

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 20th September 2018

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Head talk

What a busy week we are having in school. Reception children are now in school all day and are settling well into their new routines. We enjoyed an 'Open the Book' assembly on Tuesday, learning about 'Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish'. In addition, this week we are thinking about the values of respect and responsibility. In preparation for our school council elections we thought about democracy and linked it to these values. We look forward to tomorrow's celebration assembly when we will recognise children who have demonstrated these values over the past week.

I would like to thank all the parents that came along to the Meet the Teacher meetings which have all now been completed.

It is amazing how quickly we start looking forward to future events that are taking place this term - do keep an eye on our newsletters and the school website diary.

I cannot end without mentioning 'The Dedham Run'. It was a wonderful event, superbly organised by The Dedham Run Committee. It was impressive to see so many of our children and families involved, either supporting, running, or both! We are so very grateful that the run raises money for the school, enabling us to buy things for the children that otherwise would not be possible.

David Larner

Headteacher

Additional Safeguarding session for parent volunteers

We had an amazing nineteen parents attend our first safeguarding session. This is essential for you to be able to help in school. A number of parents have asked whether an additional session would be available for those who could not make the first session. As a result, I will be running another session on Friday 28th September at 9.45am. The session lasts for half an hour. If you would like to attend this session please inform the office.

School lunches

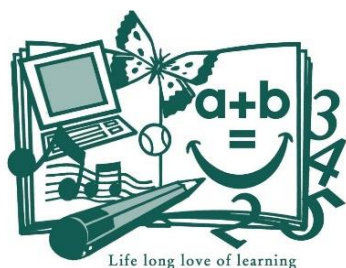
LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 24th September IS WEEK 1.

Please can all dinner money 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.

Parent Group News

Class reps needed urgently

The first Parent Group 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.



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Easy fundraising App



Dedham Church of England Primary School - Colchester

Join easyfundraising and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online. It won't cost you a penny extra so please help us to raise funds.

The Parent Group have registered our school with **Easyfundraising**. It is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site. By simply signing up and selecting Dedham CofE Primary School you can then shop for groceries, holidays, insurance and much more. It turns everyday online shopping into free donations to the school. Just start your online shopping first at **Easyfundraising**, then shop as normal. £1645.12 has been raised for our school so far with just 64 supporters. This has the potential to be much more. Please share the **Easyfundraising** app with family and friends.

Lara, Helen, Kate, Natasha and Fiona

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On 28th September members of staff will be providing cakes and squash for children to buy at playtime in aid of this wonderful charity.

We would suggest a minimum donation of 50p but you are welcome to donate more to this worthwhile cause.

Year 5 and 6 Parents/Carers

Please find attached details regarding the year 6 parents evening, open evening and open day tours at Manningtree High School.

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.

Dedham Parish Magazine

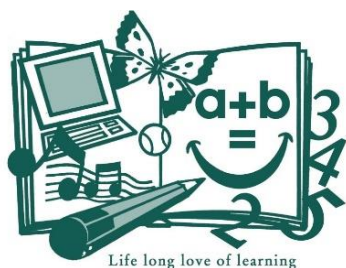
We are looking for new feature writers to make occasional contributions to the parish magazine. If you have a flair for writing and / or interviewing and would like to know more please get in touch with the editor Charlotte Parker via email dedhameditor@gmail.com ... we have lots of article ideas and stories waiting to be written but a shortage of keen writers!

That said, if you have any *new ideas* for articles or suggestions for improvements to the parish magazine we would love to hear those too.

Essex Youth Jazz Academy

We have an exciting opportunity for young people to perform with the Essex Youth Jazz Academy. The Jazz Academy meets monthly on a Sunday and provides groups catering from beginners through to Grade 8 and beyond. We run three Jazz Orchestras: **Essex Youth Jazz Orchestra**, **Young Essex Jazz** and **Essex Junior Jazz**.

We are holding **taster sessions for the Jazz Academy** to give an insight into the genre and provide students with experience of



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playing in a larger group. These events are open to students aged 7-18 who live or are educated in Essex.

The sessions will take place on Sunday 7th October 2018 at Chelmsford County High School for Girls, Chelmsford CM1 1RW.

Whether students play piano, guitar, brass, woodwind, string or percussion they will have an enjoyable day working with our experienced tutors and other musicians of similar ability. Our tutors will be able to assess which would be the most appropriate group for you to join.

Details of how to get in touch are on the flyer, or parents can register directly here:

ESSEX JUNIOR JAZZ

(Age 7-11 Grade 1 or 2) -

<https://UKESSEX.speedadmin.dk/tilmelding#/Course/457>

YOUNG ESSEX JAZZ

(Age 12+ with Grade 3+) -

<https://UKESSEX.speedadmin.dk/tilmelding#/Course/458>

Essex Wildlife Trust

Essex Wildlife Trust are running a programme of activities for primary school children over the October Half Term including:

- fossil hunting
- creepy crawlies
- lantern making
- dinosaur crafts

Please find the flyer attached.

Essex Wildlife Trust – Nature Tots

Please find attached details regarding an under 5's Forest School club at Abbots Hall Farm, Colchester.

East Bergholt Football Club

Some of our pupils play in the EBUFC U9's football team. The club is looking at possibly setting up some new age groups at the club and have attached a flyer to show further information.

It's initially for year 1 & 2 however further opportunities may arise for other age groups.

Calendar dates for the autumn term

Date	Event
26 th Sept	Family photographs
28 th Sept	Safeguarding talk for parent volunteers
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)