



## Ditchheat Primary School Weekly Newsletter - 5th January 2022

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

### **Headteachers update**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy, happy New Year lovely folk! I really hope that you had a wonderful Christmas. It may have been a bit different, but it sounds as though the children all had a great time.

Yay, the bubbles have burst. We have been advised that we no longer need to learn, work and play separately. It means the children can play with whoever they like, go back to sitting in their family teams at lunchtime, and join together as a whole school community for assembly! What a blessing.

Ditchheat Stars Assembly will be on Monday afternoons, at 2.45pm. It will still be remote to limit the number of visitors in school. We will resume a 'live' event as soon as we can.

From the week after next, we will resume some after school clubs. More detail below. I will just say that I am going to run Climate Club. I received a wonderful letter from Josselyn, asking if we could get our heads together and do more as a school. I think it is a wonderful idea.

I absolutely love this school family, and wanted to do my bit to help FoDS, who have worked tirelessly, to raise money to upgrade our loos. I had this mad idea that people may be prepared to sponsor me to sleep in the old air raid shelter. So, on January 18th, I will spend the night, all alone, down in the bunker. The poster with the QR code to donate is attached. Thanks to Helen Russell for the awesome artwork.

I thought it would be a nice idea for the children to get involved. I didn't think sleeping in the bunker would be fun for them, so I made 'Heapy the Hippo' instead. I have told the children I will be selling raffle tickets for £1. I thought they might like to save the money themselves so they really feel proud of the new loos. If they want a ticket, they can put an envelope in the office with their name on it and £1. Here he is:

Best wishes,

Michelle Heap  
Interim Headteacher



### **Swimming - Willow class**

Swimming will start on Monday 10th January for Willow class. They will be swimming in the afternoon.

On Monday 17th January Year 5 ONLY will be swimming as Year 6 have Bikeability.

### **Bikeability - Year 6**

We are still in need of a volunteer to help Monday PM (17th) and all day Tuesday (18th). Please let the office know ASAP if you can help. Can we also have consent for your child to take part by Monday 10th January. Thank you.

#### **Key Dates**

##### **January**

- Wednesday 5th - Flu Vaccination - PM
- **Friday 7th** - ***Holly class Carymoor - In School - Wellies and warm coat needed***
- Monday 10th - Swimming for Willow class - PM
- Monday 10th - Parents' evening via Zoom
- Tuesday 11th - Parents' evening via Zoom
- Wednesday 12th - Parents evening via Zoom
- **Friday 14th** - ***Holly class AT Carymoor - 9am - 3pm***
- 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)!!!