



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 12th September 2019

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Head Talk

I have been really impressed by the way the children have returned to school very keen to learn after the long summer break and there has been a very happy, positive atmosphere around the school. I look forward to what I know is going to be another busy and exciting academic year.

Monday was a very important day in Reception as our newest pupils experienced their very first moments at school. As well as our newest pupils, I would also like to welcome to the school all the parents/ carers who are new to Dedham Church of England Primary School.

This week we have been thinking about confidence, perseverance and making the right choice. In our assemblies we have reflected on these values and the Christian story of Daniel and the lions. On Friday, in our celebration assembly, we will be sharing examples of these values demonstrated by your children this week. You are very welcome to attend this assembly which begins at 9:05am.

A reminder that it is the **Dedham Run** on Sunday. 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! We are so grateful that the Dedham Run is such a fantastic supporter of our school. Best wishes for a great run if you have entered and I look forward to seeing you cross the finishing line on the day.

David Larnar

Headteacher

School Dinners

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 16th September 2019 IS WEEK 3.

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.

End of day arrangements

In Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 the children will be brought out by a member of staff and released when you are visible to your child and the member of staff. This can take some time and we are grateful for your patience. Please can you make sure that you let the office or your child's teacher know if your child is going to be picked up by someone other than yourselves so that we can ensure that all the children have left the school site safely. If your child is in KS2 they will leave by the inner gate at 3:10pm and meet you in the small playground. You may wish to consider giving your child permission to walk home on their own. If you have made this choice, please ensure that your child is reminded about road safety, is aware of stranger danger and clearly understands what action to take in case of an emergency. It is your responsibility to ensure your child is collected or that you have made adequate arrangements for them to walk home on their own. Please remind your child that if they are not collected, they must report to the member of staff on duty at the outer gate. I thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.



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Non Uniform Day tomorrow – 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.

Online Safety Newsletter

Keeping our children safe online is one of the biggest challenges facing society today and it is the responsibility of all of us to ensure that children are educated to make positive, informed choices. I have attached to this week's Newsletter our Online Safety Newsletter for September. Please do take the time to read it as it does provide really useful information for you to help you keep your child safe online.

School Photos

Individual photos will be taken on the morning of Wednesday 18th September.

Family photos – **AMENDMENT** - will be **now be** taken on the morning of **Wednesday 25th September**. Please note that this is to allow for any children that are off on Wednesday 18th September to have their individual photo taken on Wednesday 25th before the Family photos are taken.

Autism Awareness at Lawford Primary School on Monday 16th September 5pm-7pm

All parents are welcome to attend a talk on Autism Awareness at Lawford Primary School on Monday 16th September 5pm-7pm. The session is aimed at all parents and should be a very informative evening. Please contact our school office if you wish to attend.

School Lunches – AMENDMENT for Thursday 3rd October & Friday 4th October

Previously we have had themed lunches to add a change to the school menu during term time. This half term we are going to re-introduce themed lunches (as a trial) to see how they are received. If you have already advised the school office which days your child will be having lunches and they decide they no longer want a lunch on the Thursday or Friday, please can you advise them of any changes. Thank you.

This will affect Thursday 3rd October and Friday 4th October as follows:

Thursday 3rd October – Last Day of Summer BBQ Day

The meal will be:

Option 1: Coleman's Beef Burger (with sliced cheese) in a bun

Option 2: Coleman's Sausage (with sliced cheese) in a bun

Option 1 Vegetarian: Quorn Burger (with sliced cheese) in a bun



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Option 2 Vegetarian: Quorn Sausage (with sliced cheese) in a bun

The 'Sides' will be: Cooked Onions. Homemade Pasta Salad. Homemade Coleslaw. Homemade Potato Salad. Salad Bar.

Dessert: Homemade Shortbread Biscuit
(or Yoghurt or Fruit Bowl)

Friday 4th October –

As there will be sausages on the menu on Thursday 3rd October, the meal on Friday 4th October will now be FISH FINGERS instead.

Manningtree High School – Expansion consultation

Manningtree High School (Part of Alpha Trust) is proposing to increase its intake by up to 30 students in each year group across the next 5-6 years in response to a forecast increase in secondary school age students in the feeder primary schools and moving into the new developments in the adjoining area. The school will grow by a maximum of 150 places to have a final capacity of 1020. ECC has funded the building of some new classrooms to facilitate this expansion. The local governing body is committed to providing an excellent educational experience for local children and this proposed expansion is deemed necessary to ensure that students living in Lawford, Mistley, Manningtree and the surrounding areas have a place at their nearest, most accessible school.

If you would like to comment on this proposal, please send your response via e-mail to school@manningtreehigh.com with 'Expansion' as the e-mail subject or via post addressed as follows: FAO Headteacher, re.

Expansion, Manningtree High School, Colchester Road, Lawford, Colchester, Essex CO11 2BW. The consultation closes on 28th November 2019.

Tennis Club letters

There has been a typing error on the Tennis Club letters. The club will run on a WEDNESDAY. It will start on Wednesday 18th and then run weekly on a Wednesday. Thank you.

Piano lessons with Antony

Antony Watson has a limited number of spaces available within his schedule for piano lessons. Antony can be contacted directly on 01206 322 425 or emailed at antonywatson.aw@gmail.com, or you may leave your details at the school office, and Antony will make contact.

Year 6 to 7 Secondary Admission Round for September 2020

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The new secondary school admission round opens on Thursday, 12 September 2019, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2020.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2019.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year.



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Please note that Essex County Council will NOT be sending letters to parents about making an application. All of the application information is available on the website.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

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.

East Bergholt United Football Club

Are you interested in playing football? Would you like to get involved with a fantastic grassroots football club? Are you between 4-6 years old (Reception & Year 1)?

If yes, please see attached poster for further details.

Thank you.



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Calendar dates for the autumn term

Date	Event
Thursday 12th September – 3:30pm	Meet the Teacher - Miss Hall - Class 2
Friday 13th September	Non Uniform Day Dress for fun for the Dedham Run
Friday 13th September – 3:30pm	Meet the Teacher - Mr Osborn - Class 6
Sunday 15th September	Dedham Run
Wednesday 18th September - am	Individual school photographs
Wednesday 25th 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 1st October – 10:00am	Harvest Festival at Dedham Church
Tuesday 15th October – 1:15 – 2:30pm	School tour for parents of new entrants for admission 2020-21
22nd October – 4:00 – 8:00pm	Parents' Evening
23rd October – 3:30 – 6:00pm	Parents' Evening
24th October	Non-uniform day for the DEN site
Friday 25th October	Non-pupil day

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November	HALF TERM
Friday 8th November	Flu immunisation
Thursday 28th November – 9:15am – 10:30am	School tour for parents of new entrants for admission 2020-21
Tuesday 3rd December – 1:15 – 2:30pm	School tour for parents of new entrants for admission 2020-21
Thursday 5th December – 1:45pm	KS1 Nativity to parents
Saturday 7th December	Dedham Christmas Market (TBC)
Wednesday 11th December – 2:00pm	EYFS Nativity performance to parents
Monday 16th December – 7:00pm	KS2 Carol Service at Dedham Church
Wednesday 18th December	Non-uniform day (Christmas party day) Christmas Lunch at school EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party KS2 Disco – 3:00 – 4:30pm
Thursday 19th December – 10:00am	Final assembly of term at Dedham Church
Friday 20th December – 3rd January	School Holiday