**Weekly SchoolComms e-mail – Thursday 7th December 2017**

Dear All,

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

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 11.12.17 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**

**Thank you!**

I’d like to begin this week by saying a HUGE thank you to everyone who was involved in this year’s Christmas market. It seemed busier than ever and I know that many stalls reported record takings so we look forward to seeing the final total. None of this important fundraising would happen without the time and donations from all parents but I would especially like to mention Kim Spencer (who has organised the market for nearly 20 years now!) and the parent group committee (Helen, Fiona, Natasha, Jessie & Kate) who stepped up when it mattered to continue the fantastic work for our school. I hope you all get a well-earned rest this Christmas!

**Christmas Photos**

With lots of Christmas events coming up, I’d like to take this opportunity to remind everybody to make sure that they only share images of their own child with other people via social media. If you take photos with other children in the picture, please carefully crop the photo before sharing. This way we can continue to respect the wishes of those who don’t wish pictures of their children to be shared to a wider audience. Thank you for your cooperation.

**NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER**

Please note there will be no Celebration Assembly tomorrow. The whole school will be taking part in an Understanding Christianity Day.

**Parent Group**

A massive thank you to all those that donated cakes last Saturday, there were some amazing creations and variety and we appreciate all the time and effort that goes into making them. Thank you!

Thank you so so much for your contributions of time, your multiple donations to stalls and for spending your hard earned cash at the Christmas Market.

We’ll share how much was raised as soon as all proceeds have been totalled and verified. As crowds were large, we’re hopeful for a bumper year!

In the meantime, we promise not to ask you to bake another cake or buy another raffle ticket for quite some time!

Many thanks again and whatever your plans, enjoy a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Jess, Natasha, Kate, Helen & Fiona

**Film Club – Friday 15th December – 3:15pm-4:45pm**

Please find attached the film club ticket order form. Spare copies are in the office if required.

**Suffolk Villages Festival Concert - Sunday 10th December (KS2 Choir)**

We have our final two rehearsals for this concert this week (today with the orchestra until 4:15pm and tomorrow until 4:15pm).

On Sunday, please can the children arrive at Dedham Church in school uniform for a 3pm rehearsal.  After the rehearsal they will be fed and will have a break before the concert starts at 6pm.  One or two parents have asked if they can send their child with emergency snacks and of course this is allowed although I am assured the food provided is very good!

If you are not attending the concert, it should finish at around 7:45pm and I will of course wait with all of the children until they are collected.  The children should all have brought home consent forms yesterday but I have left spare copies in the office.  With so much illness around at the moment, it would be helpful for me to have contact details during the afternoon and evening just in case.

Many thanks for your support of this concert and other events at this busy time of year.  It's a fantastic opportunity for the children to work with professional musicians and I'm sure the children will gain a great deal from their experience.

Miss Valentine

**Christmas dates for your diary**

**Monday 11.12.17** – **Deadline for KS1 Nativity DVD orders at 4:30pm** (very latest – any orders received after this time will be returned, not completed).

**Wednesday 13.12.17** - **EYFS Nativity** 2:00pm start.

**Friday 15.12.17** – **Christmas Coffee Morning at 10am**, for members of the community and people who have helped in the school this term. This is another opportunity for us to say thank you to you and for you to hear the children (from Foundation Stage, KS1 and KS2) sing a selection of their Christmas songs.

**Friday 15.12.17 – Film Club – 3:15pm-4:45pm.** Merry Madagascar & Shrek the Halls. **Deadline for ticket orders is Wednesday 13.12.17.**

**Sunday 17.12.17 – Dedham Village Carol Service at the Church -** 5.45pm for a 6pm start –All children attending as part of the school choir are to be in school uniform please.

**Monday 18.12.17 - KS2 Carol service at 7:00pm, at Dedham Church - 6.45pm for a 7pm start**. Everyone is welcome but please bear in mind that as all the pupils from KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) will be attending, seating will be restricted. All KS2 children to attend in their school uniform.

**Tuesday 19.12.17 – Final Celebration Assembly at 9:15am.** Please note this has been moved from Monday 18th December.

**Tuesday 19.12.17** – School Christmas lunch, then EYFS & KS1 Party (pick up from school at normal time, ie 3:10pm) and then the KS2 Disco from 3:15pm-4:30pm.

Children can come in to school in non-uniform for the day (but please bear in mind that the children will need to still go out to play at break time and lunch time so please can they wear appropriate clothing).

**Wednesday 20.12.17 – Church Service at 10am.** All welcome. Please walk down with us from the school to the church if you are able.

**Lost property & Left Lunch Boxes**

Please collect any lost property and lunch boxes before the term ends. Thank you. Any items left behind will be disposed of.

**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.

**Rise N Shine Worship – Dedham Church - Sunday 10th December 9.30 – 10.15am**

All welcome! Come and join us at Dedham Church on Sunday 10th December at 9.30am for Advent. Please see attached poster.

**Colchester Castle Museum**

Visit Santa at Colchester Castle Museum -The Castle's ancient Lucas Vaults will once again be transformed into a magical grotto, where families can visit Santa, take in the decorated surroundings and receive a gift from the man himself. Bookable sessions are from 10am - 4.30pm, Saturday 16 - Sunday 17 December and Thursday 21 - Saturday 23 December. Package details and special offers available – please see website for further information. Spaces are limited, so please book now on 01206 282949 to avoid disappointment.

<https://cimuseums.org.uk/event/meet-santa/>

Christmas Open Evening at the Castle on 13th December - A seasonal treat as Colchester Castle opens its doors for FREE! Come and soak up the Christmas atmosphere with carols, mince pies, entertainment and an opportunity to meet Santa before his busy night. Meet Santa and receive a gift £3.50 – see website for further details.

<https://cimuseums.org.uk/event/christmas-open-evening-colchester-castle/>

Thank you.