



# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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## Head Talk

On Monday, we enjoyed a whole school Collective Worship led by Reverend Antony. Some children helped to tell the story 'The Good Samaritan'. Our focus this week has been compassion and service.

This morning we have welcomed parents of children starting school in 2020 to a coffee morning in the school hall. Class 6 children gave tours to prospective parents and children. They did a wonderful job and it was lovely to hear the positive comments about our children and school.

There are a number of exciting events coming up over this term, so please do keep an eye out for your newsletter which we will continue to send on a Thursday and check the school website regularly.

David Larner

Headteacher

## School Dinners

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 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.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning – Tomorrow - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Tomorrow, the staff at Dedham would like to provide cakes for children to buy at break time to raise money for Macmillan. The suggested donation for a cake is 50p and any remaining cakes will be sold after school. Thank you

## Birthday sweets and cakes at school

We acknowledge that birthdays are special days for children. However, we do not feel that it is appropriate to distribute sweets or cake to the whole class to mark a child's birthday for the reasons set out below:

- the increasing number of children who have allergies
- supporting our 'Healthy Schools' status
- the need to adhere to the wishes of those parents who have specifically requested that their child is not given any sweets or cake for which they have not given their prior consent
- the desire to avoid creating a sense of expectation within classes that each child should bring 'birthday sweets or cake' to share with their peers

For these reasons, we respectfully requests that parents refrain from sending in birthday treats to be distributed to classmates during the school day.

## NO Celebration Assembly 27<sup>th</sup> September

Please note that there will be NO Celebration Assembly on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

## Data Collection Sheets

If you have not yet checked/signed/dated your child's Data Collection Sheet please can you do so and return to the school office as soon as possible – these details need to be updated on our system by 1<sup>st</sup> October. Please ensure the sheets are returned by 30<sup>th</sup> September latest. So far only about 60% of the forms have been returned. Thank you.



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## Harvest Festival Celebration – St Mary's Church Dedham – Tuesday 1st October at 10am

On Tuesday next week (1<sup>st</sup> October), classes R-6 will be walking down to the church for our harvest festival. This year's donations will be going to Beacon House in Colchester which is a Christian charity supporting homeless and vulnerable people in our local area. Rather than donating fresh fruit and vegetables, children are encouraged to donate longer-life items such as tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, UHT milk, sugar etc. The children will be carrying their items to the church and therefore we'd recommend that they do not bring breakable items such as glass jars of pasta sauce.

The service will begin at 10am although we would be very grateful if some parents were able to walk with us to and from the church. We will leave school at around 9:30am.

Thank you,  
Miss Valentine

## KS2 Choir – CANCELLED Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Due to Miss Valentine being out of school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October there will be NO Choir on that day.

## Lost property

The Lost Property box has been very full for the last few days. Any named items have been returned to the children (there were 22 items!) however there are still various items in the Lost Property box that need homes – there are four coats (two boys and two girls), a pair of boys school shoes (size 3H) and a selection of jumpers and cardigans. Please can you get

your children to check whether they are missing any items of clothing and check the box accordingly. Please also ensure all items of clothing are labelled – this way they will be returned to your child and not disposed of to a charity.

## Safeguarding workshops for volunteers

For those parents wishing to kindly volunteer, I will be running safeguarding sessions that are a requirement for you to help us in school and on trips. This should last about thirty minutes. Tea, coffee and a biscuit or two will be available. I look forward to seeing you if you are able to attend. The session times are as follows;

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 2.30pm
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9.45am (after Celebration Assembly)
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am

Please let the school office know if you will be attending one of these sessions.

## We're nut free

People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

We cannot have nuts in school in any form. Please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as snacks.



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## Enrichment Activities and General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Following advice regarding compliance with GDPR we will no longer be able to attach flyers regarding possible enrichment activities to our newsletter. We are able to and happy to share these opportunities with our parents and pupils on our display boards as you enter the school gate.

## Calendar dates for the autumn term

Date	Event
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September - 6:30pm</b>	Full Governing Body meeting (Curriculum)
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – 10:00am</b>	Harvest Festival at Dedham Church
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – 1:15 – 2:30pm</b>	School tour for parents of new entrants for admission 2020-21
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 3:15pm</b>	Film Club
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> October – 4:00 – 8:00pm</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> October – 3:30 – 6:00pm</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Non-uniform day for the DEN site
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Non-pupil day
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	HALF TERM
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Flu immunisation

<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – 9:15am – 10:30am</b>	School tour for parents of new entrants for admission 2020-21
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 1:15 – 2:30pm</b>	School tour for parents of new entrants for admission 2020-21
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – 1:45pm</b>	KS1 Nativity to parents
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Dedham Christmas Market (TBC)
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 2:00pm</b>	EYFS Nativity performance to parents
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 3:15pm</b>	Film Club
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 7:00pm</b>	KS2 Carol Service at Dedham Church
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Non-uniform day (Christmas party day) Christmas Lunch at school EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party KS2 Disco – 3:00 – 4:30pm
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 10:00am</b>	Final assembly of term at Dedham Church
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	School Holiday