



The Friends of Ditcham Park School

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**It's Spring,
and we're
bursting with
news for you!**

And with a bumper news week, we just cannot wait until Thursday! Grab a cuppa and settle down for a read...☺

WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT – MAY FAYRE COVER COMPETITION



****Drumroll please****

Jemima Butler

A huge well done to Jemima, who is the winner of the **May Fayre cover competition 2016**. Jemima's design was selected from a huge number of entries this year (you seemed to love the Rio/Carnival theme!) and the standard of all the entries was extremely high!

Jemima has won herself a £10 book voucher and £5 worth of tickets to spend at the Fayre on 21st May!

As the vote was so close the Committee has decided, on this occasion, to award a

Runner's up prize to *Maggie Smith!*

Congratulations Maggie, you will receive £3 of tickets to spend at the Fayre ☺



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EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA! 22ND MARCH 2016

The exciting news is that the Easter Bunny and the Mad Hatter are all booked to attend the Juniors' Easter event, and the FDPS Committee and Juniors' staff are busily preparing an afternoon of fun and activities to celebrate the season.

The Juniors are Eggstremely Eggcited

and looking forward to their special afternoon – it is always so happy and fun-filled and will go ahead whatever the weather!

It is not too late to offer your help!

Volunteers are meeting at 1pm in the Walled Garden to set up (more details can be found on our [website here](#)). Please contact Lucy Reidy via our [website](#), or email friendsditcham@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE – DITCHAM AFTER DARK “THE WEEKEND”!

EVENT UPDATE!

Don't forget to save the date **18th-19th June 2016** for this weekend **Family Campover** event! There will be plenty of great fun, activities and scrumptious food al-fresco, of course, but this week's **BIG NEWS?** We are thrilled there will be

LIVE MUSIC on Saturday night!

BIGTOPP booked!

[Listen to BigTopp here!](#)





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HUGE NEWS ABOUT THE BIG TICKET ITEM!



You will no doubt remember that, in the final half of the Summer Term 2015, the FDPS Committee decided to award the School community the sum of (up to) **£10,000** to spend on a “**Big Ticket Item**”... something to be used and enjoyed by as many of the School body as possible, and not appearing on the School’s budget.

An award of this size was possible as a result of the exceptionally successful fundraising enjoyed by FDPS during recent years – fundraising that the whole School community has played a part in!

In recent weeks members of the FDPS Committee met with Mr Philips and Mrs Parrott, to decide on a short-list from the many nominations received from pupils, parents and staff of the School. The criteria for an item to be included in the short list was that it would be accessible to all age ranges, be well made and long-lasting and give pleasure to as many as possible! Oh, and it had to be possible to buy it for £10,000 or less of course! This short-list included a

- **Giant Swing**
- **Outdoor Gym Equipment**
- **Zip Wire**
- **Climbing Wall**

All pupils were provided with ballot papers and invited to vote for their favourite item. Each class discussed the options with their class teacher, so they could make an informed choice.

And the winner is.....? See over...

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Outdoor Gym Equipment!

We are thrilled that the pupils have been given the opportunity to choose how to spend the £10,000 award themselves, and the FDPS Committee is now working hard with the School and the chosen supplier to get the equipment chosen and installed as soon as possible!

Below are some pictures of outdoor gym equipment installed at other schools ... although this may not be what is installed at Ditcham it will give you an idea of what the children have chosen – though we hope that you will enjoy using it too when you're on site too!



MAY FAYRE NEWS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

PLEASE

Volunteer

Phew, that was exciting news but now down to earth with a bump!

Of course, in order to afford such exciting items we need to keep fundraising and hope that you will join us at this year's May Fayre to help us in one of the following roles – please email friendsditcham@gmail.com if you can help us:

- **Run a Stall/Activity for a while:** we need folks to man the crockery smashing, Bric-a-Brac, and Wristband stalls in particular... or maybe you can get involved in your class stall. **Take a Turn** to “man” the Inflatables perhaps?
- **Graphic Designer?** We need help to produce the layout of the May Fayre programme.
- **Help set up the fayre, or clearing away** (such an important part of the whole event!)

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THE DITCHAM PRINT – FINAL COPIES AVAILABLE TO BUY SOON!



Some more BIG news... the final 10 copies of the Ditcham Print have been ordered and will be held in stock by FDPS, to be sold on a strictly “first come, first served” basis.

2016 is Ditcham’s 40th Anniversary Year, and we can only imagine these final prints will be snapped up very soon... **so please don’t miss out!**

This is truly your LAST CHANCE ☺

Only £50.00 per limited edition print

Find your order form [here](#).

NEW FOR 2016! RIVERFORD ORGANIC VEG BOX FUNDRAISER!

Look out for leaflets coming home via your children explaining a new fundraising collaboration between Riverford Organics and FDPS. Buy Riverford and earn a donation for FDPS!

Learn more on our [website here!](#)



AND FINALLY, BE A HOLIDAY BUYING EASYFUNDRAISER!



Don't forget...

If you're booking your summer holiday soon please don't forget to book via Easyfundraising and earn FDPS a donation (at no extra cost to you!) find out more [here](#)

Thank you ☺

Enjoy your week! Denise Allen, on behalf of

Vicki Harvey (Chair)

Lucy Reidy (Vice-Chair)

and the FDPS Committee

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