**Weekly SchoolComms e-mail – Thursday 28th June 2018**

Dear All,

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

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 02.07.18 IS WEEK 2.

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**

This week, I had the pleasure of spending 3 days with our year 6 pupils at Mersea Outdoors Centre on their residential trip. The weather was amazing and activities included climbing, archery, an aerial high-ropes course, a very muddy adventure trail and many more. As I posted on Twitter, there were so many highlights but seeing the children show teamwork and friendship to overcome the many challenges they faced was well worth all the hours of missed sleep! It’s these parts of the job that I will miss the most when I leave although I’ve still not quite forgiven the small group of girls for the 5:00am wakeup call on Tuesday morning - you know who you are!

Year 6 were not the only ones out of school this week as Class R made the most of the good weather on their first school-trip to Fingringhoe. Most pupils took part in skipping workshops on Monday, Class 5 enjoyed a science day at Manningtree High School today and some of Class 3 and 4 were also at Manningtree for an athletics event.

Celebration Assembly will be at the usual time tomorrow and, as a bit of advance notice for those whose birthdays fall in the summer holidays, we will be doing one final Celebration Assembly on Friday 13th of July.

**Class teachers for next year**

We are now in a position to be able to share with you class teachers for September.

Class R - Mrs Griffiths (formerly Miss Manser)

Class 1 - Miss Alcock (currently teaching Class 1 with Miss Peake)

Class 2 - Miss Hall

Class 3 - Mrs Wilson (formerly Miss Peake)

Class 4 - Mr Osborn

Class 5 - Miss Valentine & Mrs Davies

Class 6 - Miss Plant

Madame Duah will return to teaching French and will also be covering classes for teachers' PPA time.

The children will have the opportunity to meet their new class teachers on Friday 13th July and as always teachers will hold 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for parents early in September.

Miss Hall will be new to our school in September. She is very excited to be moving to Dedham Primary School and she has organised some additional release time from her current school so that she can really get to know the staff and current Class 1 children ahead of September. We are delighted to be welcoming both Miss Hall and Miss Alcock to our permanent teaching team.

Miss Laura Valentine

Deputy Headteacher

**Summer Fair – Friday 6th July**

Dear All,

With the Summer Fair fast approaching on the 6th July your class reps will be requesting your help to run the stalls and for donations. We are looking for donations of

\*Toys and Fancy Dress

\*Cakes to be brought in on the day itself.

We require help at the start of the fair prior to the teachers coming out to run some of the stalls, if this is something you could assist with please email jessiecooper@hotmail.co.uk. We will also need assistance after drop off to set up marquees and gazebos and packing up at the end, so if you can could help that would be great as many hands make light work.

Thank you to those that have had boards outside their houses to advertise the fair it is much appreciated. Unfortunately there will be no petting zoo this year as the family that run it are unwell, we know this will be a loss but there are lots of new exciting things this year including additional inflatables, extra children games, and a Pimms Stall. The Summer Fair is one of our biggest fundraisers so we really do appreciate any support.

The Raffle tickets have all gone out in your children’s school bags if you could return any purchased raffle tickets stubs and money to the office and return any free tickets ASAP.

The Hampers will be wrapped tomorrow to go into the pharmacy window, your last chance to drop off any donations will be in the morning.

What a fantastic sports day with fabulous weather, great sportsmanship and team work, the coffee and ice cream van raised £107.20, which is great so thanks for your support.

Thanks you to the team that helped to run the Father’s Day Surprise Room, again the children enjoyed choosing their gift and it raised £126.26.

It’s that time again when we will be looking for new class reps for the next year, if you are interested please let your current rep know, as we would like to have a team in place before the end of term.

Many Thanks

Fiona, Kate, Tash, Helen and Jessie

**Parent Group Meeting – 13th June**

Please find attached Minutes of the last meeting on the 13th June.

**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 News**

This Sunday, at our 9.30am Rise N Shine Service, we will be having a special service of celebration on the theme of Cherishing Churchyards. We will gather in the centre of the churchyard for some outdoor worship and in addition to the usual hymns and readings we will have creative activities that help us explore the churchyard. Scavenger hunting and some natural wildlife art options will keep all inquisitive children amused.

Bring a picnic blanket and join friends and neighbours for refreshments afterwards.

We look forward to seeing you,

Reverend Antony

**Colchester School of Gymnastics – Summer Holidays**

Please find attached activities taking place during the summer holidays.

**Choir in a Day**

Please find attached a poster advertising a summer holiday singing workshop in Colchester.

Thank you.