excellent method of communication for us. You will need to access Tapestry through your browser to see memos sent by staff. The app is currently only used for observations.

Please remember that to message a member of staff, the best way to do that is through writing a note as an observation.

Willow class Webex meetings will, from now on, only have the link through Tapestry.

We will be choosing some of the learning for our Tapestry Stars of the Week to share on the newsletter.

Family Fun Competition

This week, just for fun, take a photo of you doing some exercise (it can be anything at all) and upload it onto Tapestry. We will share some on the next newsletter.

Last weeks family portrait winners were Tim and Imogen – well done both of you!



Thank you for everything you are doing, we are all missing your children and are here for you if you need anything.

Victoria Withers

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Tapestry Stars of the Week

Cherry:

Den – fabulous writing

Maple:

Maddie – flower book

Holly:

Hattie – super sewing

Willow:

Darcey – work on circulatory system

Well done all of you!

FoDS Sunflowers



From today you'll be able to collect (or arrange delivery if you need it) of sunflower kits donated by [Bruton Country Centre](#) and divided up by Kate Rowe.

Contact-free collection points are:

Hazeldene, Ditcheat (next door to School)

21 Compton Rd, Shepton (behind car, next to green gates)

64 Shaftgate Ave, Shepton (behind car next to white garage door)

Each Monday we'll create a post on our facebook page so that you can log your child or children's progress and if you'd like to include a picture please do, we'd love to see 🌻

There are loads of great Sunflower-based activities available on Twinkl, if you think your children would like to use these the link is below. If you aren't able to access this, or don't have a printer, message us here or on our email and we'll get you sorted.

friendsofditcheat@gmail.com

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/search>

Healthy Me Diary

The teams at **eLIM**, who support Somerset schools with technology, and **SASP**, who support with Sport and Activity, have produced this great diary to help build healthy habits at home - both physical and mental. **Work together** (parents/carers and children) to recognise **healthy habits**. Children record their achievements by **colouring in a star** each time they achieve a healthy behaviour. . **Repeat** the use of the diary every six weeks to become healthier and healthier!

There are two versions of the diary which can be downloaded for free:

Healthy Me Diary - simple (2 A4 pages) www.bit.ly/eLIM-Healthy-Me-Simple

Healthy Me Diary - booklet (with symbols - 6 A4 pages) www.bit.ly/eLIM-Healthy-Me-Booklet



Help with anxiety

Please see the link below:

<http://www.carersupportmatters.co.uk/>

This website pinpoints a number of links to free e-learning, modules, books and videos for families to help cope with stress and anxiety linked to the COVID-19 situation.

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/>



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.