



# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019

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## Head Talk

### Dedham Christmas Market – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 3-6pm

The sound of traditional Christmas carols has been in the air this week in preparation for singing at the Christmas Market. We do hope that many of you will be able to join us outside the church with your children at 3:10pm on Saturday to enjoy a Christmas sing-along.

The Christmas Market is a fantastic event and we are all so very grateful for the support that we receive from the whole community of Dedham and beyond! It is made possible by the wonderful work of our Parent Group and Kim Spencer. This year is going to be Kim's last year and the contribution she has made over this time is immeasurable! We know both Kim and our Parent Group have lived the Christmas Market day and night for quite a while! Please come and join us on Saturday and make this year the best Christmas Market ever! Parent Group donations form part of our school fund which is used for many things to enhance the children's experience at our school. This has included;

- Subsidising school trips
- New equipment for lunchtimes and a bespoke shed to store items
- A significant improvement to the Class 1 outside area

Many exciting things have been happening in school this week. Children dressed as teachers, Ofsted Inspectors, Kings, shepherds, angels, and Mary and Joseph have been spotted in the corridors as Class 1 and 2 performed *Tinsel and Tea towels*, a lovely story about a school retelling the nativity. Their singing and acting were a joy to

see and hear. Well done to children and staff in Class 1 and 2!

All classes have worked really hard and contributed towards our super entry for the Christmas tree competition on Saturday. Hopefully, our teamwork will be enjoyed by many visitors to the church to see the wonderful array of entries.

Our entry is entitled '**A Christmas Story Tree**' and if you think it is the best tree we would be *grateful* for your vote!

In addition, I have attached to this week's Newsletter our Online Safety Newsletter for December. 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 Larnar

Headteacher

## School Dinners

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 9th December 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.

## NO Celebration Assembly Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December

Please note that there will NOT be a Celebration Assembly on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December (tomorrow) due to our Understanding Christianity day. Also, there will NOT be a Celebration Assembly on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The final Celebration Assembly will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9:05am.



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## Showcase Assemblies next week

Just a reminder that the Showcase Assemblies (all at 2:30pm, all in the school hall) for next week are as follows:

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December                      Class 1

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December                  Class 2

## Clubs reminder

Just a reminder that all after school clubs finish this week. The only after school clubs that will be on next week will be the ASM Clubs (multi-sports on Tuesday and football on Friday).

## Parent Group News

### Christmas Market - It's finally here only 2 days to go!

The final preparations are now being put in place and we're keeping our fingers crossed for perfect weather on Saturday! Please do visit the market between 3 & 6pm and help raise funds for our school!

## Christmas Raffle Tickets

Please could all raffle tickets including any not sold be returned to the school office by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

## Santa's Grotto Tickets

Tickets for Santa's Grotto are priced at £2.50 and are on sale at the school gate prior to pick up on Friday.

## Christmas Market Set Up & Breakdown

Volunteers welcome, please meet in Royal Square for 9am Saturday morning or stay behind at 6pm to help clear away.

**Look forward to seeing you there on Saturday!!**

**With thanks and festive wishes**

**Kate, Christine and Lara**

## KS1 Nativity DVD order DEADLINE – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 4:30pm

Just a reminder that the deadline to order DVD's for the KS1 Nativity is Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 4:30pm. Exact money only to be put in an envelope, with your child's name, and returned to the school office. Spare copies of the order form are available from the school office. Thank you.

Any orders received after 4:30pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December will be returned to you - DVD's will not be available.

## EYFS Nativity to parents – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

The EYFS Nativity to Class R parents/families will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.

## Parent Forum – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 9:15am

Next Thursday I will be holding our termly parent forum, in which parents/carers can chat to both myself and Miss Valentine to express opinions on what the school is doing well and/or any areas that may need addressing. Also, it is an opportunity for you to find out



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about priorities moving forward in line with our Priority Improvement Plan.

## Film Club - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – The Grinch – 3:15pm – 5:00pm (£3.00/child)

Consent forms for Film Club have gone out in book bags this week – if you need a spare copy please pop in to the office to collect one. Thanks.

Film Club are showing the 2018 cartoon version of The Grinch NOT the 2000 version with Jim Carey!

## Woodwind Lessons

On Tuesday afternoon this week, Mrs Hannah Wainwright, our woodwind teacher, gave a short musical demonstration to classes 3, 4, 5 and 6. In January, she has some availability for new pupils wishing to learn the flute, clarinet or saxophone.

If you would like more information about lesson fees, instrument hire, tuition vouchers for low-income families, or you would like to arrange a time to meet Mrs Wainwright, please speak to Miss Valentine.

## Christmas at Dedham and Ardleigh Parishes 2019



### Christmas Services 2019



**Please come and join us!**

## 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
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Class 6 – Showcase Assembly
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Dedham Christmas Market 3:00 – 6:00pm
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Class 1 – Showcase Assembly
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Class 2 – Showcase Assembly
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 2:00pm</b>	EYFS Nativity performance to parents
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 9:15am</b>	Parent Forum
<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 – 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School Holiday (Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January is a non-pupil day)