

# NEWSLETTER

## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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### Head talk

The sound of traditional Christmas carols has been in the air this week in preparation for singing at the Christmas Market. We do hope that many of you will be able to join us outside the church with your children at 3:10pm on Saturday to enjoy a Christmas sing-along.

Many exciting things have been happening in school this week. Kings, shepherds, angels, narrators, and Mary and Joseph have been spotted in the corridors as KS1 prepare for their retelling of the nativity. All classes have worked really hard and contributed towards our stunning entry for the Christmas tree competition on Saturday. Here is just a glimpse!



Our entry is entitled '**Nativitree**' and if you think it is the best tree we would be *grateful* for your vote! Gratefulness was the subject of Reverend Antony's assembly this week. For me, it reminded us that we should actively think about all of the things we have to be grateful for.

Class 1 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the zoo on Wednesday. They found out lots about penguins and even received a toy penguin from Father Christmas!

Also, Class 4 welcomed parents and grandparents to their Showcase Assembly. Work stations were set up so that the children could lead their guests on a journey through the work covered in Class 4 this year. On Friday, Class 3 will be welcoming their families to share in their learning.

In addition, I have attached to this week's Newsletter our Online Safety Newsletter for October. Please do take the time to read it as it does provide really useful information for you to help you keep your child safe online.

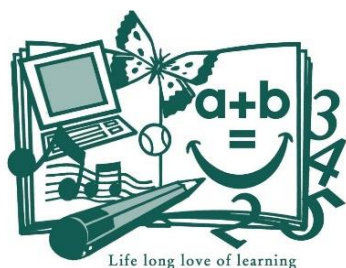
David Larnar

Headteacher

### School lunches

#### LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> December 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.



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## Development of PE and Sport for Young People

We are delighted to share the news that for an unprecedented two years running we have been awarded the 'Development of PE and Sport for Young People Award' by the Colchester and District Sports Council. We are very proud of the many opportunities we provide for the children at Dedham and constantly strive to develop this further. We are very grateful to Mr Osborn and Sarah Simons who both work extremely hard to develop PE and Sport in our school.



## Parking outside of school

Please park with care when dropping off or picking up. I continue to receive 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. As the evenings are getting a little darker, it makes it even more important that we all think carefully about the impact our parking

has on others. The safety of our school community and the residents of Parson's Field remains our priority. Thank you for your support in keeping our community safe.

## Chicken Pox

We would like to advise you that there have been two cases of chicken pox reported within the school, with another child possibly having caught it too. If your child does catch chicken pox, please can you advise the school office as soon as you are aware and then keep your child at home until the spots have crusted over. The NHS website advises that this will be approximately 5 days.

For further information please refer to the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

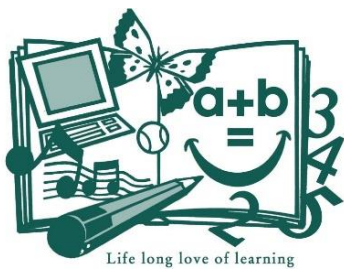
## Art Club KS1

Please note that the last Art Club for this year will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## Parent Group – Christmas Market

With the Christmas Market fast approaching this Saturday, we just wanted to say a big thank to you all for your ongoing support. The school and the children really do benefit from the money we raise and it is such a lovely afternoon.

We have attached an email compiled by Tracey. We thought you might like to see how much support we have received from the community of our lovely village of Dedham.



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## Cake Donations

Our popular cake stand at the Dedham Christmas market is in need of donations. They can either be brought into school on Friday and handed in at the office or delivered to the stall on the day. Alternatively if time is tight or baking isn't your thing a 50p donation would be much appreciated.

## Raffle Tickets

Please could all tickets, including any unused tickets, be returned to the school office by 30<sup>th</sup> November.

## Santa's Grotto

Tickets are on sale for the grotto and priced at £2.50. They are on sale at the School gate prior to pick up. There are also tickets available to purchase on the day should you not be at school for pick up.

## 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 until 30<sup>th</sup> November. Each raffle ticket will cost 50 pence. Please bring your pennies along for a chance to win this fabulous prize!

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](mailto:dedhampg@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Fiona, Helen, Kate, Lara, Tracey & Natasha

## Cake Fundraiser – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Teachers, Staff and Pupils,

On December 8<sup>th</sup> 1993 our Grandad had a lifesaving Liver Transplant at Kings College Hospital, London.

At the age of 14 he was seriously ill and it affected his Liver. He was extremely poorly and now to celebrate an amazing milestone of 25 Years since receiving his transplant we are organising a cake Fundraiser in School with the help of Mr Lerner and the teachers. So next **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** we will be making and baking cakes to sell at break time and are asking for donations which we will give to the hospital, which supports families and loved ones who are very poorly in hospital. Any surplus cakes will be sold after school outside the office.

We will then be presenting any donations we have raised to our Grandad as a surprise, to pass on to Kings College Liver Unit.

We would really appreciate your support, and would ask for a suggested donation of 50p.

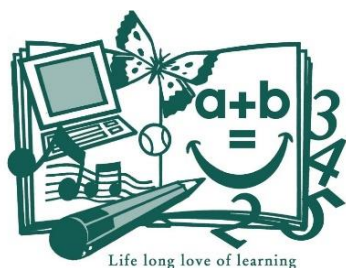
Thank you for your help and support.

From

Mia March- Lamont (Year 5)

Jack March- Lamont (Year 3)

Sienna Edgar (Class R)



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## Showcase Assemblies reminder

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

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

## News from Dedham Church

Advent starts this weekend! We are looking forward to supporting the Christmas Market by hosting the Christmas Tree Festival, starting on Saturday with trees on display for one week.

Before the Market starts, we will also be showing a 30 minute film screening of *A Charlie Brown Christmas* from 2.30-3.00pm. Come down and enjoy this Christmas classic before watching or joining in with the children who will be opening the market with some carol singing.

There will be more carol singing in the church from 4.30pm - grab some hot chocolate and snacks from the parent group stalls and come into the warmth and soak up the festive atmosphere!

There is still time to complete the Angel Trail - find the clues around the village and pop your entries in the box at the back of church for a chance to win a children's themed hamper.

And finally, a big thank you to all the school children who produced lovely art work to include in our church Christmas cards. The

cards will be taken to older residents across the village along with a gift of a knitted angel. If you would like to get involved in *Operation Angel* come along to our Rise N Shine Service on Sunday at 9.30am to find out more. More details attached.

## Calendar dates for the autumn term

Date	Event
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)