



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 9th January 2020

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Head Talk

Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely Christmas. On behalf of all of us at school I would like to wish you a Happy New Year with the hope that you will have many blessings in the year to come.

This week, we have been thinking about friendship and teamwork and how we would strive to become a better person through our thoughts and actions. We spoke about the importance that friendship has especially during difficult times.

On the 12th December, we had our first Parents' Forum when we discussed the School's Priority Improvement Plan, key school events and listened to parent's views about our school. The presentation and minutes are available on website by selecting 'Our News' then 'Parents' Forum'.

In addition, I have attached to this week's Newsletter our Online Safety Newsletter for January. Recently, many of us have added to our family's technology providing children with increased opportunities to be online. Please do take the time to read the Online Safety Newsletter as it does provide really useful information for you to help you keep your child safe online.

David Larnar

Headteacher

School lunches

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 13th January 2020
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.

Just a reminder that if you pay for lunches for the half term it will be: £66.70

(Tuesday 7th January – Friday 14th February = 29 days x £2.30 = £66.70)

A warm welcome to three new Governors

I would like to warmly welcome Matthew Barnett, Aaron Orchard and Ian Lovelock to our Governing Body. Matthew and Aaron have joined as Parent Governors while Ian is a Co-opted Governor. A Co-opted Governor is appointed by invitation of the Governing Body.

A short piece will soon appear on the Governor section of our website telling you a little more about Matthew, Aaron and Ian.

We are very grateful for their commitment to the work of this body, and they have already attended meetings and school events as governors.

Friday 10th January – Celebration Assembly, 9:05am

Please come and join us for our first Celebration Assembly of the year/new term.

Friday 10th January – KS2 Choir

A reminder that due to the Young Voices concert being on 7th February, Miss Valentine will be starting KS2 Choir Friday 10th January as rehearsal time is limited before the concert.



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Young Voices – Coach Seats for Parents

If you booked a seat on the coach to take you to/from Young Voices please can you forward the payment to the school office as soon as possible.

Thursday 14th January, 9:15-10:30am

An opportunity for prospective parents to come and visit the school and see the children at work.

School places for Reception Class, 2020/2021 – APPLICATION DEADLINE 15th January 2020

Essex County Council have contacted us 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.

Drama Club

Drama Club will be running again on a Tuesday after school and will continue with the same group of children from the previous half term. The performance to the parents will be on Tuesday 11th February at 2pm.

For any children wishing to join Drama Club, the next opportunity will be after the February half term.

Lost property

At the end of last term a pair of trainers (size 13) and a pair of gloves ('Oglove') were left in the lost property box. If you think these may belong to your child please see the school office. Thanks.

All items with names in were returned to the children.

All items without names will be sent to a charity that clothes school children

Information to parents – re: School Nurse

I want to make you aware of an incident reported on Tuesday. A primary school received information from a parent that someone purporting to be a School Nurse contacted them by text to ask questions about their child. This was reported to the Police and has been confirmed as a hoax. Virgin Care, who provide the School Nursing Team, wish to ensure all schools are aware of this and to provide the following advice to parents:

School Nurses do not send text messages as their first contact with parents.

If you receive a text message requesting information about your child from anyone purporting to be a School Nurse, please DO NOT engage.

To check the validity of any request received, please contact the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service Single Point of Access:

Mid Essex 0300 247 0014 (option 2)

North Essex 0300 247 0015

South Essex 0300 247 0013



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West Essex 0300 247 0122

To see examples of suspicious text messages, click the link below:

<https://who-called.co.uk/Number/07562068525>

La Jolie Ronde French Classes at Dedham Primary School

Dear Parents,

Lunchtime French lessons are running again this term, with a **free taster session** for new pupils!

Year R – Thursday 12.30 – 1.00

Years 1 and 2 – Tuesday 12.30 – 1.00

Years 3 and 4 – Thursday 12.00 – 12.30

Years 5 and 6 – Tuesday 12.00 – 12.30

La Jolie Ronde can be used as either an introduction to French, or as a complement to the curriculum French (which starts in Year 3). Lessons are fun-based, with songs, stories, games, etc., and class sizes are small, with a maximum of about 12.

The first lesson is free. After that, the cost is £5 per session (paid termly), plus the initial purchase of the book and CD (£15), which we use for several terms.

If you are interested in booking a no obligation place for a taster session, or would just like more information, please contact me direct:

Email: lisa.hpfrench@btinternet.com

Tel: 01206 299566

Further information can also be found on the La Jolie Ronde website:

www.lajolieronde.co.uk or from the flyers in the school reception.

À bientôt!

Lisa Hamilton-Page

La Jolie Ronde Tutor

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 spring term

Date	Event
7 th January 2020	First day of the spring term for children
Thursday 9 th January – 9:15am – 10:30am	School tour for parents of new entrants for admission 2020-21
Friday 10 th January – 3:15pm	KS2 Choir begins
Tuesday 14 th January – 1:15 – 2:30pm	School tour for parents of new entrants for admission 2020-21
Monday 20 th January	Child and Wellbeing Team – height and weight check – Class 6
Tuesday 21 st January	Class 4 visiting Chelmsford Mosque
Tuesday 21 st January	Child and Wellbeing Team – height and weight check – Class R
Monday 27 th January – 6:30pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 30 th January	Some children attending a Multi-Schools Council Meeting
Friday 31 st January – 3:15 – 5:00pm	Film Club
Monday 3 rd February – 3:30pm	Girls Football Match vs Lawford – at Dedham
Tuesday 4 th February	Stone Age Day at school for Class 3
Friday 7 th February	YOUNG VOICES CONCERT AT WEMBLEY ARENA

Tuesday 11 th February – 2:00pm	Drama Club performance to their parents
Friday 14 th February	Understanding Christianity Day – Gospel Non-uniform day – DEN Site
Friday 14 th February – 3:30pm	Girls Football Match vs Langham – at Dedham
Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 25 th February – 2:15pm	Parents' Forum
Tuesday 3 rd March – 4:00 – 8:00pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 4 th March – 3:30 – 6:00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 6 th March	Dressing as a book character (Book Week)
Monday 9 th March – 6:30pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 27 th March – 3:15 – 5:00pm	Film Club
Wednesday 1 st April – 1:45 – 3:00pm	Some KS2 children visiting residents at Blackbrook Residential Care Home – Easter Crafts
Thursday 2 nd April – 10:00am	Understanding Christianity Day – Salvation End of term service at Dedham Church