



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 10th October 2019

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Head Talk

I have been delighted to welcome thirty parents to our safeguarding meetings for volunteers over the last week. It is great that so many parents and grandparents are willing to give their time to support all of the children at our school. If you were unable to attend these meetings and would still like to volunteer please speak to the school office.

On Wednesday evening our very hard working Parent Group met to think about their plans for this year, particularly our Christmas Market. We are so grateful for the funds raised from the many events and activities the Parent Group organise. Their support is amazing and makes a big difference to our school and your children!

David Larner

Headteacher

School Dinners

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 14th October 2019
IS WEEK 1.

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.

No Celebration Assembly tomorrow

There will be no Celebration Assembly tomorrow, 11th October.

Non-pupil day – Friday 25th October

Please note that Friday 25th October is a non-pupil day.

Parent Consultation Evening/Afternoon

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

REMINDER: Online Appointment Booking
available until Monday 21st October at 11pm

Suspected Chicken Pox

We would like to make you aware that we have a suspected case of Chicken Pox at school. If your child hasn't already had the chickenpox virus you will need to look out for a raised temperature and the appearance of small raised spots that often begin appearing on the torso and face. See the NHS link below for further information.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Conker Competition

School Council are organising this year's Conker Competition.

This year, KS1 are invited to create a mythical character using conkers. This could be a unicorn, monster, mermaid or any other mythical creature. Please bring entries into school by Monday 21st October.

In KS2 School Council will be holding a conker championship. This will start on Monday 14th October. Children should sign up on the sign-up sheet on the playground noticeboard if they haven't already done so. They should bring in



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their conker (no bigger than 4cm diameter) on a string about 25cm long, ready to take part on Monday. Please do not tamper with the conker in any way to make it stronger!

Parent Group News

Christmas Market - There are now just 8 weeks to go!

Christmas Market Advertisement Boards

We would be extremely grateful for volunteers to offer to display advertisement boards (supplied by Kingsleigh Residential) outside their properties. The acceptance forms have now come home in book bags. Please return completed forms to the school office by Thursday 24th October 2019.

Raffle Prize Donations

We have already sourced some exciting prize donations! If there are any parents who are able to help with further prize donations please contact parent group on dedhampg@gmail.com or let your class rep know. 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.

Hampers

Previously raffle prizes have consisted of 7 themed hampers filled with items donated by parents with each class preparing a hamper with a different theme. This year we'd like to complement the other prize donations we're collecting with 3-4 spectacular Christmas themed hampers which the parent group will put together from donations received from the whole school. Therefore we'd like to ask all parents who'd like to contribute to donate any items which they'd love to see in a luxury festive hamper. This could be food, drink, homeware etc. Alternatively, if you'd prefer, you can make a small cash donation either directly to us or via your class rep which we will use to purchase items to fill the hampers.

Wine drinkers – we need your empties!

This year we're introducing an exciting new game to the market which will give you the chance to win some high quality fine wines for fraction of the retail price. In order to run the stall we will need a number of empty, screw cap wine bottles. If you're able to help then please leave your empties in the box in reception.

Face Painter wanted

We're considering offering face painting for the children at this year's market and wondered if there are any parents in the school who run a face painting business or if anyone knows somebody who might be interested in coming along and running a stall. If so please contact us on the parent group email dedhampg@gmail.com



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Christmas Cards

Once again the children will be designing pictures for Christmas cards in class over the next couple of weeks. Please look out for the Christmas Card designs in their book bags week commencing 21st October.

Jessie Wijesekera kindly organises this on behalf of the parent group and it raises much needed funds for the school.

Once you have received your designs, please ensure all cards and money are returned to the school office by Friday 8th November at 12noon. We will put reminders in further SchoolComms. Thank you for your on-going support, if there are any concerns regarding the cards then please contact Jessie (Amaiya Class 5 & Naren's Class 3 Mum) directly (jessiecooper@hotmail.co.uk)

Many thanks

Christine, Lara and Kate

Dedhampg@gmail.com

NHS Change to Urgent Treatment for Minor Injuries and Illness in North East Essex

EYFS-KS5

Treatment for minor injuries and illness has changed. In Colchester, the walk-in centre in Turner Road has been replaced by an Urgent Treatment Centre at Colchester Hospital, open 24/7. In Clacton and Harwich, the minor injuries units have been replaced by Urgent Treatment Centres. Clacton's hours have changed from 8am to 8pm and now accept minor illnesses. Harwich Fryatt Hospital is

open from 9am to 5pm, for minor injuries only. Call 111 for advice, or for further information visit the North East Essex CCG website.

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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.



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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)