



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 2nd May 2019

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Head talk

It has been a rewarding week at school so far. Families of Class 2 and Class 4 children have thoroughly enjoyed being educated and entertained in creative showcase assemblies. Class 6 have been preparing for SATs by having a run through in the format that will be used during the week itself. The children took the experience in their stride and we were very proud of their attitude and application. Our fantastic Dedham Parent Group have met to discuss plans for our Summer Fair. We are enormously grateful for the hard work of our committed Parent Group. The money raised is so important for the development of our school.

A reminder that Monday 6th May is a Bank Holiday so we will be back at school on Tuesday 7th May.

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 7th May 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.

Online Safety Newsletter

I have attached to this week's Newsletter our Online Safety Newsletter for May. 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.

Tennis Club

Please find attached details regarding the Tennis Club that will start tomorrow after school (Friday 3rd May). Copies of the letter are also available from the school office.

Wednesday 8th May – Class Photos

Just a reminder that there will be class photos taken on Wednesday 8th May.

Gymnastics Club (Wednesday after school club)

If your child goes to the after school gymnastics club please can you ensure that your child has the money in a named envelope that they can then hand to the gymnastics teacher at the time of the club. Please do not send money in to the school office or the class teacher - the payment is to go directly to the gymnastics teacher. Thank you.

Reminder – Year 1 showcase assembly tomorrow

A reminder that the year 1 showcase assembly will be held tomorrow, on Friday, 3rd May at 2:30pm.

Showcase assemblies this half term

Class 1 Friday, 3rd May at 2:30pm

Class 5 Tuesday, 7th May at 2:30pm



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Sun Safety



Perhaps not this Bank Holiday weekend but soon the sun will shine!

Each month, the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service promote a different campaign. This month, they have asked schools to share the following information regarding **sun safety**.

Babies and young children can become very ill in hot weather. Their health can be seriously affected by:

- Dehydration
- Heat exhaustion and heatstroke
- Sunburn

Some key ways to keep your family safe and healthy in warm, sunny weather are:

Make sure that everybody in your family drinks lots of fluids to avoid becoming hydrated. You can be creative when trying to do this – perhaps try making homemade lollies made from very diluted fruit juice, or offer food with high water content such as watermelons for snacks!

Keep rooms cool by closing blinds or curtains during the day. A fan can be helpful in circulating the air around a room.

Playing in a paddling pool is a great way of keeping children cool – but make sure you watch toddlers when they're in a paddling pool or playing near water. Drowning is one of the commonest causes of child death – babies can drown in as little as two centimetres of water.

If your children are playing outside near exposed water such as fish ponds, ensure they are supervised at all times. If you have a garden pond, fence it off, fill it in or securely cover it.

Think carefully about how you dress your children in hot weather, ensure they are in cool, light clothing that protects their skin from the sun. Keep nightwear and bedclothes to a minimum.

Choose a sunscreen with good protection against UVA and UVB. This is because both UVA and UVB rays cause skin cancer. The SPF shows how much protection the sunscreen gives against UVB radiation – as long as you put enough on! When using sunscreen you should:

- Check the use by date - most sunscreens have a shelf life of 2 to 3 years, and last about 12 to 18 months after opening
- Put your sunscreen on before you go out in the sun so it can be absorbed into your skin
- Apply another layer to make sure you haven't missed any parts of the body
- Reapply regularly

For further information on sunscreen and sun safety [click here](#) and for information on how to apply sunscreen to children [click here](#).



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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!

Reverend Antony



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.

Dedham Parish Council

Play equipment on Dedham Playing Field – Consultation

Dedham Parish Council is considering supplementing the existing play equipment on the playing field with additional equipment for older children. To view our ideas please come along to the consultation event, to be held on Thursday 9th May between 2pm and 4pm and between 6pm and 8pm. The consultation will be held at Dedham Sports Club, Southfields.

Youth Club presents...Dedham Car Boot

On Sunday 9th June, Dedham Youth Club will be hosting a Car Boot Sale from 8am (8am sellers / 9am buyers) – 1pm. Please see attached poster for further details (a copy of the poster is also on the school notice board). Thanks.

Nayland Church Fete - Monday 27th May

Please find attached details regarding the Nayland Church Fete which is on Monday 27th May.

Manningtree Libraries

Please find attached details regarding a march to save Manningtree Library.

Mistley Kids Club

Please follow the below link to find out details regarding Mistley Kids Club activities for the May Half Term.



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<https://www.mistleykidsclub.co.uk/holiday-sheet>

Royal Hospital School – Open Day

Please find attached details regarding the Royal Hospital School's Open Day on Saturday 11th May.

Adult Community Learning Centre

Spring into summer fun and fast taster courses are an opportunity to make and create, learn, share and try before you buy, either on your own or with friends.

This half-term event is taking place from **Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st May** at ACL Colchester.

Each session is **just £5** (family learning courses for parents and children are **free**). Please see below link for further details.

<http://www.aclessex.com/spring-into-summer>

Essex Music Services

Essex Music Services are hosting an open event at [Tendring Community Music Centre](#). The event is free of charge and offers the opportunity for 5-18 year olds to join in with some of our existing music groups.

Please find a flyer attached which gives details of when and where students can take part in this event. The flyer also includes details of what's on offer and how they can get in touch.

Students can book online here:

<https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/tilmelding#/Course/492>

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
20 th June	Class 5 trip to Elizabeth Selby Primary School and St Paul's Cathedral
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 at 6:00pm
18 th July	KS2 production at 7:00pm
19 th July	Music recital at 1:30pm Reports home
22 nd July	Assembly at church Open afternoon from 2:00-6:00pm
23 rd July	KS1 & KS2 Celebration and Awards Assembly at 9:15am Leavers' party 5:00 – 7:00pm
24 th July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.15am