**Weekly SchoolComms e-mail – Thursday 29th June 2017**

Dear All,

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

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 3rd July 2017 IS WEEK 2.

**ALL**

**This week’s news**

Last Thursday saw our first inter-school cross country competition. The fastest boys and girls from our own cross country afternoon were selected to represent each class in a competition against Lawford and Highfields. All participating children showed great character and the friendly competitive spirit amongst them was excellent. Dedham achieved two first places, five second places and one third place, with often just a few seconds separating the finishing positions. Many congratulations to everyone who took part. We hope that this will become a regular event on our sports calendar.

Eighteen members of the KS2 Choir visited Blackbrook House Residential Care Home recently to entertain the residents with songs and hymns that they’ve been learning in school. The residents were delighted by their visit and also enjoyed the cakes that they brought with them! The children sang beautifully and took great pride in being able to serve their local community.

On Tuesday, our team of four tennis players from year 3 played in a county final. Having won local and Colchester area competitions earlier on this term, they made it through to the last stages of the finals day and finished an excellent 6th out of 16 schools! A super achievement – well done year 3!

Wednesday’s year 5 cricket tournament at Mistley Cricket Club was a great success. Dedham finished in 3rd place and it was great to hear how happy the children were with their performances. Well done to all the children who represented our school at this event. The total runs scored throughout the morning were:

Dedham 493

Lawford 536

Highfields 542

**Celebration & Award Events**

If you and your child would like to nominate anyone for an award this year, please hand nomination forms in by Monday 3rd July. Thank you

**Classes for Next Academic Year**

We are delighted to be able to let you know that all of our staff will be remaining with us in September and class teachers will be as follows:

Class R – Miss Manser

Class 1 – Miss Peake

Class 2 – Miss Turner

Class 3 – Miss Valentine & Mrs Davies

Class 4 – Miss Fletcher

Class 5 – Mr Osborn

Class 6 – Miss Plant

The children will have an opportunity to meet their new teachers for a lesson on Friday 14th July. Miss Kilshaw who was planning on returning to us in September after a year teaching abroad has decided to continue on her travels around the world. We wish her every success and happiness for the future.

**Frozen Frubes for Sale week commencing Monday 3rd July 2017**

Please note that Yr 6 will be selling frozen Frubes at breaktime next week . They will cost 50 pence each. Please ensure the children bring their pennies into class and not handed into the school office.

**Young Savers**

A reminder to all our savers that if you wish to withdraw money for the summer holidays then please come and fill out a withdrawal form next Tuesday morning at the latest.

Year 6 savers have all been given a withdrawal reminder. We need these forms back by Tuesday 4th July, as larger amounts will need to have a cheque raised by the Essex Credit Union and this can take up to 10 days.

Thanks to all who have saved with us this year and to all the parent volunteers who keep this club running.

If anyone is interested in joining Young Savers come and see us in September. It is a great way to see pocket money grow over the year and get children in to the saving habit.

The Young Savers Teams

**E-safety information**

Please be aware that the app Snapchat has launched a new feature in the past week which allows its users to see on a map where precisely all their friends/followers are at any given time. If your child uses this app on a phone or tablet, you may like to follow the link below for further information, including details on how to deactivate the feature.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/introducing-%E2%80%98snap-maps%E2%80%99-new-location-sharing-feature-snapchat>

**Sainsbury’s Vouchers**

Just a reminder that we are collecting the Sainsbury’s Vouchers if you have any that you would like to donate to the school. Sainsbury’s have stopped issuing the vouchers but they can be donated to the school up to Friday 30th June 2017. Thank you.

**OTHER NEWS**

**Fuschia Show**

The Colchester & District Fuchsia Society show is being held on Saturday 8th July, 1:00pm-5:00pm, and Sunday 9th July, 11:00am-4:00pm at Stanway Village Hall, Tollgate Hall & Victory Hall, Villa Road, Stanway, Colchester, Essex. For more information call: 01206 525680 or 01206 242018.

Thank you.