



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 13th September 2018

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Head talk

Those balmy summer days are disappearing into the distance and we are all settling into our new beginnings. New beginnings do not last very long and the attitude we bring to our learning lays the foundations for the year ahead. I have been really impressed by the way the children have all come in very keen to learn after the long summer break.

Monday was a very exciting day in Reception as our newest pupils experienced their very first moments at school. As well as our newest pupils, I would also like to welcome to the school all the parents/ carers who are new to Dedham Church of England Primary School.

This week we have been thinking about confidence, perseverance and making the right choice. In our assemblies we have reflected on the life of Nelson Mandela and the Christian story of Esther. On Friday, in our celebration assembly, we will be sharing examples of these values demonstrated by your children this week. You are very welcome to attend this assembly which begins at 9:05am. In addition, for those parents wishing to kindly volunteer in school, I will be running a safeguarding session that you will need to attend. This should last about one hour. Tea, coffee and a biscuit or two will be available. I look forward to seeing you if you are able to attend.

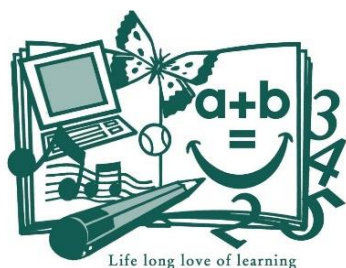
I know that this is going to be a very busy and exciting academic year.

David Larnar

Headteacher

End of day arrangements

In Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 the children will be brought out by a member of staff and released when you are visible to your child and the member of staff. This can take some time and we are grateful for your patience. Please can you make sure that you let the office or your child's teacher know if your child is going to be picked up by someone other than yourselves so that we can ensure that all the children have left the school site safely. If your child is in KS2 they will leave by the inner gate at 3:10pm and meet you in the small playground. You may wish to consider giving your child permission to walk home on their own. If you have made this choice, please ensure that your child is reminded about road safety, is aware of stranger danger and clearly understands what action to take in case of an emergency. It is your responsibility to ensure your child is collected or that you have made adequate arrangements for them to walk home on their own. Please remind your child that if they are not collected, they must return to school by the inner gate and report to the office. I thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.



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School lunches

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 17th September IS WEEK 3.

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.

Online Safety Newsletter

Keeping our children safe online is one of the biggest challenges facing society today and it is the responsibility of all of us to ensure that children are educated to make positive, informed choices. I'm sure you will have seen in the press recently the dangers children face online. I have attached to this week's Newsletter our Online Safety Newsletter for September. Please do take the time to read it as it does provide really useful information for you to help you keep your child safe online. By working together we can make the online world a better and safer place for us all.

News from Dedham Church

This week Reverend Antony came into school for his first school assembly of the year. It got us all thinking about **courage** and how that can help us to make difficult decisions in the right moment.

We remembered some heroes we already know from the bible and then listened to the story of Queen Esther and how her courage was able to save her people from a disastrous fate. Her story is celebrated at the Jewish Festival of Purim which is always rowdy and entertaining. To get everyone in this spirit we all sang and danced to our Holiday Club theme tune, *Jesus You're My Superhero*.

You can read more about our Holiday Club and the launch of our new Sunday Sunbeams Club in the attached newsletter. Finally, some words of encouragement for anyone taking part in the Dedham Run this Sunday.

"And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us..." (Hebrews 12:1)

Summer Read

For those children who have completed the Summer Reading Challenge, if they bring their medal in to school they will be able to see Miss Valentine at break time to collect their 5 house points.

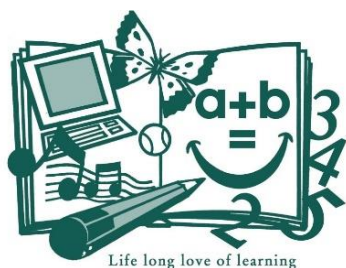
Guitar/Ukulele Lessons – due to start Monday 17th September – now Monday 24th September

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the music teacher for guitar and ukulele will be unable to start the music lessons until Monday 24.09.18. All 10 lessons will still be completed this term. Thank you for your understanding.

