**Weekly SchoolComms e-mail – Thursday 22nd June 2017**

Dear All,

Please find attached the weekly SchoolComms e-mail. Thank you.

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 26.06.17 IS WEEK 1.

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.

**ALL**

**Important Safeguarding Information**

There have been a number of reports recently on Social Media of children in Colchester and the surrounding area being approached or followed by strangers.  One of these reports was of an incident in Dedham.  We ask you please to make sure your children are safely with you at all times and that if they do go out without you, we recommend that they are with friends rather than alone.  We would also recommend that children stay away from dogs that they don’t know, as somebody was recently bitten by a local dog (not belonging to anyone in the school).  Thank you.

**Reminder - No Gymnastics Club on 28th June**

Please note that there will be no after school gymnastics club on Wednesday 28th June.

**Frozen Frubes for Sale Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th June**

Please note that Yr 6 will be selling frozen Frubes at breaktime next Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th June only . They will cost 50 pence each. Please ensure the children bring their pennies into class and money is not handed into the school office. Thank you.

**Summer Fair – Friday 7th July 3.15-5.30**

**HELP WANTED** - would anyone be able to help on Friday 7th July to tow the pony from Great Bromley to the school. Carrie who brings her pony has a trailer but unfortunately has no one to tow it. If you have towed a horse trailer and are able to help please call Carrie on 07447 456042.

**Sainsburys Vouchers**

A big thank you to everyone who has handed in Sainsburys vouchers – if there are still any lurking about at home please feel free to hand them in to the school office as we can use them towards equipment for lunch time activities. Thank you again.

**Parent Group**

Dear All

Please find attached the minutes from the Parent Group Meeting on 6th June, please do take a look as all the details for the Summer Fair are in there - 7 July 3.15 to 5.30, please do check with your class reps about what help or donations are needed for your stalls. We are still looking for donations for:

Adult Tombola - box in reception or alcohol to be handed in at the office

Children's Tombola - box in reception

Fancy Dress - bag in reception

Goodie Jars - please bring them on the day or hand to Class R class reps

Cake Stall - please bring them on the day of the fair

We also need help running the Bouncy Castles and the Petting Zoo at the start of the fair until the teachers arrive - if you can help please contact Rachel (rachel@yarrawonga.co.uk). We will be setting up the marquee in the morning after drop off so please help with that if you can and also please help at the end of the fair with packing up, it takes no time at all if lots of people help!

Many thanks to all who have offered to have a Fenn Wright sign outside their house, they should be going up in about a week.

The raffle tickets for the hampers will also be sent out soon so please do return the stubs and money for any unused tickets as soon as possible.

**Class Reps for next year**

We are looking for class reps for next year to support the new committee. Please do speak to your current reps if you are interested, we hope to have reps in place by the end of the term.

**Drinks!**

We are having our final meeting this year on Monday 17 July - 8pm at the Sun to celebrate another year of great fundraising for the school. Everyone is welcome.

Best wishes

Carole, Jessie, Louise and Rachel

THE PARENT GROUP COMMITTEE

**OTHER NEWS**

**Lifeboats Poster Competition**

The Safer Summer Swimming team came to visit us in one of our assemblies earlier this week to talk about being safe whilst swimming this Summer. They set a competition to colour in the attached Lifeboat poster. The closing date for entries is Friday 29th June 2017. Please can children write their name and class on the back of their coloured in poster. Copies of the poster are available in the office if you are unable to print the attached copy.

**Dedham Arts Group**

As many of you may know, paintings by Dedham Primary School children will feature at an art exhibition being organised by Dedham Arts Group to be held at Dedham Parish Church during the October half term. The exhibition is in aid of East Anglia’s Children’s Hospices.

Estate agents, Fenn Wright, have kindly offered to put up signs in the area, advertising the event. Boards will go up 3 – 4 weeks beforehand, and those situated in and close to Dedham are likely to be the most effective. Although the exhibition is still a little way off, Fenn Wright have asked for a list of addresses as soon as possible.

If you are willing for a board to be placed in your front garden, could you please contact Jill Wilson, Secretary, Dedham Arts Group, with full details of your postal address, including postcode, by the end of June. Jill’s e-mail address is: jillraeburn@btinternet.com

**Alresford Primary School**

Please find attached details from Alresford Primary School regarding swimming lessons.

Thank you.