



# The Friends of Ditcham Park School

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## Welcome to this week's newsletter

We hope you're having a great week and enjoying the fabulous weather. This week, just a few handy reminders for you all as we approach the last few weeks of the term...



## Ditcham After Dark – book now!

Further to last week's newsletter we are pleased to advise **the booking form for this event has now been posted on to the Friends' website**, and you can download on demand – look in the "Upcoming Events" section, in the right hand column of the home page [www.friendsofditchampark.com](http://www.friendsofditchampark.com) to find the link. Alternatively you will find a booking form at the end of this newsletter.

If you would like to attend this event then please make sure to send in your booking form via the School Office, or by emailing to [friendsditcham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsditcham@gmail.com), **no later than Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.**

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## NOTICE OF AN EGM OF THE FRIENDS OF DITCHAM PARK SCHOOL Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 7pm

To be held in the School Library at 7pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. **On the agenda** a proposal to adopt a new “updated” Constitution. Full details were given in last week’s newsletter but if you have any questions or need further details please contact us at [friendsditcham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsditcham@gmail.com) or visit the post on the Friends’ website [www.friendsofditchampark.com](http://www.friendsofditchampark.com) in the “Upcoming Events” section. **All are welcome!**

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## Have you collected your Ditcham print and cards?

**A friendly reminder...** if you have ordered a limited edition print and pack(s) of cards you will have recently received an email from Vicki Harvey confirming the availability of your order. It would be appreciated if you could collect your print(s) and cards from the School Office as soon as possible/as indicated. Don’t forget to sign for your print and pick up your 15% discount offer slip for framing at the same time!



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## And finally....

Have you seen the beautifully decorated FDPS postbox that has appeared in the Juniors’ entrance since half term? **This is a useful place for you to deposit notes or forms (no money please) for the attention of FDPS.** This will be especially useful if you are short of time and unable to visit the School Office, and will be emptied twice a week. **All envelopes containing money should continue to be taken to the School Office please.** Thanks to Mrs Hall (Reception) for arranging the fabulously cheery decoration of the postbox – perfectly “Ditcham”!

Enjoy your weekend!

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

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## DITCHAM AFTER DARK

**Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **DITCHAM AFTER DARK: June 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> June. You are requested to vacate your pitch by 11am on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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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