

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 13th December 2018

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Head talk

Welcome to our final newsletter of this term and 2018. It has been a very rewarding and exciting first term for me at Dedham. So many children, staff, parents and members of our wider community to get to know.

Reception performed a traditional nativity story friends and family on Wednesday this week. There was such enthusiastic singing and acting and it was wonderful to see the children's growing confidence and independence in just one term of school. Well done to children and staff in Reception!

There is still so much to look forward to and I hope to see you at one of our events in the final few days of term.

I wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you and your children in the New Year.

David Larnar

Headteacher

School lunches

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 10th December is the FESTIVE MENU. **These are pre-booked lunches.**

A reminder that all dinner money must be handed in, on a Monday morning, to the class teacher. The money must be in an envelope, marked with the child's name. Thank you.

- Please note that the cost for school dinners for the next half term (starting

3rd January 2019, until 13th February) is £69.00 per child. Thank you.

- **It would be helpful to the office staff if the exact money is paid. Change will not be given but will be carried forward as a credit on the dinner register and returned each half term.**

Please find attached the new school meal order form.

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 3rd January 2019 is WEEK 1.

Head Lice

For your information there have recently been a number of cases of head lice in school. While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be allowed to spread. As there have been a couple of cases, we would ask you to check your child's head as soon as possible.

For further information on head lice please see your pharmacist or visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice.

No Celebration Assembly Friday 14th December

Due to our Christmas Coffee Morning in school tomorrow (14th December) there will be no Celebration Assembly.



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Christmas dates for your diary

Christmas Coffee Morning

Friday 14.12.18 – Christmas Coffee Morning at 10am, for members of the community and people who have helped in the school this term. This is another opportunity for us to say thank you to you and for you to hear the children (from Foundation Stage, KS1 and KS2) sing a selection of their Christmas songs. Unfortunately space is extremely limited so please only come if you have received an invitation.

Film Club

Friday 14.12.18 – Film Club – 3:15pm-5:00pm.
'The Star' (pre-paid only)

Children may bring a cushion and snacks to school in the morning. **Please ensure that the cushions/bags are clearly marked with the child's name and class.**

Dedham Village Carol Service

Sunday 16.12.18 – Dedham Village Carol Service at the Church - 5.45pm for a 6pm start –All children attending as part of the school choir are to be in school uniform please.

KS2 Carol service

Monday 17.12.18 - KS2 Carol service at 7:00pm, at Dedham Church - 6.45pm for a 7pm start. Everyone is welcome but please bear in mind that as all the pupils from KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) will be attending, seating will be restricted. All KS2 children to attend in their school uniform.

Final Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 18.12.18 – Final Celebration Assembly at 9:05am.

School Christmas Lunch

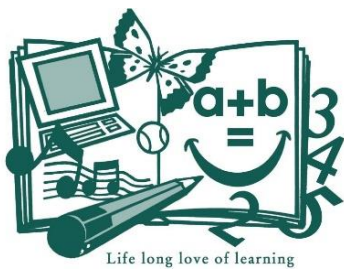
Tuesday 18.12.18 – School Christmas lunch, then EYFS & KS1 Party (pick up from school at normal time, i.e. 3:10pm) and then the KS2 Disco from 3:15pm-4:30pm. Children can come in to school in non-uniform for the day but please bear in mind that the children will need to still go out to play at break time and lunch time so please can they wear appropriate clothing.

The last day of term

Wednesday 19.12.18 – Church Service at 10am. All welcome. Please walk down with us from the school to the church if you are able.

Reminder – NO after school clubs w/c 17th December

Just a quick reminder that all after school clubs will finish at the end of this week (i.e. Friday 14th December, with ASM football after school club being the last after school club of this year). There will be no after school clubs w/c 17th December.



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Lost property & Left Lunch Boxes

Please collect any lost property and lunch boxes before the term ends. All items that are named will be returned to the child. Any items left behind will be disposed of over the holiday period. Thank you.

After School Clubs for spring 2019

Please find attached details of the clubs taking place in the Spring Term. All the after school clubs will start week commencing the 14th January 2019. Club letters will be sent out on our return in

Big Thank You for the Cake Fundraiser on Friday 7th December



We would like to say a really big thank you for all your support in buying cakes at the Fundraiser we organised for Kings College Hospital. Our Grandad was really surprised with our efforts, and amazed with the generous donations we received. To date we have raised £156.45 with the hope of a few more donations still to come. It was a great achievement, and would like to thank everyone again.

Love Mia Jack and Sienna. Xxx

Breakfast Club

This is a reminder that if children require breakfast during Breakfast Club then they need to arrive by 8:15am. Children are arriving at 8:30am and it is not possible to be serving them breakfast at this time.

Lost property

Any lost property that has a name on has been returned to the child/classroom. Any items without a name on have been kept in the school office and if not claimed by the end of term will be given to a charity shop.

Showcase Assemblies

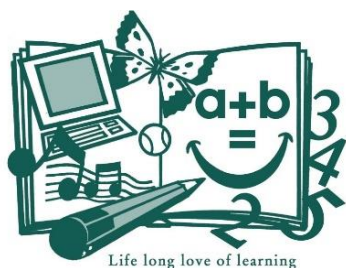
Just a reminder that the following Showcase Assembly will be taking place tomorrow:

Friday 14th December - Class 2

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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Manningtree Library Closure

Further to our SchoolComms on Thursday 6th December we have received the following correspondence from Manningtree Library:

"If you wish to have a say on the future of Essex Library Services then please visit essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation.

There will be an information drop-in at Manningtree Library on **Wednesday 19th December 11am – 1pm** where you can find out more about the proposals, ask questions and get help to complete the survey."

Ipswich High School, Woolverstone

Whole School Open Morning – Friday 18th January 2019 10am – 1pm

Ipswich High School are holding an open morning on Friday 18th January 2019 10am – 1pm. The Head will be speaking at 10.10am so an early arrival is advised.

From September 2018, Ipswich High School started **admitting boys as well as girls**.

We are delighted to welcome all to this event (there is no need to register) and of course, if you would like to arrange a private meeting with our Head, Ms Carlin, our Prep Head, Mrs Fisher or Director of Sixth Form, Mr Hastings to discuss what the school has to offer, I would be delighted to make suitable arrangements.

With best wishes,

Ms Rebecca Geoghegan - Registrar -
Reception: 01473 780201 | DDI: 01473 201058

OPEN MORNING: Friday 18th January 2019 -
BOOK YOUR PLACE:
ipswichhighschool.co.uk/open-days

admissions@ipswichhighschool.co.uk | 01473 780201

Calendar dates for the autumn and spring term

Date	Event
14 th Dec	Christmas Coffee Morning at 10:00am
16 th Dec	Village Carol Service at 6:00pm
17 th Dec	KS2 Carol Service at 7:00pm (Lasts approximately 45 minutes)
18 th Dec	Celebration Assembly at 9:05am
	Non-uniform day (Christmas party day)
	Christmas lunch
	EYFS/KS1 Christmas party
	KS2 disco from 3:00 – 4:30pm
19 th Dec	Assembly at Dedham Church at 10:00am (walkers would be appreciated)

Date	Event
3 rd Jan	First day of term
13 th Feb	Non-uniform day for DEN Site
14/15 th Feb	Non-pupil days
18-22 nd Feb	Half term
8 th Mar	Book day – fancy dress Come dressed as a favourite book character
12 th Mar	Parents' Evening
13 th Mar	Parents' Afternoon
5 th Apr	End of term assembly at Dedham Church at 10:00am
8 – 22 nd Apr	Easter holiday