



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 10th June 2021

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Head Talk

Dear families of Dedham CE Primary School,

Welcome back to our final half term of the year. For me, as I am sure it has for many of you, the time since 8th March has passed very quickly. Many jobs completed, many still on the to-do list and still quite a bit to fit in to the final few weeks. Teachers are busily writing end of year reports for your children as we begin to reflect on the very difficult year that has passed while at the same time preparing for September.

Of course, we are all still unsure of what the next step in the government's roadmap will bring as more uncertainty seems to have been added to uncertainty. I will listen with great interest to Monday's announcement for the 21st June but am not anticipating any significant changes to schools guidance. Let's see!

My very best wishes,

Mr David Larner
Headteacher

Face coverings at drop-off and pick-up

Please be advised that it will no longer be a requirement to wear a face covering when dropping off or picking up your child from school. If you feel happier continuing to wear a face covering, then please do so.

We do know that the risks are currently much lower than we experienced earlier this year but we should continue to limit the risk of transmission by following the "1m plus" social distancing rule.

This decision has been taken in line with meeting outside in wider society and following consultation with a number of parents and staff.

Relationships, Health and Sex Education (R.H.S.E.) – Virtual meetings for parents

Following my correspondence earlier this week, I would like to remind you about the following meetings, to share information about the use of Jigsaw to deliver the new statutory Relationships, Health and Sex Education (R.H.S.E.). Due to copyright laws, we are not able to share the presentation outside of this meeting.

- Monday 14th June – R.H.S.E Virtual Meeting for Class 5 and Class 6 Parents/ Carers – 4:00pm
- Tuesday 15th June – R.H.S.E. Virtual Meeting for Class 3 and Class 4 Parents/ Carers – 4:00pm
- Wednesday 16th June – R.H.S.E. Virtual Meeting for Class 1 and Class 2 Parents/ Carers – 4:00pm

The Zoom invitations for the meetings will be sent later today.

Donations of games for Class R

In preparation for September, we have been taking stock of our current resources. We are in great need of wooden puzzles, dolls/prams, small figures and educational board games (such as the Orchard brand for example). We would be ever so grateful if you could donate any educational toys that your child no longer uses. Please leave them in our foyer, labelled Class R.

Thank you for your continued support.



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School lunches

W/C MONDAY 14th June will be WEEK 2 of the menu

Please note that the cost for lunches for this half term, will be £73.60, if paying in full. (32 days x £2.30 per lunch = £73.60).

Please make cheques payable to DEDHAM COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Class photos

The deadline for photo orders to be returned to school was today, 10th June 2021, but this has been **extended to tomorrow (Friday 11th June)**. If you wish to purchase any Class photos, please ensure your payment is returned to the school office tomorrow by 3:10pm. Thank you.

REMINDER - Warm Weather

Sun cream

Now that summer has finally arrived, we kindly ask that all children come to school with a hat to protect them from the sunshine during lunchtime and PE lessons. We recommend applying a long-lasting sun cream before they come to school **but if you wish your child to re-apply it during the day, please send them in with their own sun cream with their name on and email office@dedham.essex.sch.uk to confirm this.**

Ties

As the weather gets warmer, we may also encourage children to remove their ties following morning lessons. Please ensure that ties are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Sun hats / two water bottles

As the weather is starting to warm up, please can you ensure that your children are sent in to school with sun hats and, if possible, two water bottles so they are able to stay hydrated, particularly in the afternoons following the lunch break.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 27th May 2021

Thank you to everyone who made a donation on the non-uniform day. I am pleased to confirm that £200.20 was donated and the proceeds will be going to the Parent Group.

Parent Group News!

Parent/Carers Gift Shop

Last year we sadly had to postpone the 'Mother's Day' gift room due to lockdown however all items have been safely in storage and we will be offering the children a chance to select their gift towards the end of June. We have a list and will honour those who already paid last year. If you would like to participate, you will still have the opportunity at £3.00 per child, per gift. At the same time, we will be offering Father's Day gifts also at £3.00 each. The date of the sale is yet to be finalised and may be slightly after the event whilst we continue to adhere to the restrictions. Please look out for the slips in book bags.

Summer Raffle

To round the year off, we will be hosting a summer themed raffle in July. If you would like to donate a prize, please let the Parent Group know by emailing us at DedhamPG@gmail.com.



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Thank you for your continued support and please remember we are looking for new members to take over from us in due course. Please do come and speak with us if you have any questions or drop us a line at the email address above.

Kindest regards

Kate, Christine and Lara

Free school meals – Have your circumstances changed?

If you believe your circumstances have changed during the period of lockdown and you could be eligible for free school meals then you can find the criteria and application process by following the link below:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Dedham School App



Please do download our app. It is a great place to easily access this newsletter, other school news and much more!

How to purchase our new school uniform with logo



Please follow the link below to purchase school uniform with our logo. You can also access our uniform shop by clicking on links in our school app.

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/dedham>

A bi-monthly delivery to school is free or items can be delivered directly to your home for a small charge.

News from St Mary's Church, Dedham

We now have a dedicated page on our website where you can find out more about upcoming services and events at St Mary's Church, Dedham.

To find out more please follow the link below;

<https://www.dedham.essex.sch.uk/news-from-st-marys-church-dedham>



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Monday 28 th June at 6:30pm	Full Governing Board meeting
Friday 16 th July	Annual School Reports sent home
Wednesday 21 st July	End of term