



The Friends of Ditcham Park School

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A last call for “Ditcham after Dark” Campers!

A brief newsletter this week – with just a last call for families wishing to join us for the 1st “Ditcham After Dark” family camp over event on 26th June... don't miss out...

Book now!

A 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 of the home page 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, no later than Monday 22nd June.**

Bat Walk confirmed! We are thrilled that the Hampshire Bat Group will offer a fully guided “bat walk” through the estate on the evening to all campers. If you would like to take part you are asked to bring suitable trousers, coats and walking boots/sturdy trainers for a walk through the woods. Torches may be used for personal safety but HBG would not want them in use all the time as they could deter some of the more sensitive bat species....



Enjoy your weekend!

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

Vicki Harvey (Chair); Denise Allen (Treasurer); Jules Wilson (Secretary)
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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 22/6/15.**

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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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