

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 11th October 2018

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Head talk

It has been another eventful week at school. On Monday, Class 3 had a great experience visiting Colchester Synagogue to find out more about Judaism. Essex Fire and Rescue Service joined us on Tuesday to help us to think about staying safe as Halloween and 5th November approach. We enjoyed our second 'Open the Book' assembly on Wednesday, learning about 'Jesus and the storm on the lake'. At this assembly, we welcomed our Reception children for the first time and it was great to be together as a whole school. The Reception children adapted to this new experience and listened impeccably. In addition, this week we are thinking about the values of honesty and forgiveness.

On Wednesday evening our very hard working Parent Group met to think about their plans for this year. We are so grateful for the funds raised from the many events and activities the Parent Group organise. Their support is amazing and makes a big difference to our school and your children!

David Larner

Headteacher

Synagogue visit - Class 3

Thank you to Linda and Lee for looking after Class 3 so well at Colchester Synagogue. Children, staff and parents found the experience incredibly interesting. It was fantastic for the children to apply their classroom knowledge to the building and

artefacts. Also, it was so pleasing that the children were able to find out the answers to lots of puzzling questions they had discussed in class.

It was great for the children to have so many new experiences from blowing the shofar, to seeing the beautiful Torah Scrolls (not to mention the food).

This trip really was invaluable and it has helped our pupils to develop their understanding of people of different faiths and backgrounds.

Mrs Wilson

School lunches

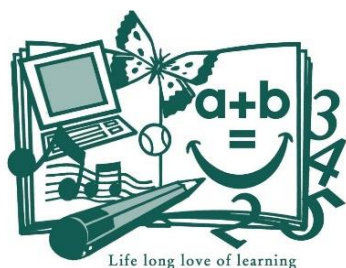
LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 15th OCTOBER IS WEEK 1.

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.

Harvest Festival



On Wednesday next week (17th), classes R-6 will be walking down to the church for our harvest festival. This year's donations will be going to Beacon House in Colchester which is a Christian charity supporting homeless and



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vulnerable people in our local area. Rather than donating fresh fruit and vegetables, children are encouraged to donate longer-life items such as tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, UHT milk, sugar etc. The children will be carrying their items to the church and therefore we'd recommend that they do not bring breakable items such as glass jars of pasta sauce.

The service will begin at 10:15am although we would be very grateful if some parents were able to walk with us to and from the church. We will leave school at around 9:45am.

Miss Valentine

Dedham Run Announcement

Calling all web developers ... are you able to donate some of your time and expertise to help us upgrade our website? Assistance is urgently required over the next few months and will help us raise more funds for the school.

If you can help, or know someone we could approach, please contact Reuben at rgreetsmith@gmail.com | 0785 088 4349

DEN Site Non-uniform day – Thursday 18th October

Remember to wear non-uniform next Thursday. We will be raising money for our DEN (Dedham Enjoys Nature) woodland and meadow sites. This year, we will endeavour to give every class a DEN Site experience.

We would suggest a donation of £1 towards this excellent school resource. Children will be at the gates with buckets for collecting money.

Non-pupil day – Friday 19th October

Please note next Friday is a non-pupil day.

Parent Consultation Evening/Afternoon

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

REMINDER: Online Appointment Booking available until Monday 29th October at 11pm

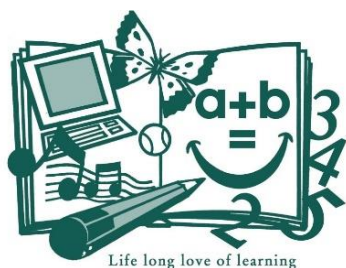
Christmas card designs – Parent Group fundraiser

The children will be designing a Christmas card the first week back at school (w/c 29th October). On Friday 02.11.18 the designs will be sent home to you and if you wish to buy any cards the orders will need to be returned to school by Friday 09.11.18 LATEST. The company providing the Christmas cards have been very clear that they will not accept any late orders. If your child's design is not returned by 4:15pm on Friday 09.11.18 they the order will not be accepted

Other News

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.



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Essex Police

Please read the attached safeguarding letter from Essex Police.

Calendar dates for the autumn term

Date	Event
12 th Oct	Film Club – Peter Rabbit
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
11 th Nov	World War 1: Remembered at The Assembly Rooms from 5.00pm
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)