



The Friends of Ditcham Park School

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Your invite to enjoy Ditcham after Dark!

Welcome back to the final half of the Summer term! We hope you had a fabulous half term break, and are looking forward to the events scheduled for the last few weeks of the school year including our very own "Ditcham After Dark"!



FEATURED IN THIS WEEK'S FRIENDS' NEWSLETTER... TENTS AT THE READY!



Tents at the Ready! Your invite to a Midsummer Campover with Friends!

For the very first time, **on Friday 26th June**, and with the kind agreement of the School, FDPS is able to extend **an exciting invitation** to you, your family and close friends - to join other members of the Ditcham community, in **camping out under the stars** and exploring and enjoying the School's countryside environment together as dusk falls!

This is your chance to experience the sights and sounds of Ditcham Park that, normally, we are not able to see! You can find out more about the event on the FDPS website over the coming weekend, where a booking form will be available for you to use to reserve your pitch for this exciting new event ☺ Alternatively print off and use the booking form produced at the end of this newsletter.

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AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

NOTICE OF AN EGM OF THE FRIENDS OF DITCHAM PARK SCHOOL Wednesday 24th June 7pm

The Committee of the FDPS give notice of an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) to be held in the School Library at 7pm on Wednesday 24th June.

On the agenda will be a proposal to adopt a new “updated” Constitution. Our current governing document was drawn up and adopted in June 1995. 20 years on and we believe the time is right to update and adopt a new Constitution that is suitable for needs of our modern School, 2015 and the future!

In particular the proposed model constitution will allow for:

- The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to continue in post beyond a period of 5 years, if no other member of the School parent body or staff volunteers for their role, and the current incumbent is willing to carry on.
- All members of Ditcham’s staff are permitted to serve on the FDPS committee.
- FDPS can donate funds raised to other charitable bodies on the proposal of the School community and with the support of a quorum of the Committee.

FDPS is required to give a minimum of 21 days’ notice of this proposed change to you as members of the FDPS, and we invite you to request a copy of the proposed constitution document should you wish to acquaint yourselves with its content. As members of the PTA-UK organisation, we have consulted their legal and administration who have suggested this model constitution to be a suitable governing document for our purposes, and have advised it to be acceptable to the Charity Commission.

If you would like a copy of the proposed Constitution please contact either our Chair (Vicki Harvey) or Treasurer (Denise Allen) via the Friends email friendsditcham@gmail.com. A copy will also be available in the School Office from Friday 5th June. If you would also like to attend the EGM please let us know via the same email address, so that we may ensure sufficient space to accommodate numbers attending.

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Want to join the team?

SEPTEMBER 2015 FDPS HONORARY OFFICER CHANGES

At our annual AGM in September, our current honorary officers (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) will step down (as required by the Constitution) from their posts. If they are willing to continue to serve in post, they will offer themselves for re-election.

This year however, our current **Secretary** will not be offering herself for re-election and so we invite you to consider if you would like to put your name forward for this role. If you are interested to find out more details, please contact our Chair Vicki or Treasurer Denise via the FDPS email address friendsditcham@gmail.com and a role description will be emailed to you.

In addition, our current **Chair**, Vicki Harvey, has given notice that she is willing to continue in the role for one further year, with the consent of the FDPS members, if no other member offers themselves for election to the post. In the interests of continuity and succession planning, Vicki has indicated she would be happy to work alongside a Co-Chair for the 2015-16 academic year. If you are interested to learn more about this role, again please request further details via the Friends email address friendsditcham@gmail.com or request a chat with Vicki who can explain more.



THIS EASTER BONNY NEEDS A NEW HOME!

This year, FDPS “engaged” a brand new Easter Bunny to help the Mad Hatter deliver Easter treats and fun for the children at the annual Easter party!

As a result we have an Easter Bunny outfit looking for a suitable home. Do you volunteer for a local group or club that could offer a home (make use) of our previous Easter Bunny outfit? No payment is required, first come first served! Please let us know if you’re interested, by contacting us via the FDPS email address friendsditcham@gmail.com or via Denise Allen deniseallenfdps@outlook.com

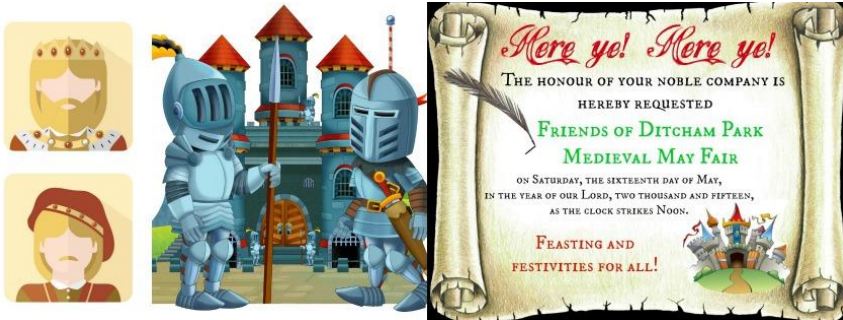
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May Fayre updates

Raffle winners

Calling all notified raffle winners...if you have not yet collected your prize, please could you make arrangements to pick it up from the School Office as soon as possible. Thank you.



MUCK-N-MAYHEM

Getting children of all ages back to the great outdoors!

GRAND OPENING

SATURDAY 6 JUNE @ 10 a.m!

Following our amazing success at Action Stations in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, **Muck 'n Mayhem** are bringing their amazing range of outdoor clothing and equipment to the Folly Market in Petersfield!

