



The Friends of Ditcham Park School

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Friends' Newsletter
9th June 2016

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Welcome back for the final weeks of the summer term.

This week we have a reminder of the dates coming up next in our FDPS diary... including the booking form for next weekend's Ditcham After Dark weekend! Booking form from page 2.

LOOKING FORWARD DITCHAM AFTER DARK – JUNE 18TH & 19TH

DITCHAM AFTER DARK – BOOK NOW!

- **Featuring Big Topp on Saturday night**
- **Pizza from The Rural Pizza Company on Saturday**
- **Tuck Shop**
- **BBQ on Sunday**
- **Father's Day family activities & games, Tuck Shop**



**DITCHAM AFTER DARK... THE WEEKEND!
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‘DITCHAM AFTER DARK’ THE WEEKEND

Saturday 18th to
Sunday 19th June 2016

Back by popular demand and better than before! This exciting event will take place in the Walled Garden from 3pm on Saturday afternoon through to 4pm on Sunday afternoon. The event is open to all Ditcham families, staff and their friends. We plan to run some family friendly events over the weekend, including team games & scavenger hunts!

We'll be celebrating Father's Day on the Sunday with some fun & games – a real Ditcham family affair!

The highlight of the weekend will be the Saturday night **live gig** from **BIG TOPP!!** – some of the band members are ex-Ditcham pupils which makes the performance extra special! The band will be performing between 7-9pm.

On Saturday from 5-8pm, we'll have a fabulous pizza van on site, 'The Rural Pizza Co' who will be selling freshly cooked 8-10" pizzas, very reasonably priced from £5-£7 each. They'll also be selling hot & cold drinks. Of course, you are welcome to bring cool bags with your own picnics and cold drinks and you may bring alcohol for personal consumption, in moderation please given this is a family event. The Friends will also be running a Tuck Shop! **IMPORTANT NOTE: No personal BBQS or hot cooking equipment will be allowed for health and safety reasons.**

Weather & conditions permitting, we shall have a fire pit on the go to toast marshmallows but this will not be until after the band has finished at 9pm – and remember ***your children will need to be supervised at all times around the fire pit!***

On Sunday, bring your own breakfast cereals & we'll provide the milk along with coffee and tea. We'll be firing up the BBQ for lunch time & providing hot dogs & burgers & a vegetarian option – the perfect Father's Day outdoor alternative to the Sunday Roast – and we know that there will be one or two "experts" on hand to show us the way!

The cost per person this year will be £10 per adult & £5 per child. Under 5's are free.

We hope you will join us for this fabulous family event. Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first come first served basis..... so please do book as early as possible to avoid disappointment – last year's event was a sell-out!

Please complete the booking form & send your form & cheque payment into school for the attention of Vicki Harvey, The Friends of DPS.

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DITCHAM AFTER DARK 2016 – THE WEEKEND CAMPOUT BOOKING FORM

Name (Group Leader):

(Ditcham Parent/Staff) *PLEASE DELETE*

Email:

Telephone/Mobile:

Address:

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

I would like to reserve space for No of tent(s)* at the FDPS Ditcham After Dark Camp Over. *Please indicate if your tent is more than an 8-berth, so we can ensure there is room for everyone!

Total nos.sleeping over:

Adults £10 ppChildren £5 ppUnder 5s (free)

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 14/06/16, but don't delay – once we're full we're FULL!

Names of other families I would like to camp with, but understand this cannot be guaranteed:
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Sunday Lunch: our group would like to order BBQ lunch (included in price) including vegetarian option.

No of Meat Option No of Vegetarian Option

Name: Date:

Signed:



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CAMPSITE RULES! – PLEASE KEEP THESE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

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 3.00pm on Saturday 18th June. You are requested to vacate your pitch by 4pm on Saturday 19th June. Camping equipment may be off-loaded by the David Holmes building (Art Block), no vehicular access is permitted on the walled garden.
- Late Arrivals: You may pitch until 7pm (later by express agreement of FDPS organisers).
- Pitches: In the Walled Garden - Tents only please (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.
FDPS HAS SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM SCHOOL TO HAVE A FIRE PIT.
- 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 – they will be fine 😊
- Children: Must be accompanied by at least one adult (18+) and 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 & recycling home with you. Thank you.
- Wildlife: Please do not feed any 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.



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- Toilet facilities will be available during the event & overnight – these will be the ones located in the Art Block – as access to the other toilets in school will be unavailable during the event for obvious security reasons.
- ***Please ensure that you bring enough torches for the duration of the event.***
- 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 or their 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.
- **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED WHEN NEAR THE FIRE PIT BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT**
- **ACCESS TO SCHOOL PLAYGROUND AND FRESH AIR FITNESS EQUIPMENT THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND IS NOT PERMITTED. ANY USE BY CAMPERS, PARTICULARLY CHILDREN, IS AT YOUR OWN RISK AND NO LIABILITY IS ACCEPTED BY FDPS.**

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. Camping and taking part in activities is at your own risk. Please ensure you have a range of suitable clothing for an outdoor weekend!

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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WET WEATHER PLAN (but fingers crossed for a glorious weekend)!

If the weather forecast is too inclement then we plan to have the Band perform in the Sports Hall from 7-9pm. All food options will still be available with the pizza van setting up outside from 5-8pm.

Bring along your own drinks as before. Camping in the walled garden will be your own choice. Sleeping in the Sports Hall using sleeping bags but NOT tents – or bring an airbed – if camping in the rain is not your thing!

Hot drinks & milk for cereals will be served in the Solent Suite along with the BBQ lunch.

Outside games & activities will all be weather dependent. We look forward to welcoming you to our fundraising event.

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2016-17



Please get your booking form in soon, and we look forward to seeing you at this exciting weekend event! It will be the perfect way to relax after the exams week!

Have a great weekend!

Denise Allen (Treasurer), on behalf of

Vicki Harvey
(Chair),

Lucy Reidy
(Vice-Chair)

and the FDPS Committee