

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 22nd November 2018

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Head talk

This week there has been a noticeable change in the weather. I have had need of both de-icer and my scraper on more than one occasion. Also, our field is becoming increasingly muddy and slippery and is not having an opportunity to dry out. This means that much of the outside is beginning to find its way inside! As a result, the time has come to stop using the field at playtimes and lunchtimes. The mild weather we have enjoyed this year has allowed us to use it for a month longer than normal.

On Monday, we thought about forgiveness and its importance for our own growth and happiness and how it can make our friendships stronger.

We have also enjoyed our first 'showcase' assembly. Class R welcomed parents and grandparents, enthusiastically leading them around many activities. It was really lovely to see the children's confidence and excitement in sharing a little bit of their school day.

David Larnar

Headteacher

Jill Birkin

You will all be familiar with Jill who has been a friendly face in our office for many years. After an association with the school of 33 years Jill has decided to retire and will be leaving at Christmas.

I am sure you will join with me in wishing Jill a happy retirement and best wishes for the

future. Jill intends to spend more time with her family and her camera!

School lunches

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 26th NOVEMBER 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.

Christmas Menu and Festive Menu – forms to be returned by FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER (tomorrow)

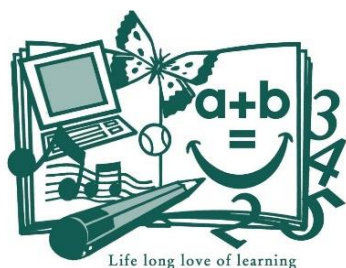
The Christmas Menu means the Christmas lunch for Tuesday 18th December.

The Festive Menu means the lunches for Monday 17th December and Wednesday 19th December.

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

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

The Festive Menu (for Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th December) needs to be pre-booked. Please complete the form and return



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Copies are attached for your reference.

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.

Netball Club CANCELLED – Monday 26th November

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Celebration Assembly reminder

This Friday we are having a whole school 'Understanding Christianity Day' focusing on the people of God. As a result there will be no Celebration Assembly.

Parents' Forum

The presentation and minutes from our first Parents' Forum are now available on our website. Simply click on 'Our News' then 'Parents' Forum'.

Class 6 – Maths Challenge Workshop

On Wednesday, a group of budding mathematicians from Year 6 were invited to attend a challenge workshop at Manningtree High School. Despite the minibus arriving late to pick us up, and therefore having less time to complete the first round, the children did incredibly well and came 3rd! They took part in

three rounds which involved complex word problems; a fraction treasure hunt; and a 3D and 2D shape construction activity.

I am very proud of the children for their excellent behaviour and for working as a team to complete the activities. Well done!

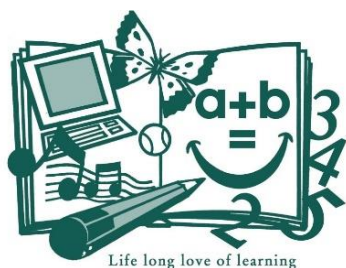
Miss Plant

Carol Singing at the Christmas Market



As you know, the Parent Group have asked for some carol singing at the Christmas Market in the village on Saturday 1st December. We have been learning traditional carols as a whole school and it would be wonderful to have as big a group of children as possible to set the mood for some serious 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. If you are able to join us please meet us at 3:10pm outside St Mary's Church. We ask that an adult remain with any children who are singing as it will be very difficult to safely monitor the collection of children in the growing darkness and busyness of the market.

Miss Valentine



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Parent Group – Christmas Market

Class 6 - Large Penguin Raffle

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

Soft Toy Donations

The Teddy Tombola requires some more soft toys for their stall. If you have any unwanted soft toys in good condition please drop them into the school office.

Cake Donations

The ever popular cake stall will be at the fair and should you wish to make any donations, whether that be baked or purchased please pass them to Wendy or Andrea in Class 3. Cake donations are also welcome on the afternoon of the fair.

Many hands make light work - Volunteers Required

Are you available to help set up and pack away the event? If so, to help us 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 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

Tickets for the grotto will be priced at £2.50 and on sale every day at the School gate prior to pick up, from next week Monday 26th November.

Raffle Tickets

Please look out for the raffle tickets in your book bags this week. As well as the gorgeous hampers there are additional prizes well worth winning! Please could all tickets including any unused tickets, be returned by 30th November.

Finally, please support your class representatives with any requests for donations and time, and please get in touch with your rep should you wish to help out in any way on the day.

With thanks

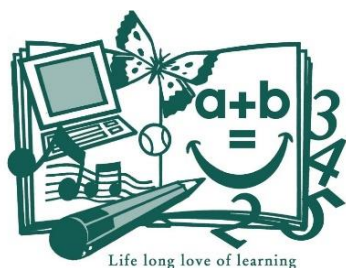
Fiona, Helen, Kate, Lara, Tracey & Natasha

Children in Need Appeal



A very big well done to everyone who donated money for the BBC Children in Need Appeal (wearing pyjamas/non uniform and making/buying cakes) – we raised a total of £316.15. The money has been paid into Pudsey's bank account!

Thank you for your support.



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Showcase Assemblies reminder

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

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.

Pre – Christmas Day Retreat for parents

Pre-Christmas Day Retreat for parents! £15 off for friends of Dedham Primary

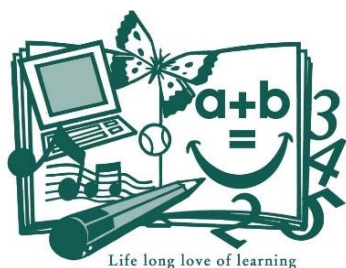
Look after yourself this winter and take a day for yourself to rest, relax and revitalise before the Christmas madness begins! Join us for a

full day of delicious self-care as we allow ourselves time to slow down and learn the lessons from the winter season.

Guided Meditations and mandala drawing workshop and interpretation (no artistic skill necessary) are provided by Zoe Flint (Mindfulness Trainer, Happiness Coach, Hypnotherapist and Founder of Work. Live. Thrive Wellbeing Consultancy). The most delicious, healthy, hearty lunch is provided by the Pop Up Syrian Cafe (an offshoot of Refugee Action - Colchester). Blissful restorative yoga by Naseem, Buddhist practitioner and the warmest yogi you'll meet, of Notley Yoga. The best Reflexology you have ever experienced (seriously - check out her reviews) with Tracey Macrae of Tracey Macrae Wellbeing Therapies and beautiful massage treatments by the wonderful Jen of Jennifer's Holistic Massage Therapy.

Dip in and out of classes as you please, whilst also using the time to nourish your soul. Read a book from the huge selection on offer, take a stroll around this area of outstanding natural beauty or bliss out with a magical treatment. (Treatments are not included in the price).

The day finishes at 4pm at which point you can choose to gently make your way home, or potter up the high street for a complimentary hot chocolate as you soak up the atmosphere of Dedham's Christmas Market. To book and for more info, please see <https://www.facebook.com/events/474315996408714/> or <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pre-christmas-retreat-tickets-51504172366> and be sure to click 'early bird tickets' to take advantage of the discounted rate.



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Calendar dates for the autumn term

Date	Event
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)