**Weekly SchoolComms e-mail – Thursday 30th November 2017**

Dear All,

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

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 4th December 2017 IS WEEK 3.

**ALL**

**Headteacher Interviews – a message from Reverend Antony Wilson**

Please pray for the interviews for a new Headteacher which will be taking place next week.

**Parent Group**

Thank you for your generous contributions to the class hampers for the Christmas Market raffle. They are currently in the window of the pharmacy and looking fantastic!

There is still time to support Kim Spencer and your class reps who are working incredibly hard to make the Christmas Market a success. If you are able to make/ contribute towards a cake or make some mulled cider (recipe attached), these will be gratefully received in the office on Friday or in the Market Square on the day itself.

You can still donate to the children’s tombola or the goodie jar stall and there are plenty of raffle tickets for the hampers and the rather adorable soft toy available! Please, please remember to return any unsold raffle tickets to the office so that we have another chance to sell them on the day.

Finally, if you are able to spare half an hour on the day to support us with logistics, there are 2 key points where help in the market square would be incredibly useful:

**9.15am** - setting up the large marquee.

**6pm** - clearing up and transporting equipment back to school.

Most importantly, we look forward to seeing you on this very festive Saturday afternoon and fingers crossed we will set a new fundraising record!

Many thanks,

Jess, Kate, Helen, Natasha and Fiona

**Cakes needed!**

Please donate cakes, or 50p for the Christmas Fair cake stall.

Please bring to school on Friday 1st December (school office) or cakes to the stall on Saturday 2nd December from 2pm.

Mince pies, cupcakes , scrumptious chocolate cakes, Victoria sponges and fruit cakes all welcome!

Thank you!

**More Goodie Jars Needed! PLEASE**

Final appeal to anyone that is able to put together a jar of goodies for the class 4 stall. So far we only have 25 jars to sell on Saturday, so please, please help us if you can. A big thanks to all those who have been able to contribute so far

Class 4 Reps x’

**Dedham Christmas Tree Festival 2017 update**

Hello all,

We’re on the countdown and getting excited about the Dedham Christmas Tree Festival this weekend. Thank you for all your entries – we have a record breaking 37 entries so far!

We’re getting in touch about the details of what’s happening and when to bring/collect your tree.

Tree drop-off: please bring your tree on Friday 1 December anytime from 2.30pm – 4pm. We are currently enquiring as to whether we will be able to keep the church open later, but for now it would be great if you could work with these times. If you do need to bring your tree earlier on Friday or Saturday morning, please let me know and we’ll make sure we’re around.

**Tree collection: please collect your tree on Sunday 3 December by no later than 4pm.**

Tree entry fee: please bring with you any entry fees (if you’ve not paid already) on Friday 1 December

Please note, that we will do our best to protect your trees and they’ll be placed in the most appropriate space, but we’re not responsible for any damages.

Think that’s everything, but please do get in touch if you have any queries. My contact number is: 07834 845918 for any queries or chats after tomorrow.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Friday!

Briony Lawton and the Christmas Tree Festival team

**Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal**

This year, instead of Operation Christmas Child, we have decided to support a cause a little closer to home by donating new unwrapped toys and gifts for children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present. If you would like to donate a gift, please bring it in to school by Wednesday 6th December and we will take all donations together to our nearest centre. Suggestions for gifts include:

0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles

3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles

5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords

9-12: games and toys, stationery, CDs, DVDs, books, T-Shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats

13-16: CDs, DVDs, books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, T-Shirts, hair accessories

**Tag Rugby - After School Club**

Please note the last Tag Rugby after school club will be on Wednesday 13th December.

**Gymnastics After School Club**

Please note the last Gymnastics after school club was on the 29th November.

**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.

Thank you.

**Ardleigh Pre-school Christmas Fair – Sunday 3rd December, 11am-3pm**

Please find attached details about Ardleigh Pre-school Christmas Fair on Sunday 3rd December from 11am-3pm.

**Dedham Youth Club**

Dear Parents, Guardians and Members (Present & Future)

**The YMCA Dedham Youth Club Annual General Meeting shall take place on Friday 19th January 2018 @7:00pm, prior to the Youth Club session.** This is an opportunity for you to have your say in the running of the Youth Club for when your children are invited to attend in the summer.

We will also need volunteers to join the committee as the Chairman will not be continuing in the role. Two people to take on the role of Secretary and Treasurer are also being sought. It is always good to have three other committee members to help with fundraising, liaising with the Duchy Barn, and generally being supportive in making positive contributions to the Youth Club.

**We cannot emphasise strongly enough that if there is no committee, there is no Youth Club. The YMCA can only operate if there is a parent committee.**

If anyone is interested in joining the committee and wants to understand what the role entails please call Mark Dempsey on 01206322803.

Please hold the date. An agenda will be sent prior to the meeting. Thank you.

Dedham Youth Club Committee & The YMCA.

**ACL Courses**

Keep an eye out this week for the '24 hour ACL flash sales'. In the coming weeks leading up to Christmas, they will be reducing the cost of ACL courses. This is an excellent opportunity to go and try an ACL course in the new year at a fraction of the normal price.

Price reductions will include, art, craft, languages, humanities, photography, pottery and more. Savings of up to 50% will be available on some of the flash sales. Keep an eye out for the newsletters and on social media detailing when the sales begin, you will have to get in quick :)

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