We can supply kit for adults, teenagers and kids, Cadet, Scouting and Youth groups, Duke of Edinburgh adventurers and anyone who wants to get out and enjoy the great outdoors

For 10% off all purchases on the day just fill in your email address below to sign up for our mailing list for more amazing offers!

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Name.....

Email Address:.....

Muck 'n' Mayhem Offer for Ditcham families

Unfortunately, due to illness, "Muck 'n' Mayhem" were not able to attend our May Fayre as detailed in the Fayre programme. Joy Barden has been in touch and asked us to share the following with Ditcham families.

Just print this page of our newsletter and take along to their stall in the Folly Market, Petersfield on Saturday 6th June and secure a 10% discount on all purchases made on the day.

Just right, ahead of the Ditcham After Dark event! Happy Shopping, and thank you to Joy!

We hope you enjoy your weekend!

Denise Allen, on behalf of Vicki Harvey and the FDPS Committee.



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DITCHAM

AFTER DARK

Friday, June 26th 2015

BOOKING FORM

We are holding our first ever camp-over in the school grounds! This exciting event will take place in the Walled Garden on Friday 26th June 2015 from 8pm, immediately after the School's Family Sports Evening. The event is open to all Ditcham families, staff and their friends, irrespective of whether you attend the Family Sports Evening ☺

We hope to run some family friendly events on the night, including a star-gazing activity and a Bat Walk! As an outdoor focussed event, we encourage you to leave the tablets and games machines at home for the evening!

A hot breakfast will be available on Saturday morning, prepared by FDPS. For those attending the Family Sports Evening on Friday night the school will provide a BBQ. No personal BBQS or hot cooking equipment will be allowed for health and safety reasons. You are welcome to bring cool bags with your own picnics and cold drinks for Friday evening and overnight, although a selection of snacks and drinks will be available during the evening. You may bring alcohol for personal consumption, in moderation please, as this is a family event.

DITCHAM AFTER DARK: June 26th 2015

Name (Group Leader):(Ditcham Parent/Staff)

Email: **Telephone:**

Address:

Pupil(s) Names:..... **Class:**

I would like to reserve space for tent(s) at the FDPS Ditcham After Dark Camp Over.

Total nos. sleeping over: Adults & Children 5+ @ £5 pp Under 5s (free)

Saturday Breakfast: our group would like to order hot breakfasts (included in price) including vegetarian option

Names of other families I would like to camp with, but understand this cannot be guaranteed:

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I enclose the full payment of £..... to secure my booking (cheques to be made payable to FDPS). I understand this payment is non-refundable unless the event is cancelled by FDPS, and pitches are reserved on a first come, first served basis. **Bookings required no later than 19/6/15.**

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CAMPSITE RULES!

No one likes hearing about rules ☺ but our campsite rules are created with you and your family in mind, and help to ensure that everyone on-site has the best possible experience.

Arrival/Departure: Pitches are available from 4.30pm on Friday 26th June. You are requested to vacate your pitch by 11am on Saturday 27th June. Camping equipment may be off-loaded by the David Holmes building, no vehicular access is permitted on the walled garden.

Late Arrivals: You may pitch until 9.30pm (later by express agreement of FDPS organisers).

Pitches: In the Walled Garden and Tents only (no camper vans, caravans or motor homes). Bring your own tent (none available for hire). Please note that you must pitch at least three metres away from anyone else. One windbreak is permitted per pitch, with a maximum of six poles.

Speed Limit: The speed limit on-site is 5mph. As there will be young children on site, we ask you to take special care when driving around the school grounds. Please access and leave the site via the North & South Drives and surrounding approach roads quietly and observing the speed limits to avoid disturbance to the School's neighbours.

Generators / Personal BBQs / Hot Food Camping Equipment: Because of the danger of fires in the woods and School grounds, generators, fire pits, open fires, personal BBQs and other forms of heated cookware are not allowed on-site.

Dogs: We regret that dogs are not permitted in the School grounds and may not attend Ditcham After Dark! Please ask a member of your family or a friend to look after your dog(s) for the night ☺

Children: Must be accompanied by at least one adult (18+) and must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

Environment Please maintain the clean and tidy environment we enjoy at Ditcham; bring your own rubbish sacks and ensure you take your litter home with you. Thank you.

Wildlife Please do not feed the animals in and around the School grounds.

Noise Please keep noise at a level which will not disturb other campers, especially between 11.00pm and 8.00am.

Facilities Toilet facilities will be available overnight, sited below the Reception Classroom next to the outdoor lockers north of the South Downs Hall.

School Access No access permitted to the School buildings, except for the toilet facilities above.

Fire Alarms: In the event of a fire alarm, all campers must gather at the muster point at the front of the Main School building

Fire Pit: For an authentic camping experience, a fire pit will be operated by FDPS however campers are advised that no responsibility will be accepted by FDPS or DPS for any damage caused to them, tents or other personal property resulting from proximity to the fire pit. Whilst FDPS will ensure safe operating practices and take every reasonable care, campers must approach the fire pit at their own risk. Children must be supervised at all times in the vicinity. Tents will be sited at a safe distance from the fire pit, as prescribed by FDPS to campers on the evening.

CONDITIONS OF CAMPING

By making your booking and payment, you agree that you or at least one member of your party is eighteen years or over, you have the authority of all persons in your party to book on their behalf, you accept these Terms & Conditions and you agree to be responsible for any loss or damage caused by any member of your party.

Full payment is due at the time of booking, and is non-refundable unless the event is cancelled by FDPS. Bookings are non-transferable. To respect the enjoyment of others, we ask that noise levels are kept to a minimum after 11:00pm. No music is allowed on site after 11:00pm. No driving allowed on site after 11:00pm.

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