



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 5th September 2019

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Head Talk

I hope you and your family enjoyed a restful and rewarding summer break.

What a busy few days we have had back at school. It is amazing how quickly we start looking forward to the future events that are taking place this term.

This week the children have been thinking how they can help to create a positive and enjoyable classroom that will enable them to achieve their goals. The start of a new school year is such an important time when foundations are laid for the year ahead.

We have high expectations of the children at Dedham Primary School and expect excellent behaviour, a positive attitude to learning and to arrive at school on time, ready to learn, wearing the correct school uniform.

As last year, I will be holding a termly parent forum, in which parents/carers can chat to both myself and the senior leadership team to express opinions on what the school is doing well and/or any areas that may need addressing. Also, it is an opportunity for you to find out about priorities moving forward in line with our School Development Plan.

Please feel free to contact me at any time. To make an appointment, please speak to the office staff. Also, when possible, I will be at the gate before and after school each day. I look forward to talking with you in the coming days and weeks. Welcome back to school.

David Larner

Headteacher

Staff News

We are delighted to welcome Mr Tuttlebee who is teaching Class 5.

Meet the teacher

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

These meetings are for parents/carers only. To support with this, we are going to be running a crèche facility for those parents/carers who may find it difficult with childcare. This crèche is for school age children only.

School Dinners

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 9th September 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,



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marked with the days the lunches are required, and the child's name. Thank you.

School absence

All absences must be reported to the school no later than 9:30am (earlier if possible) and can be sent by email to office@dedham.essex.sch.uk if you would rather avoid waiting to get through on the telephone. The office is staffed from 8:30am.

Before and after school

Although the outer school gate opens at 8:30am, please remember that children should remain with their parents in the small playground until the inner gate is opened at 8:45am. Please ensure that your children behave responsibly in the small playground both before and after school. Bikes and scooters should be pushed, not ridden and children should walk not run about. KS2 children should be in their classrooms ready to start work by 8:50am and KS1 and Foundation Stage should be in by 9:00am.

Celebration Assembly – Friday 13th September at 9.05am

Please note that our first Celebration Assembly is on Friday 13th September.

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.

French Classes start week commencing 9th September

Please note that French Classes will start next week. Please see attached flyer for details.

Celebration Awards

Congratulations to all children who won awards at the Celebration & Awards events in July. Please remember that all awards will need to be returned in the summer term next year, so keep them somewhere safe.

Items arriving late to school

Often items of clothing (coats/hats), water bottles, lunch boxes, PE bags etc are brought to the school office after the start of the school day. A box has been placed in the foyer to allow you to deposit these items, which will then be delivered to the relevant child during the morning. This will save you the time of having to wait/speak with a member of the office staff. Please can you ensure all items are clearly named. Thank you.

Reminder – office e-mail address

Just a reminder for you to use the 'office@dedham.essex.sch.uk' address when contacting the school. This is the only e-mail address that is accessible by all members of the office staff. Thank you.



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With the Dedham Run just over a week away there is so much news to share. So much so that it has a whole page in the newsletter!

Dedham Run

A reminder that it is the Dedham Run on Sunday 15th! Remember that if you sign up for the run in advance on the website, not only will you avoid filling out forms on the day and standing in the queue but you will also receive the discounted booking rate!

Also, keep a look out for the raffle tickets that will be coming home with your children. There are some amazing prizes on offer this year.

We are still looking for around 10 volunteers to help us on the day with various roles available. If you are interested in helping out at the Dedham Run and doing your part for the school, please contact Becky at imhof1@btinternet.com and she will get back to you.

We look forward to another successful year and hope to see as many of you there as possible,

The Dedham Run Committee

Parent Group Cake Stall



The Dedham Run is fast approaching and looks set to be a great day. The Parent Group are responsible for the Cake Stall and welcome any cakes (or a small donation) to support our fundraising at the event.

Cakes can be brought to school on Friday 13th September and left in the school office, or alternatively delivered directly to our stall on the day.

Many thanks for your support.

Kind regards

Christine

Non Uniform Day – Friday 13th September

Dress for fun for the Dedham Run –

We would like to show our support for the Dedham Run by having a non-uniform day on Friday 13th September. The theme will be sport and fitness. A suggested donation of £1 will be added to the very generous donation made to the school by the Dedham Run Committee.



