

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 28th March 2019

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Head talk

This week has been a greatl week in school.

On Tuesday, we enjoyed listening to the talents of many of our musicians in a special assembly. From the piano, to guitar, ukulele, cello, flute and violin! It was a real joy to see the children performing to such a large audience of pupils and parents.

On Wednesday, our lunchtime Drama Club amazed us with a performance about evacuees in World War II. A big thank you to Mrs Rendle-Grist for her hard work and commitment to the children that performed so well. We are very grateful and look forward to a second performance of Charlotte's Web from our after-school Drama Club next week.

Today, just a short while ago, Class 3 took us on an adventure to Ancient Egypt for their Showcase Assembly. The children's hard work, enthusiasm and enjoyment were evident throughout. The acting, singing and dancing were fantastic and enthralled their families. And enormous well done to Class 3, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Guthrie.

As always, if you want to talk with me, I will be at the gate on most mornings and afternoons. Please do not forget to complete our Parent Questionnaire before it closes tomorrow.

Finally, tomorrow is Celebration Assembly as normal and if you are able we look forward to seeing you there.

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 1st April 2019 IS WEEK 3.

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 days the lunches are required, and the child's name. Thank you.

Parent Questionnaire

We have now received 80 responses to our Parent Questionnaire. If you have not already responded there is only one day to go until the form closes. The questionnaire outcomes support the school in planning for improvements, so please take this opportunity to fill it in. The questionnaire will be open until the end of school tomorrow. Once the questionnaire has been completed I will report back to you with the results.

Film Club – Friday 29th March

A reminder that Dedham Parent Group is presenting Sherlock Gnomes at the Film Club tomorrow - Friday 29th March, 3.15pm-5pm. If your child wishes to go please return the booking form to the school office in a named envelope with the correct money. Spare copies of the film club slips will be in the school office.

Netball Club

Just a reminder that even though there is a netball match at Highfields, netball club will still be running on Monday 1st April as usual.

On Monday 29th April there will be a netball here at Dedham School which means that netball club will not be able to run. Any children from the club, who are not in the team for that match, are more than welcome to stay and watch the game, all we ask is that you



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advise the school office if your child is staying to watch so we know who to expect to stay. Thank you.

No Celebration Assembly Friday 5th April

Please note that due to our Understanding Christianity morning there will be no Celebration Assembly on Friday 5th April in school. However, there will be a church service at 10am to which you are welcome.

Tendring Show Competition

The theme for this year's show is "Delights of Dairy" and all local school children are encouraged to take part in the annual front cover competition. Designs should reflect what the dairy industry produces and where it comes from, for example, cow - milk - butter/yoghurt/ice cream etc. A FREE entry ticket to the show is given to every child who enters. Please look out for entry forms with home learning letters this week and a copy is also attached to this week's School Comms.

KS1 Choir

Friends and family are very welcome to come along at 4pm on Monday 1st April to hear the children sing through some of the songs that they've been learning ahead of Tuesday's music festival. This will be the final rehearsal of the school year.

KS2 Choir

A choir for KS2 children will be running after the Easter holiday on Tuesdays. If your child is interested, they will need to collect a letter from Miss Valentine.

Lost property

As the weather starts to get better the children start to leave their jumpers and cardigans on the field at lunchtime and forget to collect them at the end of lunch/end of the day. Please could you remind your children to collect their jumpers/cardigans otherwise these will end up in lost property. Thanks.

Class 1 and Class 5 Show Case Assemblies confirmed

Class 1	Friday 3 rd May at 2:30pm
Class 2	Monday 29th April at 2.30pm
Class 3	Thursday 28 th March at 2.15pm
Class 4	Tuesday 30 th April at 2.30pm
Class 5	Tuesday 7 th May at 2:30pm
Class 6	Friday 26th April at 2.30pm

OTHER

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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Parent and child yoga

During the Easter holidays Yoga sessions for parents and children are being run at a small Yoga studio on the Dedham Vale Business Park. Please see attached poster for further details.

Essex Music Hub

We are holding a **FREE** Open Day at our **Colchester Community Music Centre** on **Saturday 27**th **April 2019.** Young people aged 5-18 are invited to take part in some of the group events on offer. All abilities are welcome to participate – beginners to grade 8!

Students will have the opportunity to take part in one, or more, of the following groups:

- Choirs
- African Drumming
- Jazz Groups
- Orchestra
- Wind Groups
- Brass Group
- Samba
- Songwriting

We would be very grateful if you could circulate details to your students and parents. The fresh new talent we are seeking may be a student at your school!

Details of how to get in touch are on the attached flyer, or you can register directly here:

https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/tilmelding#/Course/488

Colchester United FITC Community Day 2019

Please see attached the Colchester United FITC Community Day 2019 poster with details of all the FAMILY and COMMUNITY FUN that will be going on at Colchester United's upcoming game vs Oldham Athletic in League 2 on Saturday 6th April from 1pm.

Children under 11 can attend the game for FREE and tickets are still available for adults to purchase.

2019 is Colchester United FITC's **6**th **anniversary** of delivering participation, development, education, health and inclusion projects to participants aged **2-91 years old** throughout the local community, using sport to change people's lives.

It would be great to have as many children and people from the community to come and enjoy a FUN day.

Calendar dates for the spring term

Date	Event
2 nd Apr	KS1 Choir at music festival (9:00 – 12:00pm at Heathlands Primary)
5 th Apr	End of term assembly at Dedham Church at 10:00am
8 – 22 nd Apr	Easter holiday