

# NEWSLETTER

## Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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### Head talk

This week we have been thinking about remembrance as the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice Agreement approaches. On Monday the children worked in mixed class groups to complete four different art activities. This artwork is now on display around school. Here is our display from the hall.



Today we had a special assembly to remember and say thanks to people that lost their lives in conflict. We thought about and said thank you to the generation of people that lived through 'The Great War' and helped shape our world today. Also, we held a two minute silence which the children engaged in impeccably, reflecting on what we have found out this week.

David Larnar

Headteacher

### World War 1: Remembered

Please could all members of the choir who are taking part in this event please arrive at the

Dedham Assembly Rooms from 5pm. Light refreshments will be served as people arrive and the performances will begin at 5:30pm. Families and friends are of course welcome to stay to listen. Please could all children wear school uniform and it would be lovely if children could wear poppies too.

Thank you for your support of this community event and I look forward to seeing you there.

Miss Valentine

### School lunches

**LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER IS WEEK 3.**

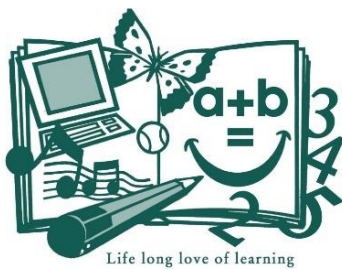
Please can all dinner money be handed in on a Monday morning to the class teacher. The money must be in an envelope marked with the days the lunches are required and the child's name. Thank you.

### School Dinners – Roast Dinner Day

We have noticed that the number of children having a roast dinner has declined. Roast dinners have always been our most popular meal of the week. We would appreciate any feedback as to why this may be to help us produce nutritious and appealing meals for your child. If you would like to comment please do so at the office.

### Celebration Assembly reminder

Due to other events happening in school there will be no Celebration Assembly on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 16<sup>th</sup> November and the 23<sup>rd</sup> November.



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## Parent Forum reminder

The first Parent Forum is 2.15pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> November. 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.

## Year 6 Residential Trip - Deposit

**The deadline for the deposit for the year 6 residential trip is tomorrow – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.** Please can you ensure all deposits are handed in to the school office by **tomorrow**. Thank you.

## Appeal for any toys/objects for sensory interventions

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are setting up some interventions in school to support children with their senses and sensory processing. If you are having a sort out before Christmas, we would be grateful for donations of toys/objects that encourage children to explore their different senses. As the interventions are for children in KS1 and KS2 we do not require baby or toddler type toys.

If you have any questions please ask a teacher or teaching assistant and I'm sure they will be able to help.

Many thanks,

Mrs R Davies (SENDCo)

## Children in Need – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November



On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, we will be having a non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. The children, if they would like to, may come into school in their pyjamas. Please make sure that suitable footwear is worn such as school shoes or trainers, and that it is appropriate for school and the demands of the school day. Weather permitting children will still go out to play at break and lunchtime.

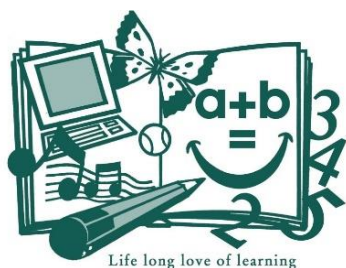
We are suggesting a donation of £1.

On this day, School Council will also be running a cake sale to raise money for children in need. We would be grateful for any cake donations to be brought in on that Friday morning. All cakes will be sold for 50p each.

Thank you for your support.

## Gymnastics Club – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Please note there will be no gymnastics club on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The children have been advised also.



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## Tennis After School Club

We have been advised by Mark Kleingeld that next week's after school Tennis Club (Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November) will be the last session for this year. Thank you.

## Christmas Menu and Festive Menu

The Christmas Menu means the Christmas lunch for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

The Festive Menu means the lunches for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Please note that Christmas Menu and Festive Menu details have been sent home with the children this week in their book bags.

The Christmas Menu (Christmas lunch for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December) needs to be **pre-ordered**. Payment is not required at present, however the pre-order form must be returned to school by **FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER** (payment due Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December).

The Festive Menu (for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December) needs to be **pre-booked**. Please complete the form and return to school by **FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER** (payment due Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December).

## Showcase Assemblies

Class R Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
2:30pm (classroom)

Class 1 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
2:30pm (classroom)

Class 2 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
2:30pm (classroom)

Class 3 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November,  
2:30pm (hall)

Class 4 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
2:30pm (hall)

Class 5 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
2:30pm (hall)

Class 6 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
2:30pm (hall)

## Reception Class admissions for academic year starting in September 2019

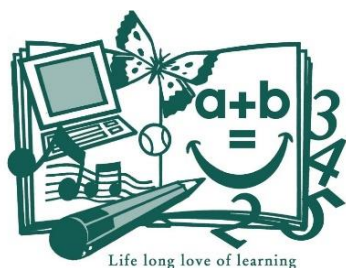
The primary school (Reception) admission round opens on Monday 12 November 2018 for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2019.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2019.

From 12 November 2018, applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

Letters will not be sent to parents about making an application. All of the application information is available on the website above.

The website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2019-20 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.



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## Dedham Christmas Tree Festival – 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December

Entries for the 2018 Dedham Christmas Tree Festival are now open. If you have are at all creative then this is the event for you. Trees of all shapes and sizes are welcome, it need not even be a tree. One of last year's winners entered a step ladder, the Proper-Tree Ladder! Trees will be go on display on the day of the Christmas Market and will remain on display all week until the 8th December.

This is a great activity for children and families to get involved in as they build up to Christmas. It is also a fantastic way to promote your local club, business or charity. We really look forward to receiving your entries by the closing date of Friday 23rd November.

## 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.

### Big Breakfast in Dedham Assembly Rooms

The Big Breakfast is happening on Saturday 17th November 8.30 - 11.30 am at Dedham Assembly Rooms. Adults £8, Children 5 - 13 £4, under 5s free.

There will be a 3 course breakfast and a Christmas Raffle.

## Calendar dates for the autumn term

Date	Event
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Service, St Mary's Church Dedham
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	World War 1: Remembered at The Assembly Rooms from 5.00pm
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent Forum at 2.15pm
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu Immunisation
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Christmas Market
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity performance to parents
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Nativity
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Coffee Morning
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Village Carol Service
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Carol Service
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Non-uniform day (Christmas party day)
	Christmas lunch
	EYFS/KS1 Christmas party
	KS2 disco (3 – 4:30pm)