



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 12th December 2019

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Head Talk

What an exciting week it has been so far! Of course, it began on Saturday with the Christmas Market. A fantastic event which was very well supported and blessed with perfect weather for the afternoon. We are all so very grateful for the support that we receive from the whole community of Dedham and beyond! Particular thanks to our Parent Group who have worked so hard preparing for Christmas Market day! Also, to local businesses and sponsors who kindly gave so much to the event.

Reception performed a traditional nativity story to a large audience of family and friends on Wednesday this week. There was such enthusiastic singing and acting and it was wonderful to see the children's growing confidence and independence in just one term of school. Well done to children and staff in Reception!

There is still so much to look forward to and I hope to see you at one of our events in the final few days of term.

David Larner

Headteacher

School Dinners

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 16.12.19 2019 IS WEEK 1 (EXCEPT Wednesday which will be the pre-ordered Christmas Menu).

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 13th December

Please note that there will NOT be a Celebration Assembly on Friday 13th December. The final Celebration Assembly will be on Tuesday 17th December at 9:05am.

Sunday 15th December – Village Carol Service at 6pm

Everyone is welcome at the Dedham Village Carol Service at 6pm on Sunday 15th December at 6:00pm where our KS2 Choir will be singing.

Monday 16th December – KS2 Carol Service

The KS2 Carol Service will be held at Dedham Church on Monday 16th December starting at 7pm. We ask that all (KS2) children arrive at 6:45pm in their school uniform. Thank you.

Tuesday 17th December – Celebration Assembly

Our last Celebration Assembly of this term will be on Tuesday 17th December at 9:05am.

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Celebrations

The whole school will join together to have a Christmas lunch before EYFS/KS1 enjoy an afternoon Christmas party (collect at 3:10pm) and KS2 enjoy a disco (collect at 4:30pm). ***It will be a non-uniform day and we would encourage everyone to wear a festive jumper*** (please bear in mind that the children



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will still be going outside to play at break-time and lunchtime so appropriate clothing/footwear is still required).

Thursday 19th December – Final Assembly of the Term

Our final assembly of the term will be held at Dedham Church at 10am – everyone is welcome. If you are able to join us to walk the children from school to church please come to the school for 9:30am.

We're nut free – REMINDER

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.

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).

Christmas Cards - Xmas4schools

A big thank you to everyone who brought Christmas Cards this year. You helped raise £193 for the school. Thank you for your continued support.

School places for Reception Class, 2020/2021

Essex County Council have contacted as with a provisional list of children that have applied for our school, for Reception class starting in September 2020. We are aware that some parents, who have advised us that they have a sibling proposing to join the school, haven't yet applied to Essex County Council for a place. The deadline is 15th January 2020 – please ensure that you do apply for a place before the deadline. Thank you.

STARS Trail around Colchester Town

Years 5 & 6 painted some stars for the STARS Trail that is in Colchester. We have received a message from the team organising the event:

'I am writing to thank you for all the hard work you and your pupils have put in to help create the amazing STARS Trail around Colchester Town.

We have received some fabulous pictures of the stars in situ, and had some brilliant feedback from the host locations, including this lovely quote from Denise King, CEO Emmaus Colchester, "The Stars Project is a great initiative to be part of at this festive time of year. It brings the community together and gives families an opportunity to discover places that they may not have been into before. We welcome the opportunity to encourage local families into our shops and raise awareness of homelessness in the town, while giving the stargazers a chance to take home a bargain!"



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This wonderful initiative would not have been possible without your input, and we really do appreciate every single star that was decorated.

We are very pleased to announce that the STARS Trail map is now available to download from the In Colchester website <https://incolchester.co.uk/stars-project> – we'd be very grateful if you would share this with your pupils and parents, so they can enjoy the stars all around the town.'

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.

Calendar dates for the autumn term

Date	Event
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)