



# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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## Head talk

As I write this piece chinks of blue sky are appearing overhead! The forecast for tomorrow is much improved and with a south-westerly breeze it should feel a little more like June. Our intention is certainly to go ahead with our Sports Day tomorrow as outlined further into our newsletter. The going is currently 'good to soft' but with a drier day today this should improve. It may not be a day to spend sitting on the grass so you might want to think creatively about alternatives!

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow to cheer on your children on an important day in our school calendar.

Mr. David Larnier  
Headteacher

## Attendance – Education Support Services

We have recently started working with Justine Musk from NEMAT Support Services. Justine is an Education Welfare Officer who will be working on behalf of our school to support attendance matters. Where the school has concerns regarding a pupil's attendance she may make contact with parents in a number of ways. This includes but is not limited to:

- Communication by letter outlining the school's concerns and offering support
- Home visits to support families in improving attendance
- Strategies to improve punctuality

It goes without saying that every day counts. It is vital that pupils attend school, on time, every day in order to gain the greatest benefit from their education. 95% - 100% (less than 10 days absence in a year) is good attendance. 95% is the national average attendance rate for a child at primary school. Attendance below 90% is defined as persistent absence.

## Parents' Forum

Our final Parents' Forum of the year took place on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00pm. The presentation and minutes from the meeting will soon be available on our website.

We tried an evening start in response to feedback from parents at previous forums and from the Parent Questionnaire. Only three parents attended the meeting. As a result, we will schedule the next meeting in the autumn term for a 9:15am start. Hopefully, this will make the Parents' Forum accessible to more parents.

## Sports Mark – School Games Gold Award



Last week, we received the amazing news that we had been awarded the Gold Mark Award from School Games. This is a Government led award facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust which rewards and recognises schools for their development of competition across their



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school and community. This award takes into account the range of sports on offer both in curriculum time and as extra-curricular; the number of competitions organised and entered; and the number of children taking part in clubs and representing the school in events. We are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

## LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019 IS WEEK 3.

A reminder that all **dinner** money must be handed in 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.

## Sports Day tomorrow

As you know, Sports Day will take place tomorrow. Year R, 1 and 2 will take part in their events and races in the morning and Yr 3-6 in the afternoon, with teams competing in their houses. **Children should come to school dressed ready in their PE kits and there is no need to bring their school uniform.** Parents and relatives are of course welcome to come and watch the children taking part in their races and can stay for a picnic lunch which will take place on the field. School dinners will be provided as usual but the children will be able to take their food outside in 'take-away' containers to eat with their families. If your child is not having a school dinner, please send them in with a packed lunch as usual in case the picnic is cancelled due to bad weather – you can

always bring extra treats along with you! Please note that no alcohol is permitted on the school grounds.

The morning events will begin at 9:15am and the school gate will be open until this time. For safety reasons, anyone arriving after this time will have to enter via the school office. The gate will re-open at 12:00pm and remain open until KS2 sports day begins at 1:00pm. Once again, the school gate will be locked during the event but you will still be able to enter via the school office.

Please note that the Parent Group have organised an ice cream van and a coffee van for Sports Day.

## Frubes



A reminder that Class 6 are selling Frubes at morning break. The cost is 50p.

## Summer Fair - Class 1 Tombola

Dear All,

Class 1 have drawn the Tombola as our stall and would kindly ask you to help us with the prizes.



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We will be looking to collect any of the following:

- \* Toys
- \* Balls
- \* Teddies
- \* Games
- \* Craft items
- \* Books

\*Or any unwanted presents that you have at home and no longer need.

We will place a box in the reception area where you can deposit your donations.

Once again and as always thank you for supporting us with this.

Tracy and Marines (Class 1 reps)

## DEN Site Donations raised on Non-Uniform Day

Thank you for the sum of £132.80 that was raised for the DEN Site on the non-uniform day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

## Multi-Schools Council

Kierran Pearce, the leader of the Multi-Schools Council, is undertaking a MASSIVE walk from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> July where he will be walking to 18 special schools in just 5 days. This is all to raise money and awareness of the Multi-

Schools council to help break down negative perceptions of children with SEND and mental difficulties. I have attached some basic walk information and here is the link to the Just Giving

page; <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kierran-pearce>

## Parent Group News

**The Summer Fair is fast approaching!** As ever, there are lots of ways you can support the event - from providing a cake to helping out on your class stall. We want to refresh the raffle this year and instead of the usual hampers have a star prize of a 'Barrow of Booze', together with runners up prizes of beach bags filled with essential summer goodies. We are also sourcing additional prizes from local businesses.... for example, a session at Gymfinity's summer holiday club will be up for grabs!

If you are able to donate a bottle of booze towards the star prize or a few pounds towards creating the beach bags, we would really appreciate it. You can drop either donation off at the school office from tomorrow.

Also, don't forget there will be an ice cream van and a coffee van at Sports Day to keep everyone sustained!

Thanks in advance for all your support and we are looking forward to the Fair!

Lara, Kate, Helen, Natasha & Fiona

## Class R Showcase Assembly – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2:30pm

The Class R Showcase Assembly will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2:30pm in the school hall.



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## Class 5 parents –

### CSSE 11+Examination 2020 Entry

A reminder that if you would like your child to sit the CSSE 11+ Examination for 2020 entry, registration closes on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July. If you would like any clarification on this process, please call 01245 348257 or by email to [admin@csse.org.uk](mailto:admin@csse.org.uk).

## 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.

### St Mary's Church - Ardleigh



This month 16<sup>th</sup> June we are exploring the theme of The Lord's Prayer, as it falls on Father's Day.

### Bikeability Courses

Essex County Council are delivering some Bikeability courses over the summer, please see attached poster for details.

### Young Children's Festival – 15<sup>th</sup> June, 10:30am-4:00pm

Please see attached poster for further details.

### Zico Tennis – Dedham Tennis Club

Please find attached a poster regarding a Summer Holiday Camp for tennis with Zico at Dedham Tennis Club.

### Calendar dates for the summer term

Date	Event
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening week
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Class R Showcase Assembly at 2:30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 5 trip to Elizabeth Selby Primary School and St Paul's Cathedral (Depart 8:00am/Return 5:30pm)
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
26-28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 residential to Mersea
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Manningtree High School Induction
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
17 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Production at 6:00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 production at 7:00pm
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Music recital at 1:30pm Reports home
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Assembly at Dedham Church Open afternoon from 2:00-6:00pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	KS1 & KS2 Celebration and Awards Assembly at 9:15am Leavers' party 5:00 – 7:00pm
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.15am