



Ditchheat Primary School Weekly Newsletter - 4th January 2021

This newsletter can also be viewed on our school website:
<http://ditchheatprimary.co.uk/>

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope you have all had a peaceful and happy break with your children.

We have started the school year in a way that we really didn't want to with only key worker children in school and remote learning for everyone else. I can't thank you enough for the messages of support. Indeed, a number of you have been relieved that the decision about sending your child to school was made for you.

Hopefully, this situation will not continue for very long and we will be reviewing it on Wednesday. I shall let you know as soon as possible about the arrangements for next week.

In the meantime, I hope you agree that our home learning is a world away from March

when we first went into lockdown and handed out folders with sheets of work in them!

Please do contact us if you are having any problems accessing the online learning or need help in any way.

On a lighter note, we need some compost! If you have any that you would be happy to donate to school, please let me know.

Victoria Withers
Headteacher

SCOPAY

We have credited all accounts for Early Birds and Ditchheat Extra this week and amended lunches where necessary. Can I please remind parents to book their child into EB and DE for next week. If for some reason we are not in we can credit your accounts again. Thank you for your understanding. Please use the link below to log in to your accounts. Whilst on SCOPAY could we ask that you check you have uploaded lunch choices for next week and beyond?

Click here to access [SCOPAY.com](https://www.scopay.com)

Change of PE day for Spring Term



Please note children will need their PE kits in this week.
PE days will be the following:

Cherry - Wednesday and Thursday

Maple - Thursday

Willow - Wednesday and Thursday

Our new coach is Matthew Luxon

Music lessons

Drumming, Piano and Guitar lessons
have been cancelled for this week.



Reception September 2021 Applications



Please be aware that ALL Somerset County Council staff members are working from home so it is strongly advised you make your application via the link below. If this is the first time you have used the Citizen portal you will need to register for an account.

The application process closes on Friday 15th January.

We strongly suggest you read the [guide to applying for a school place](#) before you apply.

[Apply now](#)

From 16 April 2021 to view the outcome of your application log into the [Citizen portal](#).

You may be prompted for a Unique Identification Number (UID). Please note we do not use these, so please choose the 'NO UID' button.

We only offer one school place for each child. If you submit 'new' preferences and it becomes possible to offer a place at one of these schools, any place we have offered you previously will be withdrawn.

Google Meet links

Please find below links for each Google Meet catch up. If you can not make the time the sessions will be recorded and uploaded into Tapestry so please don't worry.

Cherry Class - Whole class catch ups are daily at 10.00am

Monday Tuesday
Wednesday Thursday Friday

Maple Class - Whole class catch ups are daily at 9.30am

Mon, Tues, Weds,
Thurs, Fri,

Willow Class - Whole class catch ups are daily at 9.00am

Ditchat Star assembly - Fridays at 2.30pm



Key Dates

January

Monday 4th

- First day of term for Key Worker children

Monday 11th

- ***ALL children back - please keep checking Tapestry and emails for any updates as they happen quickly!***

Monday 18th

- Parent evening - slots to be sent out week beginning 11th January

Tuesday 19th

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