



# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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## Head Talk

There have been a number of highlights in school this week. Our girls football team played against Lawford earning a 3 – 1 win, through hard work, determination and teamwork. Well done!

On Tuesday, the Stone Age came to Dedham and if you are a Class 3 parent it may be lingering a little too! The Stone Age has a certain smell! The experience was amazing and really brought a significant period of history to life.

On a separate matter, I have attached to this week's Newsletter our Online Safety Newsletter for February. 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.

## Lateness

We have noted that we are having an increased and regular number of children who are late each day (almost 200 late registrations since 5th September 2019). I am sure this will be highlighted during our Education Welfare Officer visit next week.

Can I remind you that the KS2 start time is 8.50am and the KS1 start time is 9.00am. Of course, KS1 pupils are welcome from 8:50am to settle into their learning.

When your child is late for school, they need to come to the School Office. This is to enable the office to register them as having arrived at school and a meal to be ordered if necessary as they will have missed their class register.

As always, I am on the playground most mornings and most afternoons should you wish to come and have a chat.

David Larnar

Headteacher

## School lunches

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
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.

## Young Voices – Friday 07.02.2020 (tomorrow)

- Please note that the coach will be leaving school promptly at 10:30am. Could all adults, who will be travelling on the coach, arrive at school at 10:15am. Thank you.
- Children need to wear school uniform and bring a coat.
- Please ensure children have both a packed lunch and a packed tea (no hot drinks or fizzy drinks). Please can children bring all food and drink in one rucksack. Thank you.
- If there is medication that your child requires, for example travel sickness medication, please send it to Miss Valentine in a clearly named box/bag with details of the dosage required.
- Young Voices events support FareShare, a national award-winning charity that collect and distribute items



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of food to the homeless. If you would like to send your child in with a tin of soup, meat, fish, fruit or vegetables, there are large 'bins' at the arena where the children can drop off their donations.

## KS2 Choir – NO KS2 Choir on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Please note that there will be **NO** KS2 choir on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February due to Film Club - it will recommence again after half term with lots of new music to begin learning.

## Advice from the Department for Education regarding Coronavirus

**Advice for parents/carers issued by the Department for Education is as follows:**

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus. Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

In school we provide a number of hand sanitiser dispensers around the school and are informing children about following the basic hygiene practices outlined above.

Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Thank you for your co-operation and continued support.

## Parents Consultation Evening/Afternoon

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March (4-8pm) and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March (3.30-6pm)**

Please note that the details of the forthcoming Parent Consultation Evening/Afternoon ONLINE Appointment Booking are as attached.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> AND WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.**

## Year 6 Residential Trip (June 2020) – payment due 03.02.2020 – payments are now overdue

The first instalment of £50.00, for the Year 6 Residential Trip (June 2020), was due on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 have not paid please can you forward the payment to the school office as soon as possible to ensure that payments can be banked before half term.

The next and last instalment dates are as follows:

Instalment 2: £50.00 to be paid by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

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



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## **Bible Explorer – Year 6 assembly to Year 6 parents – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 10:15am**

Year 6 have been taking part in Bible Explorer lessons with Eric and would be delighted if the year 6 parents could join them for their assembly so they can show you what they have been learning. It is always a wonder to see quite how much the children have learned in such a short space of time. The assembly will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 10:15am.

## **Non uniform day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Children can come in to school in non-uniform on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – there is a suggested donation of £1.00 towards the DEN Site upkeep.

Please bear in mind that children will be going outside as normal at break-time and lunch time so please ensure clothes are appropriate for outdoor play.

## **Reporting Absences / Taking children out of school for appointments**

Please can all absences be notified to the school office by 9:00am on the day of absence (and any subsequent days), either by phone (01206 322242), e-mail ([office@dedham.essex.sch.uk](mailto:office@dedham.essex.sch.uk)) or in person.

If you are taking your child out of school for an appointment, again please notify the school office as above, and the school office will advise the class teachers accordingly.

Thank you.

## **Water bottles**

All children are encouraged to bring a water bottle in to school, but please note that these should contain water only – not juice (even watered down). Thank you.

## **Anglia Sports Management**

For half term activities at ASM please see their website for further details. <https://angliasportsmanagement.com/>

## **Parent Volunteers reminder – more help needed**

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



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## Calendar dates for the spring term

| Date                                                                     | Event                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>                                  | Some children attending a Multi-Schools Council Meeting               |
| <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 3:30pm</b>                           | Girls Football Match vs Lawford – at Dedham                           |
| <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>                                   | Stone Age Day at school for Class 3                                   |
| <b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>                                    | YOUNG VOICES CONCERT AT WEMBLEY ARENA                                 |
| <b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – 2:00pm</b>                         | Drama Club performance to their parents                               |
| <b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – 10:15am</b>                       | Bible Explorer – Year 6 assembly to Year 6 parents                    |
| <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>                                   | Understanding Christianity Day – Gospel<br>Non-uniform day – DEN Site |
| <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – 3:15pm</b>                          | Film Club                                                             |
| <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b> | HALF TERM                                                             |
| <b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – 2:15pm</b>                         | Parents' Forum                                                        |
| <b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – 2:30pm</b>                          | Class 5 Showcase Assembly                                             |
| <b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 4:00 – 8:00pm</b>                      | Parents' Evening                                                      |

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| <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – 3:30 – 6:00pm</b> | Parents' Evening                                                                         |
| <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>                    | Dressing as a book character (Book Week)                                                 |
| <b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – 6:30pm</b>           | Full Governing Body Meeting                                                              |
| <b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – 2:30pm</b>         | Class 3 Showcase Assembly                                                                |
| <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 2:30pm</b>          | Class 6 Showcase Assembly                                                                |
| <b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 2:30pm</b>         | Class 1 Showcase Assembly                                                                |
| <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 3:15 – 5:00pm</b>   | Film Club                                                                                |
| <b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – 2:30pm</b>          | Class 2 Showcase Assembly                                                                |
| <b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 2:30pm</b>         | Class 4 Showcase Assembly                                                                |
| <b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – 1:45 – 3:00pm</b> | Some KS2 children visiting residents at Blackbrook Residential Care Home – Easter Crafts |
| <b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 10:00am</b>        | Understanding Christianity Day – Salvation<br>End of term service at Dedham Church       |