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Autism Awareness Meeting – Monday 16th September

Parents have been invited to an Autism Awareness meeting at Lawford Primary School at 5pm on the Monday 16th September. The session will last for 2 hours and will be lead by Kierran Pearce from the Multi-Schools Council. All parents are welcome to attend - the more the better.

The awareness programme includes;

- Detail around Autism
- How to support people with Autism
- A chance to ask questions on Autism
- Real life experience of Autism

Curriculum and After School Clubs

All Clubs Finish at 4.15pm Focused Learning at 4.30pm

Please find attached all curriculum and after school clubs taking place. They will all start week commencing 16th September. Please note the start and end dates of each term.

Please look out for consent letters in the children's bags - if they have showed an interest.

Please ensure PE kits are brought into school each Monday to ensure that the children are prepared for PE and curriculum activities taking place through the week, which may be subject to change.

ASM After School Clubs

Just a reminder that for ASM after school clubs you will need to register on

line <https://angliasportsmanagement.com/after-school-clubs/> before attending.

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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.

Thank you.

Ipswich School - Open Morning Saturday 28th September 9.30-12 noon

Please note that Ipswich School will be holding an Open Morning on Saturday 28th September. Contact number: 01473 408300. Website: <https://www.ipswich.school/>

St Joseph's College

St Joseph's College are holding two events next term and would be delighted to welcome families that are looking for Senior School places for their children for September 2020 onwards.

The Sports Information Evening which is taking place on Wednesday 18 September at 6:30pm and the Whole Open Morning taking place on Saturday 21 September.

To reserve places please call 01473 690281 or e-mail: admissions@stjos.co.uk

Further information available on: www.stjos.co.uk



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Roman River Festival - Sunday 8th September 2019 – 3pm

Roman River's first Family Orchestral Concert as part of the 2019 Festival.

Children's author James Campbell introduces some of the most hummable and enjoyable orchestral music including Bernstein West Side Story Dances, Dukas' Sorcerer's Apprentice, Elgar and Gershwin. Fun for the whole family, and a chance to join in. With Orlando Jopling and our wonderful festival orchestra.

A post summer holiday treat for the whole family!

This is great opportunity for children to experience some orchestral music in a fun, informal and friendly environment.

Sunday 8th September 2019 – 3pm St Mary's Church, Stoke by Nayland, CO6 4QH

Tickets are on sale now at www.romanrivermusic.org.uk

Adults - £10

Children - £5

Family tickets only £25 for 2 adults and up to 3 children.

Ipswich High School

Ipswich High School have advised that their Year 7 2020 Entrance timings and processes are as follows:

Key Dates for Year 7 2020 entry:

Open

Morning

Friday 4th October 2019 10am – 1pm

Year 7 Gainsborough Scholarship application deadline

Friday 11th October 2019

Year 7 Bursary Application Deadline

Friday 1st November 2019

Year 7 Scholarship

Assessments

Thursday & Friday 7th and 8th Nov 2019

Year 7 Entrance

Test

Wednesday 13th November 2019

Completed Bursary Submission Deadline

Wednesday 13th November 2019

Award

Offers

December 2019

Please see their website for further information: ipswichhighschool.co.uk

Assistant Road Safety Technician - vacancy

Essex Highways are looking for someone, mainly to visit Primary schools, to deliver Road safety Education to Year 5 pupils and to Reception pupils and their parents.

The successful candidate could be required to be onsite at schools anywhere in Essex by 8.30 am.

30 hours a week – Term time only

<https://www.ringway-jacobs.co.uk/opportunities/assistant-road-safety-technician-essex>



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Tom Stapleton Choral Academy

Please find attached a flyer for the Tom Stapleton Choral Academy – Choral training for young singers – training choirs for ages 7-18 – Lively sessions for singers of all abilities – weekday evening sessions during term time – now taking bookings for September – all sessions at Dedham Assembly Rooms.

E-mail: tomstapletonmusic@gmail.com. Tel: 01206 323169. Mobile: 07754 959204.
www.tomstapleton.com

Calendar dates for the autumn term

Key dates for the remainder of the academic year 2019-20 will be added in next week's newsletter.

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)



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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