**Weekly SchoolComms e-mail – Thursday 13th July 2017**

Dear All,

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

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 17th July 2017 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**

**REMINDER - Notice for Parents of Children in Year 3 from September 2017**

Free School Meals

Automatic entitlement to a free school meal finishes at the end of Year 2 and only children from low income families are eligible from Year 3.

If your household income is less than £16,190 per year, or you receive Income Support or an equivalent benefit, you will need to make an application immediately if you want your child to receive a free school meal now.

Applications could be made from 1 August 2017 online at www.essex.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or by calling 0345 603 2200.

**Production DVD**

Please find attached a copy of the order form if you did not collect one during the performances. **There is a deadline of Monday 17th July, at 4:30pm** for all orders to be handed in to the office in a NAMED AND SEALED ENVELOPE (with correct money enclosed). Any orders not in an envelope will not be accepted. Any orders received after 4:30pm on Monday 17th July will be returned to the parents, unfulfilled.

**Meet the teacher**

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.

**Music Recital – Friday 14th July – 1:30pm**

A reminder that the music recital is on Friday 14th July at 1:30pm. Your child will be aware if they are participating in the recital.

**Monday 17th July – 2-6pm. An opportunity to see your child’s work**

You are all welcome to come along at any time from 2pm onwards to have time with your child/children. They will share their work with you and their teachers will be available to talk to. When you have seen all that you would like to see, you may take your child/children home.

All other children will go home at the normal school time.

If you cannot come in early in the afternoon, you can come and look at work after school up until 5.45pm (school will close at 6.00pm).

If you are unable to do this please contact your child’s class teacher and they will try their best to arrange another afternoon after school.

**EYFS & KS1 Celebration Morning – Wednesday 19th July, 9:45am**

EYFS & KS1 Celebration Morning will be on Wednesday 19th July at 9:45am.

**KS2 Celebration & Awards Evening – Wednesday 19th July, 6:45pm for 7pm start**

The KS2 Celebration & Awards Evening will be held on Wednesday 19th July – this is for KS2 children (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) - commencing at 7pm. Parking will be available on the school playground.

All KS2 children need to arrive back at school in their school uniform no later than 6.45pm and not before 6.30pm please.

All children are expected to attend.  If there is an exceptional circumstance why your KS2 child cannot return for this important evening event please let Mr Aylott know in writing.

**End of term Church service – Thursday 20th July, 10am**

The whole school will be attending an end of term service at Dedham Parish Church, at 10am on Thursday 20th July. All welcome. If you are able to help walk the children down to church please let the office know. Thanks.

**Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Friday 21st July, 9:15am**

The Year 6 leavers assembly will be on Friday 21st July, starting at 9:15am – parents/family of year 6 are very welcome to come along.

**Messages from the Parent Group**

Dear All

Huge thanks to you all for your help and hard work for the Summer Fair. It seemed very busy and we are hoping that we will have raised a healthy amount for the school and that people enjoyed themselves. We are counting up the takings so could you please hand in any expenses with receipts into the school office as soon as possible and mark them clearly with your name and the name of the stall.

I'm attaching a form to complete so that we have up to date information on each of the stalls and would be very grateful if you could complete and return it as soon as possible. This information will be particularly helpful this year as the new committee will be taking over from September.

Could you also let us know the names and contact details for the class reps for next year when you have them.

We will be meeting for drinks to celebrate a successful year of fundraising at The Sun on Monday at 8pm and hope you can join us.

Huge thanks to everyone who has supported us this year and in the previous two years, we really appreciate it. Jessie will be continuing on next year with Fiona, Helen, Natasha and Kate and we wish them all the very best.

Thanks
Carole, Jessie, Louise and Rachel

**Lost Property / lunch boxes**

Please can you keep checking lost property for any items that your child(ren) may have misplaced, and collect any left behind lunch boxes – all lost property and lunch boxes left when school closes on Friday 21st July will be disposed of over the Summer holiday.

**Ear piercing**

If you are thinking of getting your child’s ears pierced during the summer holidays, please do so at the start of the holidays. Please note that earrings will need to be removed for PE lessons – taping is not allowed.

**OTHER NEWS**

**Summer Reading Challenge 2017**

Please find poster attached for further details.

**St Benedict’s Catholic College**

Please find attached details regarding St Benedict’s Catholic College Open Evening on September 27th September.

**Colchester School of Gymnastics**

Please find attached the Colchester School of Gymnastics Summer Holiday Programme.

**PIRATES AHOY!**

Holiday Club - Dedham & Ardleigh Parishes – 31 July – 4 August 2017

For further details please see Dedham Church website – link: <http://www.dedham-parishchurch.org.uk/special.php>

Registration and consent forms available from the school office.

**Rise n Shine**

Please find attached details regarding the ‘Rise n Shine’monthly all-together worship, starting Sunday 6th August at Dedham Church.

**Little Squigglers**

**During the SUMMER HOLIDAYS we are running 3 Summer Special Events! Thursday 27th July @ Dedham, Monday 31st July @ Alresford and Wednesday 2nd August @ Wivenhoe!**
**Each session lasts for 55 minutes, and will include 5 different themed messy play stations, a drink, snack and story and the chance to create 3 fantastic themed crafts to take home.**

**To Find Out More –**
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Thank you.