



Ditchheat Primary School

Inspiring a Love of Learning for Life

Friday 22nd May



Dear Parents/ Carers

I can't believe we are already half way through the summer term. It looks like we are lucky enough to have a hot half term break ahead, which is lovely and long-awaited. It may have been only 5 weeks but lots has gone on as usual!

Year 6 have completed SATS week successfully. It was a calm week for Year 6, where they received lots of special treatment and support, including SATs breakfast from Mrs Clarkson every morning! Thank you for Mrs Clarkson for coming in at 7.30am to have this ready - the smells were delicious coming from the kitchen!! After the last test, they all got their leaver's hoodies, went and played in the park and had ice lollies! Not bad!! They were all given their playscripts of Shakespeare Rocks and are now busy familiarising themselves with this - SATS already a distant memory!! Thank you to all the staff for their flexibility and support during SATS week.

This week, the whole school went on their special trip to Longleat Safari Park, funded by FODS. Thank you FODS. We went in 2 coaches around the safari park to start with, listening to the safari commentary and spotting wolves, cheetahs, tigers and even saw Anne the elephant! The children loved spotting the various animals and marvelling at the wildlife up close and in action, especially the famous Lions of Longleat. We all managed to go on the boat to see the gorillas, hippos and sea lions and then the train to see more. The koala house was a favourite too and we heard the koala raw, which was a shock!

The children enjoyed their picnic lunch together and then saw other animals on foot for example the bat cave, anteaters and many more. What a busy but exciting day!

Year 5 and 6 started their transition education with Mr Davis visiting with old Ditchheatian pupils from Ansford, to tell the children about life at secondary school and answer questions. There will be various transition days for the different schools coming up and visits from the school staff to meet our Year 6 children. Year 5 experienced hearing everything too so they begin to prepare for themselves for the next stage.

Key Stage 2 have been given their playscripts and song words for the Summer Musical ' Shakespeare Rocks.' They have already had auditions and are busy learning their words excitedly around school. Tickets will be on sale after half term for the matinee and evening performance on Thursday 9th July at the village hall. We look forward to using the new village hall lights, which have just been installed. The whole school will be experiencing a Shakespeare workshop on Tuesday 2nd June from a touring drama company and learning how to act out the Tempest or Macbeth in class groups. This has been kindly funded by a donation from the local Ditchheat Players, who disbanded a few years ago and donated some money to school to be used for drama. This will immerse the children in Shakespeare ready for the Shakespeare Rocks musical.

Today, Mr Tostevin has been in to do our final workshop: Sleep is our Superpower. He has talked to the children about the importance of sleep, how to sleep well and has linked this into previous workshops on goals and food to energise. Thank you to FODS for funding these workshops- they have been really worthwhile. He presented at the star assembly today, which was useful for parents to hear what had been taught.

Of course next half term, we look forward to the children swimming, sports day, the summer production, meeting our new Reception intake children and for year 6, the Okehampton Residential, to name but a few events.

We hope you all have a lovely half term and look forward to the last part of the year. Please do visit the Schools tent at the Bath and West Showground to view the children's artwork/ writing – animal themed -from the 3 schools of the Federation.

Best wishes

Mrs Cossar and Mrs Bisset
Head of School Executive Headteacher

Cooking Club- A huge thank you to Mrs Clarkson for running cooking club this term. Please remember Mrs Clarkson will be running one more cooking club next term on Tuesday 2nd June.



Ditcheat School currently have a blue token box in Tesco, please remember to put your blue tokens in after doing your shopping. Thank you.



