**Weekly SchoolComms e-mail – Thursday 21st September 2017**

Dear All,

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

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 25th September 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**

**Prayer Space**

Today all the children have had the opportunity within the school day to spend time in the school hall taking part in prayer/reflection. It was a successful event and your children may wish to share with you their experiences.

**NO Celebration Assembly Friday 22.09.17**

Please note that as it will be an Understanding Christianity day at school there will be no Celebration Assembly Friday 22.09.17 (tomorrow). We will be celebrating those who entered the Dedham run and presenting trophies to the fastest boy and girl next Friday (29.09.17).

**Photos – family groups**

Family group photos will be taken on Wednesday 27th September.

**Creative Conker Competition – All Years – 50 pence Entry Fee**

Please note that that there will be a creative conker competition at the school for all year groups. The theme this year is ANIMALS. If your child wishes to take part **entires must be in by Wednesday 27th September together with the 50 pence entry fee.**

Judging will take place on the 6th October.

We look forward to seeing some wonderful entries!

**Conker Competition**

There will also be a conker completion for children in KS2. All conkers (with string) must be in school by Wednesday 27th September. The competition will be taking place any time after Wednesday 27th. Please ensure your conkers are in school by the 27th otherwise you may miss out.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 29th September**

On Friday 29th September Dedham Primary School staff will be providing and selling cakes and juice to the children, for the MacMillan cancer support appeal. If the children would like to support this event, the price will be 50p for a cake and a cup of juice. Thank you.

**Parent Group**

Thank you so much for all the contributions to the Dedham Run on Sunday. Whether you ran, marshalled, baked, painted faces, contributed money to buy cakes, spent money on the day or simply cheered the runners on, it all added up to a fantastic day, with a record number of runners taking part.  We look forward to hearing how much was raised!

With school budgets increasingly being squeezed, the need for additional fundraising for the school is greater than ever. The money we raise will be used to fund technology upgrades, to purchase reading and spelling resources, to buy new tables and chairs, giving each classroom a distinct identity... and to buy many more day-to-day essentials! Jessie has been part of the Parent Group for a couple of years but the rest of us are new to this. We would really value your feedback on the events that the Parent Group runs and also how we operate. Please share your ideas by clicking on the link below or copy and paste into your browser. You will be asked to register your name before progressing to the **brief** survey (5 minutes max!)

<https://assess.viewpoint-psychology.com/share/pgs>

The survey will be open for 2 weeks from today. We'll share the key themes from the feedback and, whilst we won't be able to action every individual suggestion, we will move forward with the most popular ideas where possible. If you experience any problems accessing or completing the survey, please contact fiona.robb@viewpoint-psychology.com

The date for the first Class Rep meeting of this year is **Wednesday 27th September** at **The Sun** at **8pm**. All are very welcome ... and we'll be discussing Christmas!

Finally, following the Dedham Run, we have some left over goodies that will be available to purchase after school on Friday. You can pick up 3 cereal bars for the bargain price of £1 or a jar of wholegrain mustard also for £1.

Thanks so much,

Jessie, Kate, Helen, Natasha & Fiona

**Internet Safety Evening for Parents**

Just a reminder that the 2 John’s are leading a day of internet safety on October 11th. All year groups will benefit from their presentations during the day. They will be rounding off with a session for parents on the same evening in the school hall starting at 7pm. All parents/families are encouraged to attend, or be represented, as the information on keeping children safe on-line and dangers they are exposed to is very current and at times will be ‘hard-hitting’.

Please let the school office know by Friday 6th October if you will be attending.

Katherine Montgomery on behalf of CUBE Group

**OTHER**

**Little Pumpkins**

Please find attached October half term holiday club information for Little Pumpkins.

Thank you.