



Ditchheat Primary School Weekly Newsletter - 8th December 2021

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

Headteachers update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Never have Christmas activities and performances felt more precious. We are two out of three Nativity performances in. The children have been absolutely fabulous.

We have one more Nativity to go and then next week it's over to Holly for A Midwife Crisis.

We also have our Christmas lunches to look forward to. On that note, we were visited this week by the SCC Food Hygiene Inspector. He said we have 'OFFICIALLY' the cleanest school kitchen in Somerset and a 5 star rating. A massive thank you goes to Cath Clarkson, and her wonderful assistant Steph Parry, not only for having such a spic and span kitchen, but for providing a Christmas lunch two days in a row.

I won't be having the Parent Forum next week as planned. I will, instead, have it on 25th January. It just feels like there is too much going on next week. Of course, if you want to discuss anything, I am here and waiting, and have a kettle.

Interim reports will come home next week. Then the week of January 10th we will have Parent Consultation Meetings. I will monitor the situation before deciding whether they will be face to face, online or telephone, but they will happen one way or another. The perfect timing, as by now the children are fully settled and you will get a great idea of how they are doing, and what they need to do next.

There have been some adjustments to our timetable. We will continue to have our fantastic enrichment activities, but they will be a bit more spread out rather than all on a Friday. It made for a rather hectic day. We are always looking for ways to make things the best they can be, for children and staff too.

One last exciting thing. Though I can't give an exact launch date as I want to monitor the Covid situation after Christmas, we will be relaunching a parent and toddler group in the new year. Steph Parry has agreed to facilitate it. I thought Saplings was a rather fitting name in line with our tree classes. I am very conscious that parents and younger children born just before or during the pandemic have had little opportunity to meet up. Something to look forward to.

Advice from Somerset County Council is that we keep all existing measures in place into the Spring Term. Thank you for your continued support.

Here's to a fantastic Christmassy last week of term!

Best wishes,
Michelle Heap
Interim Headteacher

Attendance Last Week			
Cherry	Maple	Holly	Willow
94.4%	96.7%	97.6%	92.9%
Whole School Attendance for 2021-2022 = 95.4%			

Consent for upcoming trips

Swimming - Willow Class - Spring Term

Swimming will be starting for Willow class on Monday 10th January 2022. Please make sure you have consented and paid £32.00 via SCOPAY. Please click below to read the letter:

[Swimming letter](#)

Willow Class Carymoor

Friday 10th December will be Willow's LAST Carymoor session this term. They will all be back at school for the last day of term (Friday 17th December)

Team Points:

Red: 34 **Yellow:** 29 **Blue:** 26 **Green:** 23

Key Dates

December

- Thursday 9th - Cherry and Maple 'Are We Nearly There Yet' Production - 9.30am
- Monday 13th - Willow trip to Bovington - Rescheduled
- Tuesday 14th - Parent Forum at 2.00pm - Google Meet **POSTPONED**
- Tuesday 14th - Reception, 1 and 2 Christmas Lunch
- Wednesday 15th - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas lunch
- Wednesday 15th - Holly Christmas Production - Midwife Crisis - 2.00pm and 6.30pm
- Friday 17th - Christmas Jumper day and mufti - £1 donation to [Save the Children](#)
- Friday 17th - NO Ditchheat Extra

Christmas Holidays - Monday 20th December - Friday 31st December

Monday 3rd January - Bank Holiday

January

- Monday 3rd - Bank holiday
- Wednesday 5th - Flu Vaccination - PM
- January 10th - Swimming for Willow Class - PM
- Tuesday 11th - Parents evening (possibly online)
- Monday 17th - *Bikeability for Years 5 and 6***
- Tuesday 18th - *Bikeability for Years 5 and 6***