



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 18th July 2019

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Head talk

Well here we are!

The final newsletter for the academic year 2018-19. What a year we have had! The children and staff have worked incredibly hard. We have all strived to make to progress in our knowledge and skills and along the way we have thoroughly enjoyed our learning too!

The children at Dedham CofE Primary School have had a brilliant year of experiences which have enhanced their learning; delivered by a very passionate and dedicated staff group.

We have had many Parent Group events including a brilliant Christmas Market, half-termly Film Club, Summer Fair and Surprise Rooms to name but a few. There have been many Showcase Assemblies and plays, an abundance of school trips and visits, not to mention Sports Day and many outside visitors.

We wish Megan Chan well as she begins her maternity leave and look forward to hearing her news later in the year.

Year 1 have completed their phonics check and Year 2 and Year 6 have been involved in national testing too.

I would like to thank the entire community of Dedham CofE Primary School for your support in my first year as Headteacher and I wish you all a fabulous summer holiday. We will be back for the children on Wednesday, 4th of September 2019.

Mr David Larnier

Headteacher

'Move up' morning

Yesterday, the children spent time with their new teacher. The morning was little nerve-wracking and exciting at the same time. Hopefully, your child remembered to share a little bit of their experience with you.

Meet the teacher in September

During the first two weeks back we have our Meet the Teacher meetings. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher and to find out more about the expectations in your child's year group. The meetings will take place in classrooms and access is via the school office.

The meetings are as follows:

Date and time	Year	Teacher
Friday 6 th September – 3:30pm	1	Miss Alcock
Monday 9 th September – 3:30pm	4	Miss Valentine/Mrs Davies
Tuesday 10 th September – 3:30pm	5	Mr Tuttlebee
Wednesday 11 th September – 3:30pm	3	Mrs Duah
Thursday 12 th September – 3:30pm	2	Miss Hall
Friday 13 th September – 3:30pm	6	Mr Osborn



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LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 22nd July 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.

PLEASE NOTE THE LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 4TH September is WEEK 1

Please note that the menu will not be changing until after the October half term.

For Years 3 – 6 ONLY

The cost for the half term for lunches is: £85.10 (37 days x £2.30 per day – Tuesday 4th September – Thursday 24th October).

It would be helpful to the office staff if the exact money is paid. Change will not be given but will be carried forward as a credit on the dinner register.

Thank you.

After School Provision

We are working hard to organise after school provision. Unfortunately, we will not be able to begin in September as there are still a number of logistical hurdles to cross. We will offer this service as soon as we are able and hope this to be in the autumn term.

Uniform reminder

Please can you take the time to recheck the school uniform requirements on the school

website to ensure that all children return to school with the correct uniform. It has been noticed that children are coming to school in incorrect uniform/PE kits. All hair ties must be plain and neutral in colour (no large brightly coloured bows etc.). Please see the link below for further details;

<http://www.dedham.essex.sch.uk/the-info-hub/school-uniform>

KS1 & KS2 Celebration and Awards Assembly – Tuesday 23rd July at 9.15am

If your child wins an award next week, please remember that all awards will need to be returned in the summer term next year, so keep them somewhere safe!

Snow White production DVD – ORDER DEADLINE - Monday 22nd July, at 4:30pm

If you intend to purchase a copy of this year's DVD, please complete the order form (copy attached) and drop it into the school office with payment **as soon as possible and by Monday 22nd July - 4:30pm at the latest.** Any orders received after this deadline will not be able to be processed.

DVDs can be purchased in a 5" clear plastic case for £10.00 per DVD or in a presentation case for £12.00 per DVD. Blu-ray is available in a presentation case at a cost of £15.00.

Please ensure that the **money and form is placed into a named and sealed envelope.**



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Any money that is not in a named and sealed envelope will not be accepted.

Lateness to school

There are children who are starting to regularly arrive late to school, i.e. after the gate has closed at 9am. If your child is in KS2 the school day begins at 8:50am. Your KS1/EYFS need to be in school ready to be sat at their desks working at 9am.

