

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 15th November 2018

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Head talk

Time rushes by and Christmas is approaching. Thirty-nine sleeps I am told! Preparations have already begun in earnest at school.

This week we have been thinking about respect and valuing and celebrating difference in our assemblies. Also, Reverend Anthony joined us on Wednesday and focused on taking responsibility for our actions.

Today, children across the school have had an opportunity to learn badminton skills from a qualified coach. We are proud of the many different sporting opportunities we provide for our children at Dedham.

David Larnar

Headteacher

Miss Plant

Miss Plant is expecting a baby in March 2019. Miss Plant will begin her maternity leave on Friday 15th February 2019 and will not return to work this school year. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her and her partner.

Madame Duah will take Class 6 from Monday 25th February for the remainder of the school year. We are very pleased to have been able to cover Miss Plant's maternity leave with good continuity.

I'm sure you will want to join us in sending Miss Plant and her partner our best wishes and know that you and your children will miss her as much as we will!

World War 1: Remembered

A big well done to the members of our choir who took part in this remembrance event. They sang beautifully and we had many positive comments from local people in attendance. Also, thank you to parents for your support of this community event.

School lunches

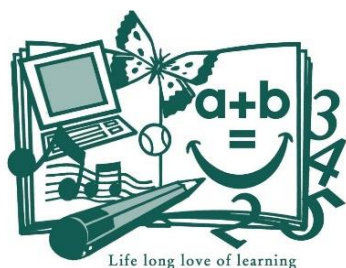
LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 19th NOVEMBER IS WEEK 1.

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.

School Dinners – Roast Dinner Day



Thank you for your feedback regarding our roast dinners. A number of parents commented that their children didn't like the roast potatoes. Due to our potato rumblar being broken we have been using frozen potatoes recently. The rumblar is now fixed and we are now using fresh potatoes. I spoke to a number of children at lunchtime today and they were very positive about the improvement.



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Celebration Assembly reminder

Due to flu immunisation at school there will be no Celebration Assembly on 16th November.

Parent Forum

Thank you to all parents who attended the first Parents' Forum on Wednesday. I shared some key aspects of our School Development Plan, Behaviour Policy and reviewed school outcomes from 2017-18. Also, I am grateful for the suggestions made and questions raised. These will be shared with all staff and contribute towards our vision moving forwards. Minutes have been produced and will appear on the website soon with a copy of the presentation.

Football Club CANCELLED – Monday 26th November

Please note that there will be no Football Club on Monday 26th November due to the teachers attending a staff meeting.

Class 6 - Large Penguin Raffle

Please note that from Tuesday 20th November to the 30th November Class 6 will be in the hall at break time selling raffle tickets for a chance to win the large penguin. Each raffle ticket will cost 50 pence. Please bring your pennies along next week for a chance to win this fabulous prize!

Carol Singing

The Parent Group have asked for some carol singing at the Christmas Market in the village on Saturday 1st December. It would be wonderful to have as big a group of children as possible and hopefully their enthusiastic

singing will put everyone in the mood to do some Christmas shopping! Children will be needed from 3:15pm until about 3:30pm so there will be plenty of time to explore the market afterwards. I will give more information about the exact location nearer the time.

Miss Valentine

Parent Group Update

Dedham Christmas Market (1st December 2018 - 3 to 6 pm) – Raising Funds for the School

It is only just over two weeks until the Christmas Market and preparations behind the scenes are well and truly underway. Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Group meeting on 6th November (minutes attached) and for your continued support and hard work. Also a big thank you to all of you who have volunteered a marketing board outside your property!

Many hands make light work - Volunteers Required

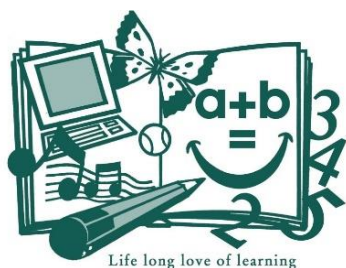
Are you available to help set up and pack away the event? If so, to help set up please meet us in the Royal Square at 9:00am or stay after the event at 6pm to assist packing away.

Car Parking – Volunteers Required

Are you available to shake a collection bucket for car parking donations on the day? If so please let us know by emailing dedhampg@gmail.com

Santa's Grotto

This year The Marlborough Head have kindly agreed to host Santa's Grotto whilst the Duchy Barn is unavailable. Tickets will be priced at



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£2.50 and on sale every day at the School gate prior to pick up, from Monday 26th November.

Raffle Tickets

Please look out for the raffle tickets in your book bags next week. As well as the gorgeous hampers there are additional prizes well worth winning! Watch this space for more info!

Finally, please support your class representatives with any requests for donations and time, together we can do so much!

With thanks

Fiona, Helen, Kate, Lara, Natasha and Tracey

Children in Need reminder for tomorrow



Tomorrow, 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.

The 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.

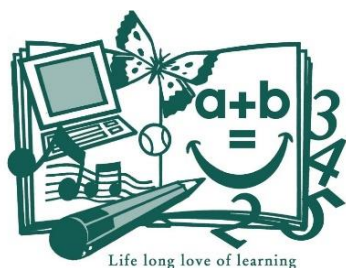
Showcase Assemblies reminder

Class R	Monday 19 th November
2:30pm (classroom)	
Class 1	Monday 10 th December
2:30pm (classroom)	
Class 2	Friday 14 th December
2:30pm (classroom)	
Class 3	Friday 30 th November,
2:30pm (hall)	
Class 4	Monday 26 th November
2:30pm (hall)	
Class 5	Tuesday 11 th December
2:30pm (hall)	
Class 6	Monday 3 rd December
2:30pm (hall)	

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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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
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)