

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 25th April 2019

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Head talk

Welcome back to the summer term. It is going to be busy. The children in Class 2 and Class 6 are taking part in SATs tests in May, we have the school production, the Class 6 leaver's party, Sports Day and the Parent Group will be coordinating the Summer Fair, to mention just a few things.

Monday, 1st July and Tuesday, 2nd July will also see many of our Year 6 children having transition days at Manningtree High School. We will be having our annual Celebration and Awards Assembly on Tuesday, 23rd July. Tuesday, 11th June will also be the last Parents' Forum of the year. We will be trying an evening slot at 7:00pm following feedback from the Parent Questionnaire.

Please do keep an eye on the school website calendar for useful dates throughout the year and on the Non Pupil Day dates, which can be found on the website too. As a reminder we have one Non Pupil Day this term. It is Monday, 3rd June following directly after half term.

If you are able to attend, I look forward to seeing you at our Celebration Assembly tomorrow morning.

SATs Tests in May– Information for parents

We will be sending a leaflet entitled, **Information for parents: 2019 national curriculum tests at the end of key stages 1 and 2 to Class 2 and Class 6 parents.** It also links to helpful videos too!

Unfortunately, due to the size of the document, it has not been possible to attach it with this newsletter. Look out for it in a separate email.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be Friday, June 14th providing the weather is kind to us. A reserve date, should this not be the case, is Friday, 21st June. KS1 (Class R, Class 1 and Class 2) will have their event in the morning followed by a picnic lunch. KS2 (Class 3, Class 4, Class 5 and Class 6) Sports Day will be held in the afternoon. More details will follow in due course.

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 29th April 2019 IS WEEK 2.

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.

Reminder – Year 6 showcase assembly tomorrow

A reminder that the year 6 showcase assembly will be held tomorrow, on Friday, 26th April at 2:30pm.

Showcase assemblies this half term

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



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Deadline for Tendring Show art competition – Friday 26th April – 12noon

Please remember that the deadline for entries for the Tendring Show art competition is Friday, 26th April at 12noon.

Netball match Monday 29th April at school

Just a reminder that on Monday, 29th April there will be a netball match after school vs Highfields. This will mean that there will be no netball club that day, however, children are welcome to stay and watch the match – please can you advise the school office if your child is proposing on staying and watching so Mr Larner knows who to expect to stay.

Year 6 – children attending Manningtree High School starting September 2019

‘Target Mars’ – Summer School for More Able Rising Year 7s - 19th – 23rd August 2019

Manningtree High School is running a five day summer school this year for more able rising Year 7 students. In the past, these events have been extremely successful and very enjoyable, giving students the opportunity to get used to the school and meet new friends as well as take part in an exciting project.

This exciting adventure will run from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd August at the school. The event will be delivered by a presenter (an experienced and registered teacher), supported by a classroom assistant. Each day

will start at 9am and finish at 3pm with a morning and lunch break.

Parents will be responsible for transport arrangements and students will need to bring a packed lunch. Although Manningtree High School will be closed that week, some staff will be in school to support the event and supervise students at break and lunch time.

There are 36 places available in total and these are available to any student who will be attending Manningtree High School from September. Although the school subsidises this event, we are unable to cover the full cost and the contribution required from you for the event is £45 per student.

Further details will be sent to Class 6 parents by separate email.

Warm weather - Sun cream

Now that summer is on its way, we kindly ask that all children come to school with a hat to protect them from the sunshine during lunchtime and PE lessons. We recommend applying a long-lasting sun cream before they come to school but if you wish your child to re-apply it during the day, please send them in with their own sun cream and write a note to the class teacher. This is especially important when children are taking part in a sports event as shade can be very limited.

Ties

As the weather gets warmer, we will also encourage children to remove their ties following morning lessons. Please ensure that ties are clearly labelled with your child's name



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so that we can return them to the children at the end of the day.

Sun hats / water bottles

As the weather is starting to warm up, please can you ensure that your children are sent in to school with sun hats and water bottles so they are able to stay hydrated, particularly in the afternoons following the lunch break.

Sunglasses

Sunglasses can only be worn at break time and lunch time if your child suffers with hay fever/allergies that cause irritations to the eyes. If this is the case, the school will require a letter from you authorising this. Please can you send letters in through the school office.

Asthma Protocols

If your child uses an asthma inhaler (particularly if their asthma is affected by hay fever) please can you ensure they have their inhaler in school (the inhaler must be in date). If you have not completed an asthma protocol letter (to advise us that your child suffers with asthma) please can you see the office about collecting a copy.

Allergies / intolerances

The school kitchen have raised concerns that some children are advising them that they are now allowed to eat food items that the school had been advised they are intolerant to or have an allergy to. If this potentially refers to your child please can you put information in

writing so that the kitchen staff can safely serve your children.

Rise 'n' Shine at Dedham Church – 5th May at 9:30am



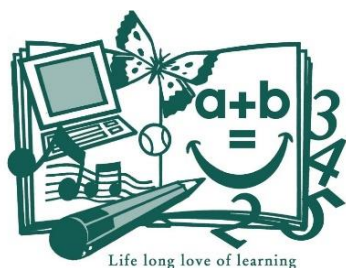
I'm writing to invite you to join us at Dedham Church for our **Rise n Shine Service** on 5th May at 9.30am

It's a special Sunday when we give thanks for and celebrate the role of Godparents.

You may like to invite godparents too, but we understand that many of them live a long way away!

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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.

Manningtree Libraries

Please find attached details regarding support to save Manningtree Library.

ACL Essex - Free English and Maths

My name is Holly and I work here at ACL (Adult Community Learning part of Essex County Council). We have places on our free English and maths courses that could benefit parents, grandparents and careers.

These courses take place in class or online and are delivered by experienced tutors. There is still time to register your interest for this academic year.

Free English & maths courses at ACL Essex. Helping you to help your kids with their:

- Homework
- Reading
- Writing
- Spelling
- Maths

Visit <http://www.aclessex.com/english-maths-contact-us-form/> or call 0345 603 7635.

I look forward to hearing from you,

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Calendar dates for the summer term

Date	Event
23 rd April	Term starts
6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
13 th May	KS2 SATs week
24 th May	Non-uniform day for DEN Site
24 th May	Understanding Christianity Day – Kingdom of God
27 th May	Half Term week
3 rd June	Non-pupil day
10 th June	Phonics Screening week
14 th June	Sports Day
21 st June	Reserve Sports Day
26-28 th June	Year 6 residential to Mersea
1 st and 2 nd July	Manningtree High School Induction
5 th July	Summer Fair
17 th July	KS2 Production
18 th July	KS2 production
19 th July	Music recital Reports home
22 nd July	Assembly at church Open afternoon 2-6pm
23 rd July	Leavers' party
24 th July	Leavers' Assembly