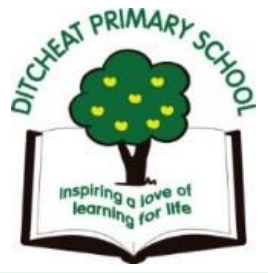




# Ditchheat Primary School

*Inspiring a Love of Learning for Life*

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November**



Dear Parents/ Carers

As you can imagine, Christmas is in the air! Its December next week but already carols are being sung in singing assembly and the nativities are well underway – costumes came out of the cupboard today and the stage is up. The children are excited and there is never a better place to work than in a school on the run up to Christmas as the magic is still alive! I will be buying the school Christmas tree this weekend and it should be up for Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, first day of advent, for the children to enjoy in the hall.

The last few weeks has been busy with the Zambian toy sale and Children in Need cakes sale – thank you for your kind donations. The football team have had a successful match against the other East Somerset Federation schools and played very well, placing second and with the youngest players. Next week Willow class go to Nothe fort Weymouth for an evacuee experience day, where they spend the whole day in role! Wrap up warm as it could be chilly walking along the seafront in December!

There are many festive things going on over the next few weeks so keep an eye on the weekly newsletter dates and timings. Next Thursday, Fods are running their ever-popular wreath workshop in the evening. Willow class are off to watch the pantomime at Ansford and we will be having Dr Doolittle come to our school in the last week of the term. The Ks1 Nativity will be at 9.30 and 2.15pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December and Year 3 and 4 will be performing Lights, Camel, Action on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December so buy your tickets when out! The nativities will truly get you into the festive mood!

Next Friday is the Xmas jumper mufti day when you can bring in a new toys for the Salvation Army food bank to distribute – the children had an assembly last Monday to explain and there are details on what you can donate. Your generosity is much appreciated. Next Friday the children will also be decorating the Village Christmas tree in time for the frost fair on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Star assembly will be at the village hall next Friday to turn on the lights and the hall will provide refreshments afterwards.

It's the FODS famous traditional Christmas lunch in the village hall – this is a special event for staff and children alike and will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Fods are asking for parent volunteers once again to help with cooking, serving, assisting the children etc so please let a member of Fods or the office know. Thank you, it is always a fantastic event that only keep going because of the generous help from the parent community.

Finally, please join us for the Christmas Carol service on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in the church, when the children will sing their way through the Christmas story.

Best wishes for an enjoyable advent.

**Mrs Cosser      and      Mrs Bisset**

**Head of School      Executive Headteacher**

East Somerset Federation Football Match – well done team for coming second.



Please remember to book your lunches on Scopay

## THE Glazing Room

**Festive Pottery Painting Afternoon.  
Adults and children welcome.**

30<sup>th</sup> November  
14:00 – 16:00  
Jubilee Hall, Ditcheat

Kick off the festive season & join us for some Christmas pottery painting, there's something for everyone. No experience needed just bring your imagination and festive cheer and we'll provide the rest.

Prices start at just £7 per item. Once you have finished painting your chosen piece it will be fired in our kiln creating a memorable keepsake ready for collection the following week.

Book now to enjoy some creative, festive fun.

Nothing to pay until the day!

To book please email  
[theglazingroom@gmail.com](mailto:theglazingroom@gmail.com)

## Ditcheat Jubilee Hall

# FROST FAIR

Saturday Dec. 6th

10.00am - 3.00pm

Seasonal Stalls  
Refreshments

- Soft toys
- Wines
- Beeswax Candles
- Seasonal Gifts
- Handbell ringers
- Badge making
- Lucky Dip
- Greetings cards
- Craft items
- Preserves
- Jewellery
- Cheeses



And our Christmas lights

Zambia Day – thank you for your support. The toy sale was a great success and children enjoyed haggling for new toys and games to take home.



Well Being Tip



If you see someone without a smile, give them yours.

Year 5 Ansford Sports Festival - Year 5 enjoyed composing dances routines with other schools.



*Shepton Mallet Infants*

# ACTIVE CAMP

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (DECEMBER 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31)

MONDAY 22ND	Target Day
TUESDAY 23RD	Tournament Tuesday
WEDNESDAY 24TH	Party Day
MONDAY 29TH	Inflatable/Mini Golf*
TUESDAY 30TH	Gymnastics Day
WEDNESDAY 31ST	NYE Science Experiments

\*weather dependent on other sites



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## CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL

### FRIDAY, 5TH DECEMBER

*Wear festive mufti!*

Please bring your new gift\* for a child so that we can help the Salvation Army support local families at Christmas.

\*Gifts can be anything suitable for a child up to the age of 16, e.g. toys, crafts, stationery, books, puzzles, clothing, accessories, toiletries, etc.

Please do not wrap; the Salvation Army elves will do this!

Children In Need – thank you for all the baking. We raised £169 for Children in Need.



St Mary Magdalene Church Ditcheat

Christmas Eve Crib Service  
Wednesday 24th December 2025

at 4.30 pm

Dear Children, Parents, Teachers,  
This is to invite you to the annual Crib Service in  
the Church at Ditcheat on Christmas Eve at 4.30  
p.m.

This year's service will be a little different from  
last year's. This year, children will be given party  
bags as they come in, and between readings and  
carols they will journey around the church to pick  
up little gifts relevant to each part of the nativity, as  
we build up the story in their imaginations.

Please could you bring your child(ren) already  
dressed as a character from the nativity story  
(angel, shepherd, donkey etc etc).

We very much look forward to having you with us.  
Revd Rosalind Paul (aka RevRoz!)

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Artificial Intelligence Guide for Parents and Carers



Artificial Intelligence (AI) is now part of everyday life, with tools like ChatGPT, image generators, or AI features in apps. If you're unsure what these tools do or how to keep your child safe, the Internet Matters Parent Guide to AI Tools is a great resource.

It explains AI in clear, simple language and lists popular tools children might encounter. The guide also gives safety tips—such as why filters aren't perfect and why it's important to supervise and talk with your child. It includes ideas for using AI in positive ways, while reminding families to check accuracy and encourage responsible use.

Read the full guide here: [www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/](https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/)

Zambia Club have been making Christmas wreaths. They will be on sale at the Frost Fair being held at Ditcheat Village Hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 10.00-3.00. Please see poster for more details.

