**Weekly SchoolComms e-mail – Thursday 12th July 2018**

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Dear All,

Please find attached the weekly SchoolComms e-mail. Thank you.

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 16th July IS WEEK 1.

A reminder that all dinner money must be handed in, on a Monday morning, to the class teacher. The money must be in an envelope, marked with the days the lunches are required, and the child’s name. Thank you.

**ALL**

**News**

Waking up this morning, it would have been easy to feel downhearted now that we know ‘It’s **not** coming home’. However there are so many positives to focus on instead that any frowns can quickly turn to smiles! Firstly, there have been the performances of the KS2 production – a fantastic example of what working together as a team can produce! If you haven’t seen it yet then be prepared to be thoroughly entertained in tonight’s final show. Then there were the year 6 SATs results that we received on Tuesday. The children don’t know this yet but, as a class, they have not only beaten the previous two years’ results but also finished way above the national average in all areas! We are absolutely delighted that all their hard work (and that of their teachers and teaching assistants) has been rewarded! Our sporting events are drawing to a close and the KS2 tennis team took on Highfields this week with many of our pupils returning with medals – well done to all who competed!

Tomorrow your child will have a chance to get to know their new teachers for next year. Before this though, we will hold our final celebration assembly where we will sing happy birthday to all those who have their birthdays in the remainder of the school year (including the holidays). I know many of you have been *WAITING* for a clue so here it is…… the birthday monkey is a boy!

Your children will receive their school reports tomorrow and having read every single one of them, I have been really pleased with the positive comments across the school. If you have any questions about your child’s report, class teachers will be available to talk to at our open afternoon on Monday from 2:00pm.

Finally, although it already seems a lifetime ago, I would like to thank everyone who came to the summer fair last Friday. I have never seen the field so busy on a Friday afternoon and I’m sure there will be another record-breaking total that will help the school to maintain its excellent provision over the coming year. Thanks in particular to the parent group committee for organising such a fun-filled event: I don’t know where we’d be without you!

**Production DVD**

There is a deadline of Monday 16th July, at 4:30pm for all orders to be handed in to the office in a NAMED AND SEALED ENVELOPE (with correct money enclosed). Any orders not in an envelope will not be accepted. Any orders received after 4:30pm on Monday 16th July will be returned to the parents, unfulfilled.

**Reports**

If you wish to receive a second copy of the report for your child, please provide the school office with a stamped addressed envelope.

**Open Afternoon – Monday 16th July, 2-6pm - An opportunity to see your child’s work**

You are all welcome to come along at any time from 2pm onwards to have time with your child/children. They will share their work with you and their teachers will be available to talk to. When you have seen all that you would like to see, you may take your child/children home.

All other children will go home at the normal school time.

If you cannot come in early in the afternoon, you can come and look at work after school up until 5.45pm (school will close at 6.00pm).

**EYFS & KS1 Celebration Morning – Wednesday 18th July at 9:30am**

EYFS & KS1 Celebration Morning will be on Wednesday 18th July at 9:30am.

**KS2 Celebration & Awards Evening – Wednesday 18th July at 7pm**

The KS2 Celebration & Awards Evening will be held on Wednesday 18th July – this is for KS2 children (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) - commencing at 7pm. Parking will be available on the school playground.

All KS2 children need to arrive back at school in their school uniform no later than 6.45pm and not before 6.30pm please.

Due to limited space, we ask that only 2 people per family attend to watch this event.

All children are expected to attend. If there is an exceptional circumstance why your KS2 child cannot return for this important evening event please let Mr Aylott know in writing. The school playground will be available for parking on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Children should please remain with an adult until these times and should not play on the field or run around because of cars trying to park.

We anticipate that children will need to be collected around 8pm.

**Thursday 19th July – End of Term Church Service – 10am**

All welcome.

If any parents are available to join us to walk down from school please can you let the school office know, thank you. There will be an opportunity to drop into the church after school drop off for refreshments, and a chance to see what family activities will be available at the church over the summer holidays.

**Summer Fair**

A huge thank you to all those who supported the Summer Fair on Friday. The class reps and teams of volunteers all worked tirelessly in the sweltering heat to make it a fantastic afternoon. We'd love to hear any feedback that you have about the event so that we can improve it even further next year and we hope to share the amount raised with you very soon...

The final Parent Group get together for this academic year is on Tuesday 17th July at 8pm in The Marlborough. This is a chance for us to thank you all for your work this year and all are very welcome.

Natasha, Helen, Jessie, Kate and Fiona

**OTHER**

**Enrichment Activities**

Attached to this Bulletin are flyers regarding possible enrichment activities. These are organised by external organisations. Whilst Dedham Primary School is happy to share these opportunities with our parents and students we have no responsibility for them.

**abc Preschool Stratford St Mary**

Please find attached details relating to abc preschool in Stratford St Mary.

**Essex Outdoors**

Please find attached details from Essex Outdoors regarding activity days from 23rd July – 31st August.

**Anglia Sports Management**

Please find attached a flyer regarding details of ASM’s School Holiday Activities.

**Essex Wildlife Trust**

On Thursday 23rd August - we will be holding a Wildlife Fun Day in Lower Castle Park in Colchester. Children and families are encouraged to get involved with a whole range of different activities such as bug hunting, wildflower spotting and a self-guided nature spotting tour around the big lake! Other craft and discovery activities will also be available.

You will find us on the Hollytrees meadow near the children’s playground and in the Wildlife Garden between 10am and 3pm. For all activities we suggest a donation of £1 - £2 per child per activity. This event is being hosted by Essex Wildlife Trust on behalf of the Mayor of Colchester’s Charities.

Please contact 01621 862996 if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

Claire Rodie – Essex Wildlife Trust

**Little Squigglers**

Please find attached holiday activity details.

Thank you.