**Weekly SchoolComms e-mail – Thursday 16th November 2017**

Dear All,

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

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 20.11.17 IS WEEK 1 (of the AMENDED MENU – please see note below).

**ALL**

**Good news**

Year 6 raised £55 in their conker competitions – they will be splitting this between two charities chosen by the children. Thank you for your support.

**AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL MENU**

Due to feedback from the children, we have removed the keema curry from the menu. Please see the AMENDED menu attached (the amendments are on Thursday of week 1, Wednesday and Thursday of week 2, and Wednesday of week 3).

**NO Celebration Assembly Friday 17.11.17.**

Please note that there will be NO Celebration Assembly on Friday 17th November due to a whole school Understanding Christianity Day.

**An apology…regarding Children In Need**

An apology to the School Council – the Children In Need event has been organised by the School Council and not year 6 as previously stated. Thank you to all the School Council for putting together a great day.

**Children In Need – Friday 17th November - Non Uniform - plain top if possible!**

On Friday 17th November the School Council will be raising money for Children in Need and The Little Princess Trust.

For Children in Need children can come into school in non-uniform but wearing a plain top if possible (this could be their school shirt if they don't have anything else!). They will be EARNING their spots! Teachers and friends will be awarding spots instead of house points for following the school values. Hopefully, by the end of the day they will go home spotty! Children may also come into school with crazy hair. No rules – ANYTHING GOES!

A donation on the day for the charities would be kindly appreciated. 10% will go towards The Little Princess Trust. 90% will go to Children in Need. On top of all that the children will also be able to buy a hot chocolate at break time. Plain will be 50p and a luxury one with marshmallow and squirty cream will be 70p. There will be allergy friendly alternatives!

**Christmas Menus**

Please can you ensure that ALL Christmas menu choices are returned by **Wednesday 22nd November**. Thank you.

**Showcase Assembly REMINDER**

Please note Showcase Assembly dates next week. All welcome!

Monday 20th November at 2.30pm - Class R Showcase Assembly

Tuesday 21st November at 2.30pm – Class 3 Showcase Assembly

Wednesday 22nd November at 2.30pm – Class 6 Showcase Assembly

Thursday 23rd November at 2.30pm – Class 5 Showcase Assembly

**After School Tennis Club**

Please note that the tennis club has now finished for the year (the last lesson was on Tuesday 14th November). Mark will advise us in the Spring as to when he will restart lessons. Thank you.

**Dedham Christmas Market – Saturday 2nd December 2017, 3-6 pm**

Please find attached details regarding the Christmas Market, including the Teddy Raffle, hamper donations, children’s tombola contributions, filled goodie jars, cakes and setting up/packing away. Thank you.

**Parent Group**

Dear All,

Firstly if we could say many thanks to all that attended the meeting last week, another great turn out, the minutes are attached to the school comms.

Christmas Cards- many thanks to all those who have purchased items, this is a lovely way to earn some money for the school, we should hopefully receive them on the last week of November.

Christmas market- your class reps will have been asking kindly for any donations for the hampers, the raffle tickets will follow in the children’s school bags on Friday. We will send each family two books, so the oldest sibling in the school will receive the books. However if you would like further raffle books please contact the school office.

Also any further donations to the goodie jar, children’s tombola and cake stall are gratefully received, the boxes are in the school entrance.

If anyone can help on the day to set up and pack up the stalls we welcome you with open arms as many hands make light work. Please also support your reps with running the stalls on the day this is a large undertaking and they really do appreciate your help.

Easy Fundraising- Also another Easy fundraising plea, it really is a very simple concept and such a stress free and easy way to raise money for the school. The company only has your email address, no bank details. You just follow the link https://.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dceps register and then shop through the app. Many regularly used companies are on here eg John Lewis, Ebay , Amazon to name a few of the 3000 + registered, it would be great to see an increase in members and money raised for the school.

We appreciate this is a really busy and expensive time of year but we are grateful for any support you can offer, thank you for all your support

Fiona, Natasha, Helen, Kate and Jessie

**Assisting the office**

In an effort to aid the School office staff and reduce the number of interruptions in class, we ask parents to help us in the following ways:

\* All dinner money must be paid on a Monday (or the first day back after the holidays) and be placed in a named envelope.

\* Please could all money be placed in envelopes with the child’s name, class and event/activity written on the front.  Separate envelopes with correct cash amounts should be given for each event/activity.  There is now a white post-box in the entrance foyer where you can post money instead of queuing at the window and also a handy stash of envelopes for when you forget one.

\* All absences must be reported to the school no later than 9:30am (ideally earlier) and can be sent by email to [office@dedham.essex.sch.uk](mailto:office@dedham.essex.sch.uk) if you would rather avoid waiting to get through on the phone.  The office is staffed from 8:30am.

\* The collection time for all after school clubs is 4.15pm with the exception of Focus Learning sessions which will finish at 4.30pm.  Please make sure your child is collected on time as the office is only staffed until 4:30pm.

Many thanks for all your help with the above which will enable the School office to run more efficiently and smoothly.

**OTHER**

**Enrichment Activities**

Attached to this Bulletin are flyers regarding possible enrichment activities. These are organised by external organisations, whilst Dedham Primary School is happy to share these opportunities with our parents and students we have no responsibility for them.

**School Admissions for Reception Class in September 2018**

Parents of children born during the period 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 should apply for primary school places between 13th November 2017 and 15th January 2018.

Further information is available on the website: [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

**Big Breakfast**

DON’T FORGET THE BIG BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, 8.30 - 11.30 AM.

£8 PER PERSON, CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE.

THREE COURSES OF EVERYTHING YOU WANT FOR A GOOD ENGLISH BREAKFAST!!!

**Christmas Tree Festival**

Dedham Parish Church are holding the Christmas Tree Festival again this year (2nd & 3rd December). Please find attached a poster for further details.

Entries are invited from all!

Entry fee: £3 per tree

Deadline for entry forms: 24th November 2017

Completed trees to be delivered to the church on: Friday 1st December between: 3pm-4.30pm

Trees to be collected by participants on: Sunday 2nd December by 4pm

Tree specifications:

No taller than 5ft

LED battery operated lights only - to be provided by participants

Trees can be on any theme or subject (remember they’re not to include toxic substances or be offensive)

Further details available from: Briony Lawton; 01206 321224

Completed forms to be returned to: Dedham Parish Church, Parish Office, Assembly Rooms Dedham High Street, Dedham OR email to [stmaryda@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryda@gmail.com)

**Mistley Kids Club – Winter holiday**

Please find attached details regarding the Mistley Kids Club Winter holiday fun.

Thank you.