Parent Group

We've had a great start to this academic year and are pleased to announce that the final total raised at the summer fair was a whopping £3051. Thanks again for the contributions of time, money and effort. In addition, The Entertainer Toy Store has donated £1000 to us from their charity scheme. We're thrilled to start off the year in such a positive way.

We are running a refreshment stall at the Dedham Run on Sunday and would be extremely grateful for contributions of cakes, biscuits or other alternatives. Please drop these off at the school office on Friday or



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bring along to the event on Sunday morning. If baking isn't your thing, you can make a small donation in the office and we will use any funds raised to buy additional goods for the stall. Also, if you are free on Sunday morning and are able to help out on the stall for a short period, we'd massively appreciate the support!

The first class rep meeting of this academic year will be at 8pm on Wednesday 10th October in The Marlborough. Our thanks to those who have already stepped up to this role. We are still looking for reps from classes 3, 4 and 6 so if you're interested, please speak to one of us or let the office know and they will put you in touch with us.

Hope to see lots of you on Sunday!

Lara, Helen, Kate, Natasha and Fiona

Tennis After-School Club – now run on a Wednesday

Following the success of last term's Tennis sessions the school will again be hosting an after school Tennis Club for **Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6**, starting on **Wednesday 19th September**.

The club will run every Wednesday from **3.15 - 4.15pm** (collection time 4.15pm). **Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.**

The Club will be run by Mark Kleingeld, who is a fully qualified Lawn Tennis Association Licensed Coach, telephone number: 01206 230589 / 07871 322494.

The cost per child will be £3 per session, payable directly to Mark Kleingeld.

Children will need to wear PE kit.

All equipment will be provided.

The Club will be held at Dedham Primary school.

Please find attached a form to complete, and return to the school office, if your child wishes to participate in the club.

For the attention of the Admissions Officer/Admissions Secretary

Year 6 to 7 secondary admission round for September 2019

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opens on Wednesday, 12 September 2018, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2019.

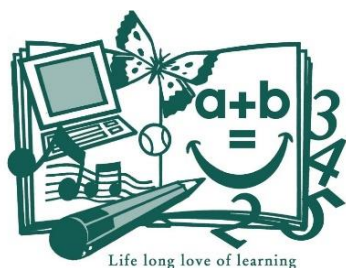
The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2018.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

No letters will be sent to parents about making an application. All of the application information is available on the website above.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2019-20 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies. I provide a link to the booklet below.

http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/secondary_Admissions_Booklet.pdf



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Calendar Dates

Date	Event
4 th Sept	Non-Pupil Day
5 th Sept	First Day back for children
6 th Sept	New intake coffee morning – 10am
7 th Sept	Meet the Teacher Class 4 (Mr Osborn)
10-14 th Sept	Class R begin school (staggered intake)
10 th Sept	Meet the Teacher Class 6 (Miss Plant)
11 th Sept	Meet the Teacher Class 5 (Miss Valentine/Mrs Davies)
12 th Sept	Meet the Teacher Class 3 (Mrs Wilson)
13 th Sept	Meet the Teacher Class 2 (Miss Hall)
14 th Sept	First celebration assembly followed by safeguarding talk for parent volunteers
14 th Sept	Meet the Teacher Class 1 (Miss Alcock)
16 th Sept	Dedham Run (10K and 3K)
17 th Sept	Class R children start full time
19 th Sept	Individual photographs
26 th Sept	Family photographs
28 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning
17 th Oct	Harvest Festival (10.15 at Church)
18 th Oct	Non-uniform day for DEN Site
19 th Oct	Non-pupil day
30 th Oct	Parents' Evening (5pm to 9pm)
31 st Oct	Parents' Evening (3.30pm to 6pm)
11 th Nov	Remembrance Service, St Mary's Church Dedham
16 th Nov	Flu Immunisation
1 st Dec	Christmas Market
6 th Dec	Nativity performance to parents
12 th Dec	EYFS Nativity
14 th Dec	Christmas Coffee Morning
16 th Dec	Village Carol Service
17 th Dec	KS2 Carol Service
18 th Dec	Non-uniform day (Christmas party day)
	Christmas lunch
	EYFS/KS1 Christmas party
	KS2 disco (3 – 4:30pm)