



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 11th July 2019

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Head talk

On behalf of all of the staff of Dedham CofE Primary School, I'd like to say a big thank you and well done to all those involved in organising the Summer Fair on Friday. These events take a huge amount of planning, organisation in advance, hard work on the day and we are hugely appreciative of the commitment involved. The money that the Parent Group raises is used for resources and experiences which the school could not otherwise afford and which have a very real impact on the learning experiences of all Dedham pupils.

Mrs Griffiths

Mrs Griffiths is expecting a baby in December 2019. Mrs Griffiths plans to begin her maternity leave in November 2019. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Griffiths and her husband.

In order to provide our new Reception intake with the best possible start as well as continuity for the year, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Griffiths will work collaboratively to teach Class R for the first half term. Mrs Wilson will then become the sole class teacher from this date. Further details will be sent to new Class R parents separately.

I'm sure you will want to join us in sending Mrs Griffiths and her husband our best wishes on this exciting news!

Staffing structure for next school year

From September we are delighted to be welcoming a new teacher to our school. Mr Tuttlebee is an experienced KS2 teacher and I am sure will be a great asset to our school next academic year. Further details will be sent to current Class 4 parents separately.

The class structure from September 2019 will be as follows:-

Class	Teacher
R	Mrs Wilson/Mrs Griffiths up to 24 th October 2019 - Mrs Wilson thereafter
1	Miss Alcock
2	Miss Hall
3	Mrs Duah
4	Miss Valentine/ Mrs Davies
5	Mr Tuttlebee
6	Mr Osborn

End of year school reports

School reports will be coming home with children on Friday, 19th July. Please look out for the reply slip enabling you to comment on the report your child received.

If you wish to receive a second copy of the report for your child, please provide the school office with a large A4 stamped addressed envelope (large letter stamp required).



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LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 15th July 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.

CLUBS

Please note that all clubs finish on Friday 12th July apart from Cricket and Netball that finish on Monday 15th July for this academic year.

KS2 Production (Wed 17th & Thurs 18th)

A few reminders for parents ahead of next week's KS2 Production.

- Remember that Wednesday's performance begins at 6pm and Thursday's performance at 7pm.
- The school playground will be open for parking on both evenings.
- Children in years 3-5 will be let into school fifteen minutes before the performance begins.
- Children in year 6 will be let into school half an hour before the performance begins.
- ALL children MUST wait with an adult until a member of staff calls them in. Children must not play on the field or run around the playground because cars will be parking.
- Children in years 3-5 will take their production t-shirts home on the

Tuesday afternoon and should therefore arrive at school each evening dressed ready in their Snow White t-shirt (or a plain black short sleeved t-shirt) and blue denim jeans/shorts/skirts etc.

- The production lasts for approximately 45 minutes.

Please note that the performances are ticket only. We have a specified number of seats available and all the tickets have been allocated. Additional people cannot come along to the performance without a ticket. Please do not embarrass yourselves/ us by turning up without a ticket.

Small children cannot come along as additional extras and sit on their adults lap.

Parent Group – Summer Fair

A HUGE thank you for all the support for the Summer Fair on Friday. It was a wonderful joint effort between children, parents and staff and we hope you enjoyed the afternoon. We will let you know the total amount raised soon. Our apologies that Dedham Therapy Farm were unable to attend at the very last minute.

Our thanks also for all the support for Parent Group activities over the course of this year. The Class Reps, Film Club team, Surprise Room team and BBQ experts have worked incredibly hard and have raised significant funds. We're looking forward to seeing how it is spent in the next academic year!



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Your continued support for Christine, Lara and Kate as your PG committee next year will be gratefully received!

Lara, Kate, Helen, Natasha & Fiona

Frubes



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

Borrowed PE kit reminder

Please can any PE kit that has been borrowed from the school be returned before the end of term. Thank you.

REMINDER - Notice for Parents of Children in Year 3 from September 2019 - Free School Meals

Automatic entitlement to a free school meal finishes at the end of Year 2 and only children from low income families are eligible from Year 3.

If your household income is less than £16,190 per year, or you receive Income Support or an equivalent benefit, you will need to make an application immediately if you want your child to receive a free school meal now.

Applications could be made online at www.essex.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or by calling 0345 603 2200.

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.

ASM – Summer holiday sessions

ASM are running their normal days with lots of fun and games and also bouncy castles each day, and they are also running a football only camp for boys and girls on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday, this is all for £12.50 per day.

Please follow the below link to their website for further details

<https://angliasportsmanagement.com/summer-holiday-activities/>

RSPB - Wildlife Garden - Big Wild Sleep Out

Join us for a brilliant night under the stars!

Bring food to cook on our BBQ, take part in children's activities, pond dip and toast a marshmallow over the campfire. Go and explore on a night time walk with an RSPB guide, listen for bats using a detector and see what moths are caught in our trap. Breakfast is included.

Saturday 20 July

3:30pm Saturday until 10:30am Sunday



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Price: adults £24, adult RSPB members £21, children £12 and RSPB child members £10.

Booking is essential as places are limited.

Please bring your own tent and camping equipment.

Details can be found at:

www.rspb.org.uk/flatford

Please book at: www.eventbrite.co.uk

Please see poster attached for details.

Calendar dates for the summer term

Date	Event
17 th July	Meet the teacher/move up morning
17 th July	KS2 Production at 6:00pm
18 th July	KS2 production at 7:00pm
19 th July	Music recital at 1:30pm Reports home
22 nd July	Assembly at Dedham Church Open afternoon from 2:00-6:00pm
23 rd July	KS1 & KS2 Celebration and Awards Assembly at 9:15am Leavers' party 5:00 – 7:00pm
24 th July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.15am