



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 3rd October 2019

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Head Talk

This week we had our first Governing Body meeting at school. The meeting reflected on the successes of the summer term, reviewed the School Development Plan and considered how the Governing Body can best support and challenge the school. The governing body of Dedham works incredibly hard behind the scenes to help make the school a robust, publicly accountable and effective place for your children to attend.

We will soon be looking for two new Parent Governors to join our team. It is an exciting opportunity to join the Board of Governors at our school. The role is voluntary and you do receive training through Essex County Council. Our governing body is very friendly and has a wide range of experience both in industry but also life. The governors role is to provide support to the leadership and teaching team in order for the school to have the correct level of governance around its policies. Please look out for further details over the next week or two.

On another note, I have attached to this week's Newsletter our Online Safety Newsletter for October. 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.

David Larner
Headteacher

School Dinners

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 7th October 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.

School Photos

Please note that photographs are being sent home with the children today – deadline for payments to be returned to the school is FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER.

Pencil cases in school

The children are able to bring pencil cases into school if they wish. The pencil case and contents are their responsibility and the contents will be used under the guidance of school staff.

Parent Consultation Evening/Afternoon

**Tuesday 22nd October (4-8pm) and
Wednesday 23rd October (3.30-6pm)**

Please note that details of the forthcoming Parent Consultation Evening/Afternoon ONLINE Appointment Booking will be sent out under a separate email.



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After School Club cancellations due to Parent Consultation Evening/Afternoon – 22nd & 23rd October

Please note that the following after school clubs will be cancelled due to Parent Consultation Evening/Afternoon:

Tuesday 22nd October – ASM Club

Tuesday 22nd October – Drama Club

Tuesday 22nd October – Fitness/circuits Club

Wednesday 23rd October – Gymnastics Club

Wednesday 23rd October – Tennis Club

KS2 Choir – CANCELLED Friday 4th October

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

Data Collection Sheets

There are still Data Collection Sheets outstanding. It is imperative that these are checked/amended (if required)/dated/signed and then returned to the school office immediately.

It has been noted that there have been amendments to many of the Data Collection Sheets – if any details change throughout the year please come to the school office where a form can be completed for change of address/phone numbers/e-mail address etc. It is your responsibility to ensure that the school holds the correct up to date information about your child. In an emergency it is vital that we have the very latest information in order to be able to contact you quickly.

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;

Friday 4th October at 9.45am (after Celebration Assembly)

Thursday 10th October at 9.00am

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

Macmillan Cake Sale

Thank you to all those who donated to this wonderful charity. The children thoroughly enjoyed their additional treat! A big thank you to Dedham staff for bringing in so many cakes which enabled the school to raise an amazing £173.97.

Parent Group News

The Christmas Market countdown has officially begun with only 9 weeks to go until one of Dedham's favourite events that brings the Christmas Spirit to the village and raises a huge amount for Dedham C of E Primary School. Last year The Dedham Christmas Market raised a whopping £4,650 towards school funds.



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Christmas Market Advertisement Boards

We would be extremely grateful for volunteers to offer to display advertisement boards (supplied by Kingsleigh Residential) outside their properties. Please look out for the acceptance form in book bags today (spare copies are available from the school office). Please return completed forms to the school office by Thursday 24th October 2019.

Parent Group/Class Rep Meeting

The Christmas Market will be top of the agenda at the first Class Rep meeting on **Wednesday 9th October at 8pm in The Marlborough**. Everyone is welcome.

Raffle Prize Donations

The Parent Group are working hard to source some fantastic prizes from local and national companies and have had a good response over the last few years but are always grateful for new donations.

Therefore, we would like to ask if there are any parents who may have contacts / employers who would be happy to donate a raffle donation please. This could range from a raffle gift or gift voucher and can vary from free haircuts and beauty treatments, to event tickets and attractions, electronic gadgets, children's prizes, hampers, confectionery etc.

Any donations would be gratefully received to help with our raising vital funds for our school as the Christmas raffle is always well supported and raises lots of money. We would be happy to market the company/name in any correspondence.

If you are able to help, please e-mail dedhampg@gmail.com or please let your Class Rep/member of the Parent Group know.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Christine, Kate & Lara

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.



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Calendar dates for the autumn term

Date	Event
Tuesday 15th October – 1:15 – 2:30pm	School tour for parents of new entrants for admission 2020-21
Friday 18th October – 3:15pm	Film Club
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
Friday 13th December – 3:15pm	Film Club

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 – 7th January	School Holiday (Monday 6 th January is a non-pupil day)