**Weekly SchoolComms e-mail – Thursday 17th May 2018**

Dear All,

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

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 21st May 2018 IS WEEK 3.

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**

My time this week has been dominated by the administration of the year 6 SATS tests. I know I say this every year but we are truly blessed to have children who are not daunted by taking these tests and who show resilience, confidence and perseverance in their approach to each and every one, no matter how tough they may be. THANK YOU year 6 for being so amazing – it won’t be long before we’re off to Mersea for our residential and some well-earned fun!

In our latest sports round up, both the year 5/6 girls football team and a year 2 football team travelled to Lawford last Friday. Unfortunately neither side were victorious (against two very competitive sides!) but once again their attitude and commitment cannot be faulted. Every event representing your school, whether you win or lose, is a valuable experience that will serve you well in the future. On Monday the boys football team beat Great Oakley 8-3 (Mr Osborn actually lost count so we think that was the final score) in a great team display! Looking ahead, I’d like to invite everyone to join us at the village playing fields next Tuesday afternoon to support all the pupils in years 3-6 who are running in our third annual cross-country event. The children in years R-2 will also be taking part in a more informal event at school one afternoon next week where medals will be awarded for outstanding effort!

Finally, a reminder that although the school gates are open until 9:00am every morning, the official start time for children in years 3-6 is actually 8:50am. Obviously things happen from time to time that can make you late but please try to ensure that children are in school promptly every morning – 10mins each day is nearly an hour of additional learning every week and most classes use this time to practise or consolidate key skills. Thank you.

Mr Aylott

**Request for help with RE lessons**

After the holidays, children in all classes will be having a focus on special symbols in their Religions lessons. Classes will either be focussing on Buddhism, Hinduism, Sikhism or Humanism. It would really benefit our pupils to hear from people who are members of the above faiths and hear about their real-life experiences. If you are willing to talk to the children about your beliefs, daily lives and any special symbols you have around your home, please contact Miss Peake via the school office. Thank you.

**Celebration Assemblies**

The next Celebration Assembly is tomorrow (Friday 18.05.18) and we will be celebrating birthdays up to Sunday 27th May (there will be no Celebration Assembly on Friday 25th May).

The first Celebration Assembly after half term will be Friday 8th June where we will celebrate any birthdays from 28th May up to 8th June.

Just a reminder that the girl lion cuddly toy has not yet been won…

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

As there is a Netball Match at Highfields on Monday 21st May there will be NO Netball Club after school that day.

**KS2 Choir – CANCELLED Tuesday 22nd May**

Please note there will be NO KS2 Choir on Tuesday 22nd May as Miss Valentine has a meeting to attend. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

 **Tag Rugby After School Club – CANCELLED Wednesday 23rd May**

There will be no Tag Rugby After School Club on Wednesday 23rd May due to a Tag Rugby Tournament taking place.

**KS2 Cross Country Event – Dedham Playing Field - Tuesday 22nd May**

KS2 children will be taking part in a cross country event on Tuesday 22nd May. The children will be leaving school at 1pm and the races will start at 1.30pm. All children will come back to school after it finishes for normal pick up.

**CALLING FOR HELPERS!!! Any help from parents albeit as a Marshall Volunteer or a welcoming spectator would be kindly appreciated. Please let the school office know if you are happy to help as a Marshall Volunteer.**

**Thank you in advance for all your support.**

**Yr 6 Residential Trip – 3rd & Final Instalment Due**

The Year 6 Residential trip is nearly upon us!

If your preferred method of payment is by instalments please note that the final instalment of £50 is due by the 21st May. Any cheques should be made payable to Dedham C of E Primary School Fund.

**Class Photos**

Class photos will be sent out this week. Please look out for them in your children’s school bags. **Please return any orders by Tuesday 5th June**. Unfortunately, orders received after this date will not be accepted and will be returned to you.

**Yr 6 Bikeability**

There are still a number of children who have not returned their Bikeability forms (originally sent out to children on 04.05.18, with extra copies being handed out again on 14.05.18). These urgently need to be returned to the school office by Friday (tomorrow – 18.05.18).

**School Reports**

If you require a second copy of the school report for your child/ren please ensure you hand a large stamped addressed envelope in to the school office. Thank you.

**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 - it's party time!**

This weekend I am sure we will all be celebrating something. The happiness of the Royal Wedding, the jubilation of the Cup Final ... the joy of Pentecost perhaps?

Christians across the world are celebrating the birth of the church on Sunday, the Day of Pentecost. Like any celebration we have been building up to this day and children and families across our community and schools have all been playing their part.

Our special edition newsletter (see attachment) tells you what we have been doing to get ready, as well as:

•details about our Day of Prayer on Saturday at the church

•plans to decorate our village with the longest ever paper chain

•news of a very forgiving gift from King Merv

•an invitation to come to a special birthday party at Ardleigh Church on Sunday

It also includes other news about upcoming events and services at the church.

Enjoy your weekend!

Reverend Antony (Vicar)

and Sally (Children and Families Worker)

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**Ipswich School Science Experience Day**

Please find attached details regarding the Ipswich School Science Experience Day on Saturday 9th June, 9am-11am.

Thank you.