



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 30th January 2020

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Head Talk

I am whispering this.....so far we have escaped any significant cold weather but I thought it would be useful to remind you of our adverse weather procedures. Very occasionally the school has to close due to poor weather. This is not a decision that is readily undertaken but is one based upon risk to children and their adequate supervision. If we do decide to close the school, then we will endeavour to take the decision as early as possible. We would send a communication to you via School Comms and add a message to the school website: (www.dedham.essex.sch.uk). Also, we would be listed on the following Essex County Council website: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/emergency-school-closures>

Tomorrow, our website will take on a new and exciting appearance. Please do take a look and I would really appreciate any feedback so that we can ensure it meets your needs. Also, very soon we will be introducing a school App to allow easy access to news, newsletters and much more.

David Larner

Headteacher

School lunches

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 3rd February 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.

Parent Volunteers

Would you be interested in helping children in our school to practise phonics? Would you be able to volunteer 15-20 minutes at the start or end of the school day 3-5 days a week? If so, Miss Valentine would love to hear from you! If the word 'phonics' fills you with fear, don't worry because all volunteers will be invited to attend a reading meeting where you'll be given all the information you need. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch and I hope to hear from you soon!

Miss Valentine

Please help – Regeneration of Vegilot to Thrive Garden



Our Vegilot has seen better days but we have big plans to regenerate the space into our Thrive Garden.

The children have come up with some ideas and they would like to ask you for donations - things such as packets of seeds, flower pots, tools (child size), plants etc. that you may have at home and no longer need or would be happy to donate.



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Oddly, we would also like any wellies - again, child size - odd ones or pairs, all will be very useful!

If you can help in any way please give donations to the office or speak with Mr Larnar.

Year 6 Residential Trip 24th – 26th June 2020 – payment due 03.02.2020

The first instalment of £50.00, for the Residential Trip, is due on Monday 3rd February. Please can the correct money/cheque (made payable to Dedham Primary School Fund) be handed in to the school office clearly marked with your child's name.

If you wish to pay the full payment of £150.00 this can be made up to 3rd February.

The next and last instalment dates are as follows:

Instalment 2: £50.00 to be paid by Monday 16th March

Instalment 3: £50.00 to be paid by Friday 8th May (although this is now a bank holiday so payment will be due by 7th May).

Thank you.

REMINDER: Monday 3rd February – Football match at Dedham after school

A reminder that on Monday 3rd February there will a football match after school, at our school, therefore Football Club will be cancelled that day. If, however, your child would like to stay and watch the match they may do so if they attend with an adult.

Class 3 Stone Age visit – Tuesday 4th February

If you have not yet returned your consent form/payment to the school please can you do so by tomorrow (Friday 31.01.2020). Thank you.

Parking Issues

It has been drawn to my attention that some parents are disregarding the yellow markings on the approach to the school and therefore placing the children at risk of a serious accident. Please **DO NOT** park on any yellow markings and on the corners of the road. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure the children can arrive/leave the school in safety.

Game Cards

I am happy that Game Cards can be played with at break-time and lunch time.

Reminder about hair being tied back

Just a reminder about appearance (as per the school prospectus):

'Long/shoulder length hair must be tied back. All hair accessories to be plain in colour and simple in style. No jewellery.'

It has been noted that many children with long hair are not tying their hair back fully, they are only tying back the top section of their hair, leaving the rest of their hair loose. Please can long/shoulder length hair be fully tied back. Thank you.



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Calendar dates for the spring term

Date	Event
Thursday 30 th January	Some children attending a Multi-Schools Council Meeting
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 – 3:15pm	Film Club
Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 25 th February – 2:15pm	Parents' Forum
Friday 28 th February – 2:30pm	Class 5 Showcase Assembly
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
Tuesday 17 th March – 2:30pm	Class 3 Showcase Assembly
Monday 23 rd March – 2:30pm	Class 6 Showcase Assembly
Tuesday 24 th March – 2:30pm	Class 1 Showcase Assembly
Friday 27 th March – 3:15 – 5:00pm	Film Club
Monday 30 th March – 2:30pm	Class 2 Showcase Assembly
Tuesday 31 st March – 2:30pm	Class 4 Showcase Assembly
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