**Weekly SchoolComms e-mail – Thursday 21st June 2018**

Dear All,

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

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 25th June 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**

Another week has flown by and sports day seems so long ago! It was a fantastic day and huge congratulations to the Munnings team who won both the relay and sports day trophies. Well done to all medal winners and in particular, those who were recognised for teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day.

I was lucky enough to visit Colchester Garrison athletics track on Tuesday with years 4 and 5. Several coaches gave up their time voluntarily to let the children experience some different track and field events and we are really grateful for this. I firmly believe that the children in our school get such a variety of sporting experiences which is what the Government’s Sports Premium funding was created for.

One of our school values is Service and a group of year 6 pupils visited Blackbrook Care Home on Tuesday to entertain the residents with a selection of songs they have been learning. Thanks to the ‘Friends of Dedham Church’ who finance the transport to allow us to maintain this important link.

The DEN site has been busy this week with a number of classes making use of the area to enhance their learning. DEN club continues after school on Wednesdays and this week they took advantage of the hot weather to go for a dip in the river - I hope the water wasn’t too cold!

Today, children in KS2 were visited by John Willis, Founder of Power2Inspire. Born without fully formed arms and legs, John talked to the children about his challenge to complete 34 Olympic and Paralympic sports! It was an amazing talk that captivated the children (and adults) and taught us all that anything is possible if you put your mind to it! You can see a video of John’s challenge on the Power2Inspire website: http://power2inspire.org.uk/about-us/the-team/

There is a celebration assembly tomorrow morning at 9:05am and we will be celebrating our usual array of achievements, along with birthdays up to Sunday 24th June. The new (and hopefully final) birthday animal is a monkey. Finally, I will be packing my bags this weekend ready for the year 6 residential visit to Mersea Camp next week. Please cross your fingers for good weather and children…..don’t forget your toothbrushes!!!! Mr Aylott

**Skipping Workshops held on 25th June 2018**

Lizzie Cox is visiting our school on Monday 25th June to deliver skipping workshops to classes R – 5 (Year 6 will be away on their residential trip).

Skipping Workshops have presented demonstrations in over 2000 schools, represented Great Britain in international skipping events and appeared on many TV shows.

Their aim is to encourage children and adults to skip for health, fun and fitness, whilst introducing modern and traditional skipping games including **individual rope tricks**, **speed skills** and **Double Dutch and French skipping** back into the playground. The school supports these aims.

The same high quality **‘speed ropes’** as used by the international team, will be on sale at school at a ***reduced*** cost of **£4.00**. The ropes are made to a high standard, are light and turn easily to allow children and adults to progress rapidly. Colour change solar ropes are **£5**. New Trickstar competitive ropes are £7 (suitable up to 5’8), Adult ropes are also available for older/taller children and your personal fitness/weight loss etc at **£6** each 4m ‘family ropes’ at **£7.50** each and 2 x Double Dutch ropes for **£12.**

Ropes will be on sale **AFTER** school on the above date. Please note that this is on a first come first served basis. Unfortunately money cannot be left with the school office (or in the school office post box). Orders cannot be taken via the school office.

NB If your child is bringing their rope to school; please make sure it is labelled!

**NO KS2 Choir – Tuesday 26th June**

Owing to the Year 6 residential and a large number of children being unable to attend, there will be no KS2 Choir next week (26th).  Sorry for any inconvenience that this causes.

Miss Valentine

**Piano Lessons – September 2018**

As we approach the end of the current academic year, it appears that there will be a limited number of spaces available for piano lessons starting in September, once the waiting list has been absorbed into the new timetable. To enquire, register your interest or to sign up, please contact Antony Watson directly on 01206 322425, or by email at antonywatson.aw@gmail.com or leave your details with the school office.

Thanks, Antony

**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.

**Dedham Church**

Dear families,

This week our attached newsletter gives details of lots of fun events and activities coming up over the next month. There is something for everyone, especially anyone wishing to escape the football!

Two specific things we would like to highlight:

•We have an exciting outdoor service of celebration planned for our next Rise N Shine service on the 1st July, to which we would like to extend a warm invitation for you to attend.

•We will be hosting a Music and Art weekend, 13-15 July. Poster attached. Please support all these worthwhile causes, particularly the screening of the Greatest Showman on the 15th July which will raise funds for the Parent Group at Dedham Primary.

It's a busy time ... and we hope you will find some time to relax at one of our events.

Reverend Antony (Vicar)

and Sally (Children and Families Worker)

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**Tennis Squads at Dedham Tennis Club - Saturday Mornings**

Please find attached details of Saturday Morning Tennis run by Zico.

**Stanway Swim Club**

Please see attached letter regarding swim club trials at Stanway Swim Club.

**Ipswich High School**

As a reminder, from September 2019 onwards Ipswich High School will be accepting boys up to and including Year 7.

A list of their important dates are as follows:

Open Morning                             Friday 5th October 2018 10am – 1pm

Year 7 2019 Gainsborough Scholarship application deadline              Friday 12th October 2018

Bursary & Registration Application Deadline                                            Friday 2nd November 2018

Scholarship Assessments                                                                              Thursday & Friday 8th & 9th Nov 2018

Year 7 Entrance Test                                                                                    Wednesday 14th November 2018

Offers                                                                                                            December 2018 onwards

For further information: **ipswichhighschool.co.uk**

Thank you.