

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 27th September 2018

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Head talk

The school is very much now in full swing and half term is now a little closer than the beginning of this term.

I wanted to make parents, familiar or new, aware of some of the things that make Dedham a little more special. These events are regular and are designed to allow parents to be kept a little more in the loop than at other schools. Firstly, every Friday, we run 'open classrooms'. This is an opportunity for parents to come in to look at their child's work and to talk about it with them. Although you may see class teachers around, this is not a parent's evening – it is a chance for you and your child to discuss, engage with and be proud of their work. Another event which will run regularly is our Parent Forum. Anyone who is a parent can attend and these are held in our school hall. This is a chance for parents to hear about some of the school's actions, vision and plans going forward. It is also a chance to raise questions or inquire about certain aspects of school life. Minutes are then produced for those who cannot make it due to work so that all can read what has been discussed. The first Parent Forum is 2.15pm on the 14th November. Lastly, you are always welcome to our Celebration Assembly every Friday morning at 9.05a.m.

David Larner

Headteacher

School lunches

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 1st October is WEEK 2.

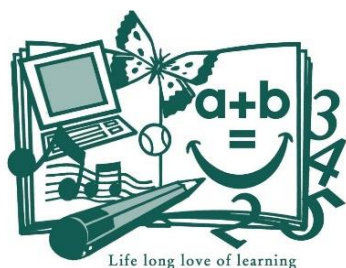
Please can all dinner money be handed in on a Monday morning to the class teacher. The money must be in an envelope marked with the days the lunches are required and the child's name. Thank you.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Reminder – Friday 28th September

Tomorrow (Friday 28th September) Dedham Primary School staff will be providing and selling cakes and juice to the children, for the MacMillan cancer support appeal. If the children would like to support this event, the price will be 50p for a cake and a cup of juice. Thank you.

Parking outside of school

Please park with care when dropping off or picking up. I have already received a number of complaints from parents about dangerous parking. Please avoid parking on the pavement and near or on the crossing. They are to be kept clear at all times to allow parents and children a safe walking route or crossing point. Thank you for your support in keeping our community safe.



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Parent Consultation

Evening/Afternoon

Tuesday 30th October (5-9pm) and
Wednesday 31st October (3.30-6pm)

Please note that details of the forthcoming Parent Consultation Evening/Afternoon ONLINE Appointment Booking will be sent out under a separate email.

Dogs

Please can parents/carers be considerate whilst waiting at the school gate with their dogs to ensure that their dogs do not approach any of the children, as not all children like dogs, and this can be a frightening experience coming to school/leaving school.

Thank you for your consideration.

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.

Half Term Tennis Holiday Camp

Please find attached details regarding the Tennis Holiday Camp delivered by Zico Davies.

October Half Term Camp – Colchester Royal Grammar School

Please find attached details of the School's Out Activities in October Half Term (22nd – 26th October) for school-going children aged 4-16yrs.

Calendar dates for the autumn term

| Date | Event |
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| 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 |
| 14 th Nov | Parent Forum at 2.15pm |
| 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) |