Wellbeing tip of the week



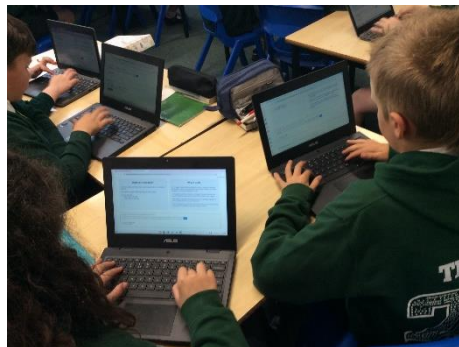
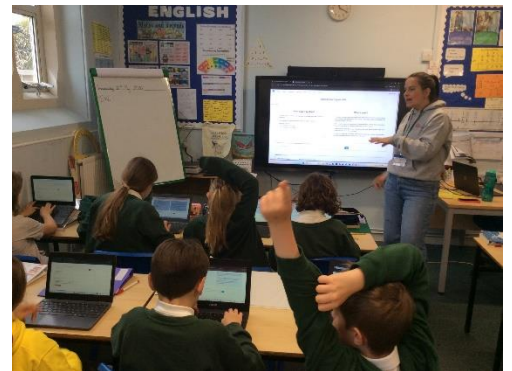
Joyful June... be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy.



Year 6 Sats – well done to them all! All over...



Willow Class AI Workshop – Beth from AI for schools came in to speak to the children about stem careers opportunities in AI, how AI works, its benefits and what to watch out for.



Thank you to our super amazing FoDs from everyone at Ditchat Primary School. The whole school enjoyed such a wonderful day out together at Longleat.





Sleep is a Superpower with Mr T – Mrs Tostevin has done his final Fods funded workshop on the importance of sleep today.



Isobel's Grandmother, Gail, has gone to Zambia taking letters and a laptop from us all. We look forward to hearing from our friends in Zambia and receiving their school book and some letters when she comes back.



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

 **ACTIVE CAMPS**

🕒 MAY 26TH TO 29TH 🕒 8.30AM TO 3.30PM

- TUE 26TH** Inflatable Day
- WED 27TH** Gymnastics Day
- THU 28TH** Tournament Thursday
- FRI 29TH** Batting Day

📧 WWW.TLESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK

 *Extra Time available;
8-8.30am & 3.30-5pm*

£20 a day!

Parent Workshop

Monday 8 June 2026: Live Online Session 7pm-9pm - Supporting parent/carers in protective conversations about bodies, relationships and “how babies are made” for the 0-11 age range

This session will explore how early conversations and everyday practice can help protect children, support healthy development and build the foundations for later Relationships and Sex Education.

We will look at how to lay the foundations for essential concepts such as consent, bodily autonomy, privacy, correct names for body parts and knowing how to ask for help.

Parent/carers click here to book your place: [Parent Carer Workshops – Fill in form](#)

Date for your Diary...

FoDS AGM will be on **Thursday, 16th July at 3.30pm**. We encourage as many parents to attend as possible irrespective of current involvement with FoDS. It's an opportunity to hear about what we've been doing over the past year and plans for the next. We will also be voting in new committee members. We are currently looking to fill the position of Secretary, so if anybody thinks they might be interested in this role, they can speak to Aimee Arthur or Nadia Holding to find out more.



The Family Wildlife Group invite you to a

TREASURE HUNT



On Friday 12th June
From 3:30 till 5:30
at

St Mary Magdalene
Churchyard
Ditcheat



prizes to be won!

SEE YOU THERE!

For children with their parents or carers

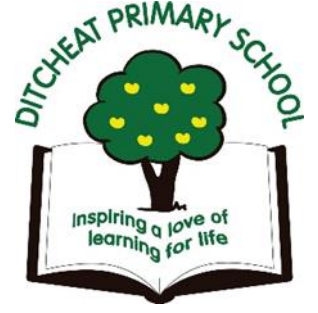
Bring a picnic!



Please let us know if you are coming

email **Bridget**
thewildlifegroup@btinternet.com





We are Celebrating 150 Years of Ditchheat Primary School

Everyone in the community is invited to attend our coffee morning on **Friday 26th June**
9.15am-10.30am



There will be tea, coffee and birthday cake available as well as the opportunity to see our History of Ditchheat School exhibition.

