**Weekly SchoolComms e-mail – Thursday 28th September 2017**

Dear All,

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

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 2nd October 2017 IS WEEK 2.

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**

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

Tomorrow (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.

**Life Bus**

The Life Bus is coming – again!

Through annual visits of Coram Life Education – or the Life Bus – children explore factors affecting physical and emotional well-being, including hygiene, healthy eating, positive relationships, self-worth, decision-making and drugs, such as medicines, nicotine, alcohol, caffeine and illegal substances.

The Life Bus will be visiting Dedham Primary School again on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd October 2017. We will be holding a 30 minute PARENTS AND CARERS session from 8:50pm on Tuesday 3rd October. We encourage parents, grandparents and other carers to pop in while the bus is at the school to find out more about their work so that you can follow up and support your children’s learning and thinking about their health decisions.

**Data Collection Sheets**

Every child was sent home over the last two weeks with a Data Collection Sheet. **Could you please ensure that you have returned your child’s DCS by Friday 29th September. It is imperative that we have your correct details on file. Even if the details are all correct please sign and return.**

**Parent Helper & Volunteer Online Safeguarding Training**

I would like to thank those of you who have completed the online safeguarding training and forwarded to the school office the safeguarding certificate.

I do hope we still have many parents wishing to help. Your help in the class makes such a difference to the teachers. If you have not yet completed the online training but still wish to do so please see below.

You can access the online training by copying the following link in to your internet browser. Once you have registered as a new user, click on ‘Learning & Development’, followed by ‘Online Learning Modules’ and then finally ‘Safeguarding’. You can then watch the presentation and take the test at the end. Some of the content may seem a bit complicated (e.g. information about specific safeguarding documents)and I would advise skipping through any of the case studies at the end that aren’t relevant to a school setting. The good news is that you are able to re-take the test at the end as many times as you like so can always look back at the information again if you don’t manage to pass first time! Once you have completed the training, you can either print your certificate or save it as a PDF which you can then email to the school office (office@dedham.essex.sch.uk) who will be keeping a record of everyone’s safeguarding training.

 In addition, a safeguarding training record will need to be completed which is attached, together with a copy of the updated Good Practice for Parent Helpers ,Volunteers and Visitors.

**Online training link:**

http://www.escb.co.uk/en-gb/learninganddevelopment/safeguardingchildrenlevel1.aspx

Unfortunately, if you do not complete the online training, following the safeguarding guidelines you will not be able to help as a parent helper/volunteer at the school.

If your circumstances have changed from last year and you can no longer help please can you let the school office know so they can take you off our system.

Thank you once again for your support.

**Film Club – Friday 6th October – Boss Baby, Friday 6th October, 3:15 – 5pm**

Permission slips for Film Club have already been sent out this week in book bags, spare copies are available in the school office.

**DEN After School Club**

This is for Dedham Primary School pupils to attend along with their families. Siblings of all ages welcome, along with mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles! Children must bring an adult with them.

Every Wednesday in term time, 3.15-4.15. Meet at the main DEN site after school (on the left as you leave the village). Bring your wellies and be ready to enjoy the outdoors!

For more information contact Jen

jen@faireyassociates.co.uk or 07736 679887

**E-Safety – (The 2 Johns) – funded by CUBE – 11th October**

Just a reminder to keep the date in your diary. Thank you. So far we have had only one parent advise us that they will be coming along to the e-safety evening on Wednesday 11th October at 7pm. This event is being put on at great expense (paid for by CUBE) and it would be a great disappointment if this event is poorly attended.

**Parent Group**

Thank you to those of you who came along to the first parent group meeting yesterday. It was very well supported and attended. The meeting minutes will be in next week’s SchoolComms.

Just a little reminder that we still have cereal bars left over from the Dedham Run and we shall be selling these outside the school gates tomorrow at pick up. 3 for £1.00.

Thank You

Fiona, Helen, Jessie, Kate & Natasha

**Packed lunches**

Please can all packed lunches be brought to school in a lunch box/bag with your child’s name on, thank you. Some children are currently coming in to school with their lunch in a plastic carrier bag. This causes concern when lunch boxes/bags are left behind as without a name on the plastic carrier bags we are unable to return the bags to the children/parents, and so parents are not able to check what their child is eating at lunchtimes. There is also the issue of lunch boxes/bags being left behind, particularly over the weekend, with food going mouldy inside. Please can you ensure your child collects their lunch box daily so that you are able to monitor what they have been eating. Thank you.

Please do not pack any fizzy drinks in the lunch boxes/bags.

**School Office Letter Box**

A reminder that a letter box has been installed in the foyer near the school office (underneath the board with the staff photos). Letters and payments to the school office can be placed in this letter box – please ensure all envelopes are sealed and marked with your child’s name and details of what the payment is for/who the letter is for. Thank you to everyone who is currently using this. Envelopes can still be sent in to school with your children and passed to the class teacher.

Please can parents ensure that all money sent in to school IS in an envelope – recently money has been handed in by children (not parents) loose – there is a great possibility that money will be lost this way by the children. Please can you also ensure the CORRECT money is sent in – again, recently people have been sending in money expecting change to be given. We do not carry change in the school office and so monies that are not correct may be returned.

**Head lice**

Please be aware that head lice may be around in the school – please check your children’s hair.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/head-lice-pediculosis>

**OTHER**

**Bikeability**

Please find attached a poster regarding Bikeability instructors to deliver the training on behalf of Essex County Council.

**Harvest Curry Supper – Assembly Rooms - Sunday 14th October 2017**

Please find attached an invite from the young people of Dedham and Ardleigh parishes. All welcome!

**Space and Beyond: Science Discovery Day @ Sandford Mill - Sunday 22 October**

On Sunday 22 October Sandford Mill are hosting a special family space science day , with a visiting planetarium, rockets and robots, live TV transmissions from ‘space’, incredible pictures from space and lots of other exciting hands-on science activities for all the family. It will be out of this world!

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/museumevents](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/museumevents)

**Ipswich High School**

Ipswich High School will be holding a junior and senior school Open Morning on Friday 6th October from 10am. Further details can be found at [www.ipswichhighschool.co.uk/Open-Days](http://www.ipswichhighschool.co.uk/Open-Days)

**Dedham Church – Rise N Shine**

**Harvest special service** - an all-together worship at **Dedham Church** 9.30-10.15am on Sunday 8th October

There will be a collection of gifts of non-perishable food for Beacon House in Colchester

hymns- songs- bible stories-refreshments

dedham-and-ardleigh-parishes.org.uk

**St Mary’s Colchester**

Please find attached details regarding St Mary’s senior school.

Thank you.