**Weekly SchoolComms e-mail – Thursday 19th July 2018**

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Dear All,

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

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 5th September IS WEEK 1.

Please note that the menu will **not** be changing until after the October half term. A copy of the current menu is attached for your reference.

**Please note that from September 2018 school dinners will be £2.30 per day – this equates to £11.50 per week and £73.60 for the half term (5th September – 18th October).**

**A reminder that all dinner money must be handed in – for this week only on Wednesday 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**

**Goodbye!**

The tears from my farewell assembly have finally stopped flowing enough for me to write my final news email of the year. Firstly I need to say an absolutely enormous THANK YOU for your kindness and generosity. My Center Parcs vouchers will certainly be put to good use and we will think of you all as Mrs A and I raise a glass or two when we are there. Thanks also to the children for their incredibly thoughtful gift. Penguins are a definite hit in my household so to have our own adopted penguin will be amazing and we will visit soon to find our special plaque. Thanks also to all staff and Governors who contributed towards my laminator and trimmer – these will get used endlessly as I prepare for life as a tutor and also look to progress my other educational resource ideas.

As I look back over my 10 years at Dedham Primary School with the help of an amazing music video created by Miss V and the children, the moments that stand out are those that I have spent with the children. Residential visits, Christmas events, Sports days all spring to mind and are some of the things I will miss the most. Dedham will always have a special place in my heart and I hope I am invited back in the future to see how you are all getting on.

Enough about me! Tomorrow we say goodbye to our year six pupils as they head off to their new schools. They have worked so hard over their time at Dedham and are ready for the challenges that await them in the next chapter of their lives. Remember – It’s a great time to change anything you want but YOU have to make it happen! Face your fears and go for it!

Almost there! Mrs Griffin and Mrs Beaumont are leaving us for some new adventures in their lives and Miss Peake and Miss Symkiss will return as Mrs Wilson and Mrs Chan after their weddings. We wish them all, along with the pupils who are leaving us for new schools, the best of luck in their exciting times ahead.

Finally, to all of you, have a wonderful summer holidays. Rest….Eat…..Play…..and have lots of fun: you’ve earnt it!

Mr Aylott

**KS2 Production Collection**

Thank you for contributing to the collection after the KS2 Production last week – the total raised was £230.95 which has been sent to the charity Power 2 Inspire, as requested by Class 6.

**REMINDER - Notice for Parents of Children in Year 3 from September 2018 - Free School Meals**

Automatic entitlement to a free school meal finishes at the end of Year 2 and only children from low income families are eligible from Year 3.

If your household income is less than £16,190 per year, or you receive Income Support or an equivalent benefit, you will need to make an application immediately if you want your child to receive a free school meal now.

Applications could be made online at www.essex.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or by calling 0345 603 2200.

**Lost Property**

We are endeavouring to keep up with returning lost property to children who have their names in the lost items (but with the hot weather children often leave their cardigans and jumpers behind). In the meantime the Lost Property box is being put outside school so that parents can claim any unnamed items (ranging from shoes, trainers, clothes possibly left over from the Summer Fair, water bottles, cardigans, jumpers etc).

If on Friday, after school has closed, any lost property items are found without names in these will be given to a charity shop during the summer holidays. Any named items will be held in school until September and returned to your child then.

**Celebration Awards**

Congratulations to all children who won awards at this week’s Celebration & Awards events. Please remember that all awards will need to be returned in the summer term next year, so keep them somewhere safe.

**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.

**News from Dedham Church**

Dear Families,

It was great to see so many people at today's **End of Term Service** in Dedham Church. Year 6 were presented with bibles courtesy of the William Burkett Trust. We wish them every success as they go onto secondary school and hope they their bibles a useful source of wisdom.

Thanks to the generosity of the William Burkett Trust the church can also run the annual **Summer Holiday Club**. Taking place every morning from Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st August, we are looking for aspiring superheroes to come and take part. Limited to 30 places, there are only a couple of remaining spaces left. The poster is attached, please contact Sally if you would like a booking form. Likewise, if there are any parents who would like to help with the preparations, we would love to hear from you!

For anyone who cannot attend Holiday Club there are plenty of other activities you can get involved in over the summer holidays. On the theme of **Cherishing Churchyards**, we have prepared a list of 10 activities you can enjoy together as a family in the churchyard at Dedham. Have a look at the attached newsletter for ideas, then pop into the back of church and pick up some worksheets and materials. We have also been asked by our friends at Dedham Horticultural Society to promote a children's competition for the **Dedham Autumn Show** on the 8th September. Another free activity, they are looking for creative children to make potato heads and artificial flowers. What fun!

And finally, congratulations to Rohan in class 3. Your search for a local superhero at the **School Summer Fair** was successful and you won the rocket which will reach you before school breaks up tomorrow!

Have a great summer everyone,

Reverend Antony, Vicar

and Sally, Children and Families Worker (Dedham Parish)

[sal.buchanan@me.com](mailto:sal.buchanan@me.com)

**Music lessons – flute / saxophone / clarinet /recorder and beginner piano / theory / singing / cello / brass**

One of the music teachers who comes to our school to teach woodwind (through Essex Music Services) also teaches privately through the summer if anyone would like 1-1 lessons – these cover flute/saxophone/clarinet/recorder and beginner piano/theory/singing/cello/brass. If you are interested, please contact Hannah Wainwright directly on:

Mob: 07724 845552

E-mail: musard@hotmail.co.uk

**Summer Safety**

Please find attached poster for staying safe this summer.

**Dedham Autumn Show: potato characters, artificial flowers, miniature gardens - Saturday 8th September 2018 – Assembly Rooms**

We are once again planning our annual Autumn Show (8 September) at the Assembly Rooms and hope to encourage children of all ages to exhibit. There’s no cost to entering and visitors to the show really enjoy seeing what has been produced and (hopefully) the children enjoy making them over the summer holidays. You can see some of last year's entries on our website, here <https://dedhamgardening.wordpress.com/autumn-show-2017/>.

Please find attached details of the Children’s Competition.

Elliott Frisby

Member, Dedham Horticultural Society

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