**Weekly SchoolComms e-mail – Thursday 8th February 2018**

Dear All,

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

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 19.02.18 IS WEEK 1.

**Lunch money for next half term**

**If you are paying for school lunches for next half term the amount is £58.00 (from 19.02.18 – 29.03.18). Thank you.**

**ALL**

**News**

In last week's email, I wrote about some of our year 5 and 6 pupils taking part in an indoor athletics competition.  They worked hard as a team, winning some events whilst being narrowly beaten in others.  We have still not received the final result but regardless of the outcome, I would like to congratulate the team on their performance - well done!  This week has seen many other exciting events take place: year 2 were introduced to a new language during a Chinese workshop; year 6 visited Manningtree High School to watch a super performance of Arabian Nights; year 3 took part in an Egyptian Day with pupils and staff in full costume; and year 1 performed their Spring term showcase assembly to their parents (all other class assemblies will take place after half-term).  We will finish the week tomorrow with our next 'Understanding Christianity' day where all classes will be exploring the Gospel and this coincides with a non-uniform day to raise funds for the upkeep of the DEN site.  I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved week off after what always feels like a long half-term (even though it is actually one of the shortest) and I will see you all back at school on Monday 19th February.  Mr Aylott

Half Term is Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2018, returning to school Monday 19th February.

**Scarlet Fever**

We have had two recorded cases of scarlet fever within the school. Please refer to the following website for further details.

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/

**Reminder - NO Celebration Assembly Friday 9th February**

Just a reminder that there is an Understanding Christianity morning at school Friday 9th February so there will be NO Celebration Assembly that day.

**Friday 9th February - Non Uniform Day in Aid of the DEN Site - £1 Donation**

Please note that tomorrow there will be a non-uniform day in aid of the DEN Site. Minimum donation £1 – your kind donations help to continue to make the outdoor space available to us.

**Friday 16th March – amendment to dinner menu**

Please note that on Friday 16th March the school dinner menu will be changed – FOR THAT DAY ONLY. This is in consultation with the School Council.

It will now be: Frankfurter in a roll with chips (vegetarian meal will be vegetarian sausage in a roll with chips). The dessert will remain the same, ie homemade cookie.

**Parent Consultation Evening/Afternoon**

**Tuesday 6th March (5-9pm) and Wednesday 7th March (3.30-6pm)**

REMINDER: Online Appointment Booking available until Monday 5th March at 11pm.

**Year 6 – Residential Trip – payment deadline 5th February**

The deadline for the first instalment for the Residential Trip was 05.02.18. If you have not already paid please can you forward either the first instalment or the full amount to the school office before the school closes for the half term break. Please ensure the payment is in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and whether it is full payment or the first instalment. Thank you.

**TT Rock Stars**

This app is proving extremely popular with children right across KS2 and we are delighted with the impact that it is having on children's recall of multiplication and division facts. As a school we pay an annual subscription meaning that it is completely FREE for families to use at home.

There have been some issues with the app owing to the fact that almost overnight, the app's popularity took off and it began to be used by schools all across the country! Two new servers have now been commissioned and this should help to eliminate any problems that children may have been experiencing. We have been advised that the app has been updated and version one will no longer work after 16th February. The latest version is 2.0.8 and I believe that the app is now available for Android users too. Some users on older devices may have experienced a small delay when entering answers and a setting has been added to reduce this lag. Click on the Me icon and enable Slow Device Mode and Hide Multiplayer Sidebar.

Times tables recall speed is fundamental to success in so many areas of mathematics and it is definitely something that teachers would greatly appreciate parents helping with at home. Please do download the app if you haven't done so already because it really is a fantastic way to help children to rehearse times tables facts. If you have any questions or problems at all, please don't hesitate to ask.

Miss Valentine

**Author Visit - Friday 23rd February and Fancy Dress Day – Friday 2nd March**

On Friday 23rd February, children's author Will Mabbitt will be visiting the school. During the day, he will lead an interactive assembly and every class will also have a workshop based on one of his books. At the end of the day, he will be selling and signing copies of his books should anyone like to buy them.

Because Will's series of books called Mabel Jones is based on pirates, the theme for this year's fancy dress day on Friday 2nd March will also be pirates. If this causes any difficulties, children can of course come dressed as any character from a book about pirates, which could for example include Peter Pan, Treasure Island and the Jonny Duddle stories. As always, if possible, it would be super if children could bring in a copy of the book which their character is from to share with their class.

Thank you,

Miss Valentine

**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.

**February Half Term Holiday Camp**

Please find attached details regarding activities held in February half term at the Dedham Tennis Club

**Mistley RUFC – Girls Rugby Warrior Camps**

Please find attached details regarding events on Tuesday 17th April .

**ASM – Anglia Sports Management**

To find out more and to book the after school clubs which run at our school in partnership with Anglia Sports Management, please visit

[http://angliasportsmanagement.com](http://angliasportsmanagement.com/after-school-activities-2017-priority/)

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