



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2019



A huge THANK YOU to all the parents and carers who have downloaded and mastered the MYEd app for communications, and ParentMail for payments! We are all so appreciative. Similarly, thank you to everyone for your support and understanding whilst we also learn how to improve the communications via the app's to all of you. If you haven't downloaded the app yet and need help, please do come and see us in the office.

Breakfast Club Booking

If your child/children come to breakfast club please can you book them in using the app. The booking system will allow you to book your child in, in advance with the option to pay later, you could choose to book your child in for a few weeks providing the owing balance doesn't exceed £100. We are working towards having an attendance list for Monday on Fridays and Monday for Tuesday etc. Manual adjustments can be made in the school office if necessary.

After School Clubs Next Term

Premier Sports Fencing after school club will be every Monday starting on 6th January for 6 weeks, and will finish on Monday 10th February. The total cost for the half term will be £15.00. Open to all children in Year 1 to 6. This club will finish at 4.30pm.

Garden & Wildlife after school club will continue every Tuesday starting on 7th January for 6 weeks, and will finish on Tuesday 11th February. The cost for the half term will be £12.00. Open to all children in years 1 to 6. This club will finish at 4.15pm.

Ballet after school club will be every Thursday starting on 9th January for 6 weeks, and will finish on Thursday 13th February. The cost for the half term will be £12.00. Open to all children in Reception - Year 6. This club will finish at 4pm.

There are only 20 spaces available for each club. If you would like your child to attend please complete the consent form and pay via MYEd under messaging to give consent and for payments click on my students, select the child's name and go to payments - to shop. All clubs need to be paid in full before the first session begins.

School Calendar

To keep our communications as streamline as possible we have started to implement the school calendar on the MYEd app. All Assembly's, Trips, Clubs, Play's, Fairs, etc. will be posted on this calendar, and we will put as much information as possible into the details section. This same calendar can be viewed on our Ditchingham school website under the tab News and Events. This is a Google Calendar so if you use a Google calendar at home, these diary entries can be added to your personal calendar.

Pupil Data Collection Sheets

To ensure the data we hold on your child/children is correct new forms will be sent home after Christmas. It is important that we can contact someone in an emergency, please look out for these in the New Year.



For important dates so far please turn over!

Free School Meals

Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 are entitled to free school meals through the Governments Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative.

Standard free school meals are based on your household income. For further information please go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Chartwells are responsible for preparing your children's tasty meals in school. The catering team offer a hot meal choice each day (including a vegetarian option) and packed lunch options. They can also cater for specialised diets if required. Menus are available outside the school office .

FODS

Friends of Ditchingham School (FOD's) have organised a visit to the Panto and Christmas Bingo. They would love new members to join them and help organise fundraising activities and events for the school. If you are interested in joining please contact the school office or speak to Faye Denney, Mia's mum in Barn Owls class.

Change of Shoes

Please can all children bring a change of shoes to school for outside play that are different to their school and PE shoes. This is to minimise the mud brought in to school.

Thank you



DATES AND INFORMATION FOR THE DIARY

December

10th KS1 'A King is Born' Performance for parents/carers at 2pm

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12th Christmas Dinner— Children will order in the morning as usual and parents can pay on ParentMail via MYEd, if you are new to paying for school dinners click on my students, select the child's name and go to the accounts tab. The dinner will cost £2.30. No sandwiches or jacket potatoes will be available on this date.

13th Christmas Bingo in the school hall, doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Letters have gone home, for tickets please hand your slip in to the school office.

17th Carol Service at Ditchingham Church, parents/carers are welcome to join us for a 2.30pm start. As the church has little parking we encourage parents to share lifts where possible. There is a form on MYEd that will need completing informing us where you are collecting your child/children from, the church or school.

18th Last day of term and Christmas Panto at the Fisher Theatre part funded by the FODS. A letter has gone out on MYEd, please hand all £5 contributions to the school office.

January

6th Return to School

8th BarnOwls swimming lessons begin. A letter has gone out on MYEd.

February

17th – 21st Half Term

26th Year 6 visit to Hobart High School for a Forensic Science Day, details to follow soon.

March

2nd A team of children from years 5 & 6 will be taking part in Tag Rugby after school at Hobart High School

24th A team of children from years 3 & 4 will be taking part in Tag Rugby at Diss High School

April

21st A team of children from years 3 & 4 will be taking part in Tri-Golf at Bungay Golf Club

2nd – 17th Easter Holidays

27th A team of children from years 5 & 6 will be taking part in Netball after school at Hobart High School

May

4th Bank Holiday

25th – 29th Half Term

June

July

1st—3rd Years 5 & 6 residential trip to Hautbois Activity Centre. A letter has gone out on MYEd, a deposit of £30 is required to secure your child's place.

9th – 10th Years 3 & 4 residential trip to Ringsfield Hall Eco-Activity Centre, details to follow soon.

15th Whole school visit to Norwich Cathedral

21st Last day of term

We wish you all a very....