Reminder – school communication

Please remember to use the 'office@dedham.essex.sch.uk' e-mail when contacting the school office as this e-mail address is accessible to all members of the office staff and therefore all e-mails can be dealt with/actioned speedily. Please note that not all members of the school office staff are in everyday, therefore if you send an e-mail addressed to them personally they will only be able to action this upon their return. Thank you.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is entitled 'Space Chase' and children can visit any library to sign up to the challenge from Saturday 20th July. It's a great way to keep children reading regularly over the long summer break and as a bonus, every child who completes the challenge can collect five house points from me at the start of the new school year. Happy reading, everyone!

Miss Valentine

Adventures with Reading - a message for your child

Where will you be reading this summer?

On an inflatable in the pool? On an aeroplane? In a tree house?

Who will you read to?

A pet? A baby brother/sister? An aunt or uncle in Australia via FaceTime?

In September, I would love to put up a display in our library to show the reading adventures that everyone has had over the summer holiday so please ask a grownup to send in a photograph to office@ or print out a photograph to show me the fun that you've been having with books over the summer holiday!

Be as imaginative as you can and have some fun with reading!

Miss Valentine 😊

Music Lessons

Music lessons are due to commence next term as follows:

Miss Wainwright (Flute/Saxophone/Clarinet)
Thursday 12th September

Mr Hunt (Guitar/Ukulele)
Monday 30th September

Mr Watson (Piano)
Tuesday 10th September

Mrs Watson (Violin/Cello)
Thursday 12th September



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There are currently spaces available for lessons with Miss Wainwright, Mr Watson and Mrs Watson – enquiries can be made through the school office.

REMINDER - Notice for Parents of Children in Year 3 from September 2018 - 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.

Lost Property

We are endeavouring to keep up with returning lost property to children who have their names in the lost items (but with the hot weather children often leave their cardigans and jumpers behind). In the meantime the Lost Property box is being put outside school so that parents can claim any unnamed items (ranging from shoes, trainers, clothes possibly left over from the Summer Fair, water bottles, cardigans, jumpers etc.).

If on Friday, after school has closed, any lost property items are found without names in these will be given to a charity shop during the summer holidays. Any named items will be held in school until September and returned to your child then.

Medication in school

If your child has medication in school (asthma inhaler/epi-pen etc.), these will be sent home with your child at the end of term. Please remember to return it back to school in September so your child has it for their new class (please ensure it is in date). 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.

3, 2, 1 - LIFT OFF!

Essex Libraries will be blasting off with a cosmic launch of this year's Summer Reading Challenge, [Space Chase](#), on Saturday 20 July as part of Space Day at Cressing Temple Barns. Space Day is a galactic day of events to celebrate the first moon landing and includes astronomy societies, planetarium and large outdoor cinema screenings. You can even camp under the stars the night before and go on a Bat Walk!

Book at: visitparks.co.uk/events or tel: 0345 603 7624.



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Children's Wildlife Festival at Thurrock Nature Park on Saturday 17th August

This summer Essex Wildlife Trust is hosting their first children's wildlife festival at Thurrock Thameside Nature Park on Saturday 17th August 10.30am-5.30pm.

To celebrate Marine Month the festival will focus on our amazing seas and the creatures that live in them, with Under the Sea activities throughout the day and the creation of giant sculptures using recycled plastic to highlight the threat to our oceans posed by plastic waste.

It will be a fun-filled day for all the family with activities to suit all ages. As well as the marine activities there will be a Nature Tot's area for under 5s, pond dipping, bug hunting, meet the wildlife expert, face painting and lots more. Workshops offering fire lighting and campfire cooking, slime making, pewter smelting, potion and wand making are available to pre-book. Full details can be found on our website, www.essexwt.org.uk/events/2019-08-17-wildfest

Colchester Gymnastics – Summer Holiday Classes

Colchester Gymnastics will be running a variety of classes during the summer holidays that may be of interest. Tel: 01206 844188. E-mail: info@colchestergymnastics.com

Dedham Old Boys Football Club

We will be playing Lawford again this year in The Chris Clark Challenge Charity Cup on 3rd August at The Drift - KO 3:00 pm.

