



# Ditchheat Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter:

This newsletter can also be read on our school website:

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

### Key Dates

#### June

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| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>     | - Extended provision for R, y1 and y6 offered   |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>    | - Willow class hive game 10am<br>- Cherry class Webex 10am<br>- Holly class hive game 11am<br>- Holly class Webex 2pm |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> | - Year 1 hive game 10am<br>- Year 2 hive game 10.30am<br>- Maple class Webex 2pm                                      |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>  | - Willow class Webex 10am   |

### Headteacher Update

8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents

As we opened our doors today to more children, it was with a great sense of relief and excitement that we are finding a sort of normal once again for some children.

There were a lot of nervous faces but they soon settled down and seem very happy to be back at school. I only hope that we can open for more children soon.

#### **Numbers in school**

I thought you may be interested in the number of children that have returned:

Year 6 = 4  
Year 1 = 5  
Year R = 9  
Key worker = 9

Not all children are in at the same time.

The children are split into 3 groups – year 6, reception/year 1 and key worker children and children with siblings.

The maximum in any of the groups is 13 but this group is split for learning in the mornings.

There is an assembly but it is outside and only held in the child's individual group. The children all have separate areas (front of the school, Cherry garden and the playground, different toilets) that they can access. All of these measure should ensure that the risks are kept as low as possible.

#### **Tapestry**

Home learning will continue on Tapestry and we will continue to have our Tapestry stars as well as our Ditchheat stars in school.

IMPORTANT - Please remember that you can only see the newsletter, other letters and memos if you access Tapestry through your web browser and **not** through the Tapestry app.

Please keep in touch with any concerns or questions that you may have.



Victoria Withers

If your child is coming to school, please remember:

- Send them with a water bottle and snack
- Please send in coats, sun cream, hats and shoes they can walk in
- If they are in Reception or year 1, we will provide a packed lunch
- Drop off reading books or resources borrowed in the orange box outside only on a MONDAY and THURSDAY
- Please use the one-way system
- Please keep to the time allocated for drop off and pick up

## Tapestry Stars of the Week

### Cherry:

Saskia – making flying fairies

Macie – working on sounds and writing

### Maple:

Oliver – for using now and next planner

Hugo – producing a fire work display from things in the garden

### Holly:

Olivia – researching a shadoof

### Willow:

Tom – work on the rock cycle

Well done all of you!

## **Mental Health Helpline now available 24/7 to support Somerset communities**

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust's CAMHS and Young Somerset are joining forces with the Mental Health Alliance to deliver a 24/7 Mental Health Helpline. Expanding on the existing successful Somerset Mindline service, the round-the-clock helpline will make it quicker and easier for people in Somerset to get the right advice they need for their mental health and wellbeing.

Open 24 hours a day, seven-days a week, it is open to people of all ages who need urgent mental health support. **The helpline on 01823**

**276892** is the **first port of call for mental health help** – it is operated by people in your local area who will know how best to support you. They are providing second-stage support to Mindline call handlers where the needs of

children & young people may need further, on-going support. Both CAMHS and Young Somerset have access to their own provision and can guide, support and broker a range of partner services for callers. For more information, please visit [here](#).

### **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/>

