



Ditchheat Primary School Weekly Newsletter - 12th January 2022

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

Headteachers update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had an audit by the DfE English Hub on Early Reading and Phonics yesterday. We had invited them in to support us in ensuring that we have the most up to date practise and provision. It was a most helpful day. We will be changing some of our practises, and updating our phonics resources in the next few months. We will keep you up to date as we progress, and will have a training session for parents to support reading at home.

Miss Crook had Covid during the Christmas holiday. Unfortunately, she has not recovered. She will be taking time at home to rest for this and next week. I know you will all join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. Our wonderful Mrs Cottle has agreed to cover the whole period, for which I am most grateful. The children love working with her, and she of course knows them very well. The work is already planned, and hopefully the impact upon the children will be minimal.

It has been great to hear of all of the positive parent consultation meetings. Thank you for working with us to benefit the children. That partnership is so very important.

The Parent Consultation Meeting with the East Somerset Federation is next Thursday, 20th January, at 6.30pm in the School Hall. If you would like to join virtually, please use the link below:

<https://meet.google.com/cye-jhox-gur>

Please submit any questions prior to the meeting on the consultation forms which are available from the School Office.

Best wishes,

Michelle Heap
Interim Headteacher

Attendance Last Week			
Cherry	Maple	Holly	Willow
95.2%	97.7%	99.5%	91.3%
Whole School Attendance for 2021-2022 = 96.1%			

Governor Update

Consultation on the Proposal to Federate East Somerset Federation and Ditchheat Primary School.

There will be an opportunity to meet with Governors and the executive Headteacher of the East Somerset Federation to hear your thoughts and views and answer any questions you have.

This meeting will be held in the school hall at 6pm on Thursday 20th January.

Carymoor Consent for Holly Class

Can you please fill out consent via the link (by Thursday 13th January) to allow your child to take part in the activities and let us know who will be picking your child up at 3.00pm.

Please can we remind you that wellies and warm waterproof clothes are a must and to wear thick socks!!!! **Thank you to those parents who have consented this morning, we have had 16/24 which is a great response.**

[Holly Carymoor Consent](#)

FoDS News

In less than 1 week, Mrs Heap will spend a **Night in the Bunker!** There's still time to show your support by donating using the link below. Thank you.

PAYMENT LINK:

https://pay.sumup.io/qr/fa2d7906-1f34-4097-8c62-31f5bd509ebf?fbclid=IwAR2IZXPi_0GmeXx9o5jYHnEvpj07ardDyMPW7XMQD6E83yCqZpYrJJpaaso

For more information and updates on sponsorship you can follow our [Facebook Page](#)

We are still looking for a Treasurer

Kat our current Treasurer will be standing down next summer. It is a legal requirement for any charity to have a Treasurer, so we must find a replacement and we have 6 months to get someone new fully up to speed and ready to take over. The existing committee and wider team work extremely hard to put on a fun, varied range of events that benefit all the children at Ditchheat Primary School, we're always looking for new members.

Please have a think and if this is something you might be interested in taking on, do give us a yell. You don't need to be an accountant... you just need to be organised, have a reasonably good head for figures and know your way around a spreadsheet.

To find out a little more, you can have a chat with a member of the team or email on friendsofditchheat@gmail.com

Key Dates

January

- Friday 14th - Holly class AT Carymoor - 9am - 3pm - [Consent link](#)
- Monday 17th - Bikeability for Year 6
- Monday 17th - Swimming for Year 5 ONLY
- Tuesday 18th - Bikeability for Year 6
- Tuesday 18th - Mrs Heap sleeping in the Air Raid shelter (the cellar)!!!
- **Thursday 20th - Fosse Federation Parent Evening - 6pm**
- **Wednesday 26th - Cherry and Maple trip to Ham Wall - Letter coming home**