We have played this fixture for the past two years in aid of Colchester Hospital Cancer

Centre Campaign and Macmillan Cancer Support and raised over £2000. This year's charity will be Dementia UK.

As a club we try to give something back to the local community and this one way of doing this.

We would be delighted if you would like to join in. You can do this by sponsoring the match, donating a raffle prize, buying raffle tickets or by simply coming along to watch.

If you, your company, or someone you know would like to sponsor the match or donate a raffle prize please contact us either via email to dobfc@outlook.com, Facebook message to www.facebook.com/DedhamOldBoysFC or call on the number at the end of this mail.

Sponsors and raffle prize donors will be recognised on our match day sponsor board and in the match day programme.

Lawford have been winners for the last two years and we would rather like to get the cup back here in Dedham!

We hope to hear from you and see you there!

Best Regards

Andrew Bell – Chairman - Dedham Old Boys FC - 07753 838375

MERSEA LIFEGUARDS

Rookie on the beach / **CPR - first aid - water safety / beach games - rescue skills**

Dates: August 19th 20th 21st 2019 **time:** 11.00 am -3.00 pm

Venue: West Mersea Beach - Lifeguard HQ, Victoria Esplanade, CO5 8BP

Cost: £5 per session £12 for all sessions

Contact: val hardy for further information and application forms



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Please see attached poster.

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TSCA – Tom Stapleton Choral Academy

Please find attached details regarding the Tom Stapleton Choral Academy – booking being taken for September 2019.

WINE RUN

Saturday 31st August 10am - 4pm at Prettyfields Vineyard

Prettyfields Wine Run - 5k & 10k @ 10am. Run through the vineyard with wine tastings along the way & raise money for charity! Toast your success with a glass of wine & medal when you cross the finish line! Wine Walkers welcome to walk the 5k!

Kids' One Mile Fun Run through the Vines @ 2pm. Join in the fun, run up & down the vines & receive a medal. £5 donation per child. Ages 4 & over. Free entry to the vineyard games & activities · face painting · bouncy castle bar · bbq · wine tasting

Book tickets online: www.prettyfields.com

Prettyfields Vineyard · Dead Lane · Ardleigh · Colchester · CO7 7PF

See flyer attached for further details.

Calendar dates for the summer term

Date	Event
18th July	KS2 production at 7:00pm
19th July	Music recital at 1:30pm Reports home
22nd July	Assembly at Dedham Church at 10:00am Open afternoon from 2:00-6:00pm
23rd July	KS1 & KS2 Celebration and Awards Assembly at 9:15am Leavers' party 5:00 – 7:00pm
24th July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.15am



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Date	Event
Tuesday 3rd September	Non-pupil day
Thursday 5th September – 10:00am	New entrants in Class R – Coffee morning for parents
Friday 6th September – 3:30pm	Meet the Teacher - Miss Alcock Class 1
Monday 9th September – 3:30pm	Meet the Teacher - Miss Valentine/Mrs Davies Class 4
Tuesday 10th September – 3:30pm	Meet the Teacher - Mr Tuttlebee Class 5
Wednesday 11th September – 3:30pm	Meet the Teacher - Mrs Duah Class 3
Thursday 12th September – pm	Class 3 visiting Ipswich Regent – Horrible Histories
Thursday 12th September – 3:30pm	Meet the Teacher - Miss Hall Class 2
Friday 13th September – 3:30pm	Meet the Teacher - Mr Osborn Class 6
Sunday 15th September	Dedham Run
Wednesday 18th September - am	Individual school photographs
Thursday 19th September - am	Family photographs
Thursday 26th September 9:15 – 10:30	School tour for parents of new entrants for admission 2020-21
Monday 30th September - 6:30pm	Full Governing Body meeting (Curriculum)
Tuesday 15th October – 1:15 – 2:30pm	School tour for parents of new entrants for admission 2020-21
Friday 25th October	Non-pupil day
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November	HALF TERM