**Weekly SchoolComms e-mail – Thursday 3rd May 2018**

Dear All,

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

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C Tuesday 8th May 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**

**News:**

After the very rainy start to the week, it looks like the sun is returning - let's hope it sticks around for the bank holiday weekend! I begin this week with an update on the swimming gala that took place last Thursday. It turned out that some other primary schools had withdrawn from the event, meaning it was just Dedham against Ipswich! Despite being up against some very competitive swimmers (who clearly have their own pool to practise in every week) we put in some great performances, even winning some races! What pleased me most was the number of emails I received from parents following the event, saying how proud they were of the attitude, teamwork and friendship shown by our pupils. Ipswich staff were also very complimentary and said we will certainly be invited back again for future events - well done team! The rain put paid to this week's sporting fixtures but yr 5 and 6 still had their cricket sessions on Thursday, run by our visiting coach, Shelly. Four members of class R joined the 'Open-The-Book' team to act out the story of the selfish servant in assembly on Wednesday, teaching us all that we have to learn to forgive if we want to be forgiven. Just a reminder that class photos are planned for next Wednesday morning so make sure your children have brushed their hair and teeth in preparation and come to school wearing their School jumper or cardigan. Enjoy the bank holiday and we'll see you all on Tuesday for a short week. Mr Aylott

**Monday 7th May – Bank Holiday Monday**

Please note that Monday 7th May is a Bank Holiday and so the school will not be open. We will return to school on Tuesday 8th May.

**Wednesday 9th May**

Please note Class photos will be taken on Wednesday 9th May.

**Football Club - CANCELLED Monday 14th May**

Due to the very bad weather on Monday 30th April, the proposed football match against Gt Oakley had to be cancelled. This match has been rearranged for Monday 14th May which means that Football After School Club will be cancelled that day.

**Netball Club – CANCELLED Monday 21st May**

There will be NO Netball Club after school on Monday 21st May due to a Netball Match at Highfields.

**Parent Group**

Minutes

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the recent meeting. Please find attached minutes of this and the AGM along with the treasurers report presented in the AGM.

**Summer Fair**

At the recent meeting stalls and raffle hampers for the summer fair were allocated to classes as follows. Please help your class reps in any way you can and as ever, if you are interested in getting more involved in this or any PG event please discuss with your class rep or any member of the committee.

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|  | **Stalls** | **Hampers** |
| Class R | Hairspray and Tatoos | Toys |
| Class 1 | Pimms | Garden Party |
| Class 2 | Treasure Hunt / Trail | Arts and Crafts |
| Class 3  | Toys and Fancy Dress | Sports |
| Class 4 | Ice Cream | Gardening |
| Class 5 | Coconut Shy and Hook a Duck | Beach |
| Class 6 | Dice and Goodie Bags | Luxury Food and Drink |

Old £1 coins

Thank you to those who have kindly donated their old £1 coins. We can still accept any you may find lying around the house. See below for details....

Do you have any old style £1 coins lying around the house? Behind sofa cushions etc? You can no longer spend them in shops but if you’re happy to donate them to the parent group we can cash them at the bank.

We will place a jar in the reception if you’d like to donate any please bring into the office or place in an envelope and hand to Kate in the playground.

Thank you,

Fiona, Helen, Tash, Jessie and Kate

**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.

**News from Dedham Church**

This Sunday we will be sowing some seeds in Dedham Church to celebrate the arrival of Spring! Come along to Rise N Shine on Sunday 6th May at 9.30am. We will be thinking about generosity and what it means to give something back to our communities. There will be lots of creative activities to engage with this week. Help us sow some seeds of generosity (or sunflowers and pumpkins) and reap the rewards in the months to come. Think of all that lovely soup come Harvest time.

Highlights in our newsletter (see attachment) this month include:

•upcoming events and services to celebrate Ascension and Pentecost as part of the global Thy Kingdom Come prayer movement

•how some Class R helpers show the rest of school how to forgive with the help of King Merv

•what stories and activities you can find in church later this month

Reverend Antony (Vicar)

and Sally (Children and Families Worker)

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**Mistley Kids Club – May Half Term**

Please find attached activities taking place in May Half Term.

For further details please visit: <https://www.mistleykidsclub.co.uk/>

**Mistley Cricket Club**

Please find attached details regarding Mistley Cricket Club.

**Ipswich High School – Open Morning – Friday 15th June at 10am**

Please find attached details regarding Ipswich High School open morning on Friday 15th June.

**Lawford Football Club**

Please find attached details regarding the Lawford Football Club who are looking for more players to join the squad.

**Bikeability**

Please find attached details regarding vacancies for Bikeability instructors.

Thank you.