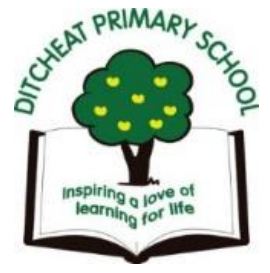




Ditchheat Primary School

Inspiring a Love of Learning for Life

Friday 19th December



Dear Parents/ Carers

It has been a magical, yet hectic last few weeks of school. So many wonderful things take place for the children to enjoy and take part in, here at our wonderful, little school.

The nativity performances by KS1 and Year 3 and 4 have been fantastic, the children and staff have worked hard to produce top quality performances to remind us of the true story of Christmas, in this busy time. The singing, dancing and acting was all very professional and really gives children confidence to speak in front of an audience if they practise regularly, they love it!

Willow class, who do a summer performance, have been focussing on their WW2 topic with a trip to Nothe Fort Weymouth, a WW2 museum day and a WW2 Christmas party. The Weymouth day went well with fair weather and it was lovely to walk in evacuee costumes along the sea wall to the fort, with the sea glistening. The children experienced the WW2 shop, kitchen, evacuation into an Anderson shelter and a WW2 lunch. The whole day is in role-play, with the excellent Nothe fort volunteers, who take us back to the 1940s.

FODS have been very busy recently supporting us at school. The wreath-making workshop was a great success with parents and local villagers enjoying a relaxing evening with the foliage- everyone took home a beautiful wreath – mine is still in 1 piece despite the wind! Then Emily came back into school and ran a workshop for the children so they all took home a wreath, which they made in outdoor learning. Thank you.

Then the famous Christmas lunch in the village hall was an incredible feat – Christmas dinner for over 100 children and staff combined were cooked, served up hot and delicious. Children loved the food, the loud Christmas music and a visit from Father Christmas, who left gifts under the class trees for when the children returned. Thank you again to FODS for all your hard work and creating a magical Christmas feel to the event.

Meanwhile, we look forward to our Christmas Carol service to end the term on Friday at 2.30pm, we hope families can join us.

The Ditchheat School staff would like to thank you for your cards and good wishes and wish you all an enjoyable Christmas with your families and friends. **HAPPY CHRISTMAS!!!**

Mrs Cosser and Mrs Bisset

Head of School Executive Headteacher

Willow Class Nothe Fort
Weymouth WW2
evacuee experience Dec 9th



Lighting the Christmas Tree
At the village hall for the Frost
Fair.



Wellbeing tip of the week



Take time this Christmas to slow down and enjoy the little simple moments.



KS1 Nativity – well done to the children and staff for a magical performance.



A Massive thank you to Wilfred's Mum, Daisy, for helping all the children to make their own Christmas wreaths as part of outdoor learning.

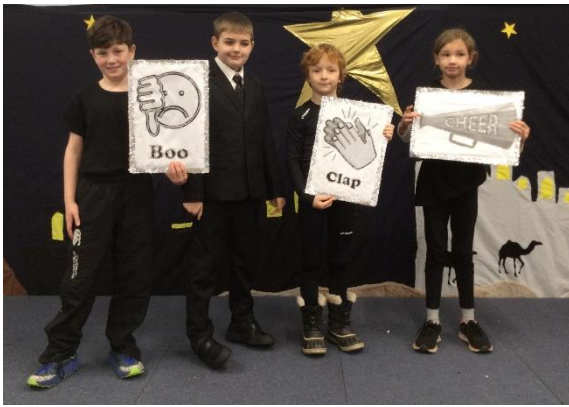


FoDs Christmas Lunch- an incredible event and Ditcheat tradition, enjoyed by parents, staff and children – this really puts us all in the Christmas Spirit.

THANK YOU FODS - AMAZING



Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance- Lights, Camel, Action – well done staff and children for an excellent performance of this funny play, filled with fun song and dance.



Pantomime- Dr Dolittle – a lovely treat to watch in school. Thank you FODS.



Willow Class WW2 Museum – Year 5 and 6 showed parents and children around their living museum this week, in costume. They shared their WW2 Scratch games, showed their WW2 slippers on display as well as art work and family history projects.



The greatest gift to your child is to make time to share a book together over Christmas time. Please read for pleasure with your child. Reading helps lifelong learning.



It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. This guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.

A Parent's Guide to Social Media

A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures

A Parent's Guide to Gaming

A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming

A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers

A Parent's Guide to Fake News

A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Please remember to book your lunches on Scopay ready for next term.

FREE

Confident Parents - Raising Confident Children Who Bounce Back

Topic: Resilience

This is a 2-hr workshop facilitated by Young Somerset. It is an opportunity to meet other parents and to share common concerns. We discuss what helps young people to feel more confident in dealing with the up and downs of life.

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided

Thursday 28th April 2026
9am - 11am

To sign up please contact the office of the school your child attends

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Confident Parents - Helping Your Child to Meet Everyday Challenges

TOPIC: Anxiety and Low Mood

This is a 2hr workshop facilitated by Young Somerset. It is an opportunity to meet other parents and share common concerns. We talk about, the signs and symptoms of everyday challenges such as anxiety and low mood, some do's and don'ts and share hints and tips on how to support your child. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Wednesday 1st April 2026
9am - 11am

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Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas

from everyone at Ditcheat Primary School