



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 28th November 2019

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Head Talk

This week Class 1 have enjoyed a wonderful visit to the zoo. They found out lots about penguins and even received a toy penguin from Father Christmas!

Also, Class 4 welcomed parents and grandparents to their Showcase Assembly. In twenty five fun packed minutes we enjoyed looking at mosaics, finding out about a trip to Colchester Castle, a demonstration of aqueducts and treated to *Boudicca - The Musical!* On Friday, Class 6 will be welcoming their families to share in their learning.

There is much excitement to come over the next few weeks! Christmas trees are arriving at school and I am grateful to Mole Country Stores for donating the tree by the school office. All we need now are busy elves to decorate them!

Attached to this newsletter is our **ANNUAL REPORT BY THE GOVERNORS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/19**. Governors recognise the importance of communicating effectively with parents. It is an informative summary of key information and highlights from last academic year. Please take the time to read it.

Here are the dates for our Full Governing Body meetings in spring and summer of this academic year. They are also available on our website and will appear on the calendar at the end of the newsletter.

- GB Meeting (Curriculum focus) 27th Jan 2020 at 6:30pm
- GB Meeting (Finance focus) 9th March 2020 at 6:30pm

- GB Meeting (Curriculum focus) 4th May 2020 at 6:30pm
- GB Meeting (Finance focus) 29th June 2020 at 6:30pm

David Larner

Headteacher

Non-pupil dates for academic year 2020 – 21

Non-pupil dates for academic year 2020 – 21 have been agreed by our Governing Body. Term dates including non-pupil days are attached with this newsletter. They are also available on our website.

School Dinners

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 2nd December 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.

After School Clubs Reminder

Just a reminder that all after school clubs finish next week (w/c 02.12.19) i.e. they will run from Monday 2nd December to Friday 6th December.

The only exception to this will be the ASM Clubs. Multi-sports will finish on Tuesday 10th December and Football on Friday 13th December.



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After School Clubs – Gymnastics – CANCELLED WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Due to an event being held on the afternoon of Wednesday 4th there will be NO after school gymnastics club. Miss Hall has sent a letter out to the children who take part in this club to advise them accordingly.

This means that the last after school gymnastics club for this year was yesterday (27th November 2019).

KS1 Nativity to parents – Thursday 5th December at 1:45pm

A reminder that the KS1 Nativity play to the parents will be on Thursday 5th December at 1:45pm.

NO Celebration Assembly Friday 6th December

Please note that there will NOT be a Celebration Assembly on Friday 6th December due to our Understanding Christianity day. Thank you.

Christmas Sing-along (Christmas Market – Saturday 7th December)

Following lovely feedback from visitors at the Christmas Market last year, the Parent Group have asked for another Christmas Carol Sing-along this year to bring some Christmas spirit to the event!

We will meet outside the church at around 3:00pm and sing from 3:15pm until 3:30pm. We will be singing well-known Christmas carols so friends and families are welcome (and encouraged!) to join in with the children!

Many thanks,

Miss Valentine

Parent Group News

Christmas Market - There is now just 1 week to go!

Thank you to all those have been working hard behind the scenes to prepare for the big day! Please continue to support your class reps as much as you can as the day draws nearer.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

You should have received your Christmas Raffle Tickets in book bags last week. The five festive hampers are now on display around the village. We also have the following wonderful prizes to be won:

- o 12-month subscription to Essex Life Magazine
- o 5kg Kelly Bronze Turkey voucher
- o Hall Farm Afternoon Tea for 2 voucher
- o 1 hour sightseeing cruise for 2 adults with Orwell River Cruises
- o Rare House of Commons Blended Scotch Whisky
- o 4 x Odeon Cinema Tickets
- o David Lloyd Colchester Gym 2 week Family Pass voucher
- o Gymfinity Colchester 1 x Christmas Holiday Club voucher



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- o Shaikly Motor Company MOT & Seasonal Check voucher worth £90
- o Barrett & Coe Family Photography Gift Experience worth £160
- o Wolsley Theatre Tickets
- o Perrywood Garden Centre £10 gift voucher

Please could all tickets including any unused tickets be returned to the school office by Friday 6th December.

Santa's Grotto Tickets

Tickets for Santa's Grotto will be priced at £2.50 and on sale at the School Gate prior to pick up from Wednesday 4th December.

Christmas Market Set Up & Breakdown Volunteers Required

If you are available to assist with the set up or breakdown of the marquees/tables on the day of the Christmas Market, please meet at the Royal Square at 9am on Saturday 7th December or stay after 6pm.

As a thank you for your time and support the Marlborough have kindly offered a free drink to all those who can help.

Please email the dedhampg@gmail.com or let your Class Rep know if you can help.

Car Parking Volunteers Required

If you are available to lend a hand with a collection bucket for parking donations on the day, please let us know by emailing dedhampg@gmail.com

Siblings – September 2020 intake

Thank you to everyone who has contacted us to let us know of a sibling that may join us in September 2020. Just to remind you that advising us of your child's name will not guarantee you a place at our school – the application process will be still run through Essex County Council where you will need to apply for your child's place. Thank you.

French Lessons - Free Taster Session for Year R class!

As you may know, I run lunchtime French classes at Dedham Primary and I am planning to start a new class for Reception children in January, on Thursdays from 12.30 to 1.00.

On **Thursday 12th December**, I am offering a **free taster session**, with no obligation to continue. However, places do need to be booked in advance, as numbers are limited (maximum class size of about 12).

La Jolie Ronde lessons are fun-based, as we learn through songs, stories and games, etc. This is an ideal age to start learning and gives the children a head start before curriculum French is introduced from Year 3 onwards.

The first taster lesson is free. After that, the cost from January would be £5 per session (paid termly), plus the purchase of the book and CD/access to the online media player (£15), which we use for 5 terms.

If you would like to book a place for the taster, or would just like more information, please contact me direct:

E-mail: lisa.hpfrench@btinternet.com



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Further information can also be found on the
La Jolie Ronde website:
www.lajolieronde.co.uk

À bientôt!

Lisa Hamilton-Page

La Jolie Ronde Tutor

Showcase Assembly tomorrow

Just a reminder that the Showcase Assembly
(2:30pm, in the school hall) tomorrow is as
follows:

Friday 29th November Class 6

Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2020

As you may be aware, the primary school
(Reception) admission round opens on **11
November 2019**, for parents of children to
apply for a Reception school place for the
academic year that starts in September **2020**.

The statutory national closing date for
applications is **15 January 2020**.

From 11 November 2019, applications can be
made online via
www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 98% of
parents in Essex applied online last year.

Essex County Council no longer send out
letters to parents about making an application.
All of the application information is available on
the website above.

The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions
also has a copy of the Primary Education in

Essex 2020/21 booklet and the Schools
Admissions Policies Directories contain details
of all admission policies.

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
Friday 29th November	Class 6 – Showcase Assembly
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 3:00 – 6:00pm
Monday 9th December	Class 1 – Showcase Assembly
Tuesday 10th December	Class 2 – Showcase Assembly
Wednesday 11th December – 2:00pm	EYFS Nativity performance to parents
Thursday 12th December – 9:15am	Parent Forum
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)