



# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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## Head Talk

Dear families of Dedham CE Primary School,

We now know that the next stage of the roadmap to recovery is delayed until the 19<sup>th</sup> July. This is disappointing news, but is understandable given the circumstances surrounding the Delta variant. Bubbles will continue for the remainder of the term, as will our protective measures which have not changed since March. Sadly, it also means that it will not be possible to invite families onto the school site for events such as Sports Day, a welcome meeting for new Class R parents or a production.

This will not stop us from holding events in school or continuing with meetings via Teams or Zoom. For example, sports day has become a sports week! As it's an Olympic year, classes have become countries, and over the course of a week, every child in the school will participate in a range of different activities to earn points for their country. Then, after a week of individual class challenges, children will compete in traditional track events in front of two or three other classes and of course there'll be flag waving as children cheer on their fellow teammates! Year six have several leavers' events planned including a day at Mersea Outdoor Centre and a 'moving on' morning in the Vicarage garden. Also, we hope that our new reception intake will be joining us for some 'stay and play' sessions to meet their new teacher and to see the school.

This week, we have been considering the meaning of *generosity* and the many ways in which this can be demonstrated. Today, Reverend Antony visited school and as part of our collective worship he reminded us about the excellent work of Colchester Foodbank. Giving can be done easily by leaving items in the entrance to Dedham Church. Currently,

the Colchester Foodbank are prioritising the following items; long life juice, cordial/squash, long life milk, tinned meats, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned custard, rice pudding, tapioca etc, crisps, sweets, washing up liquid, washing powder, razors and shaving gel or cream.

As preparations for September continue, I am finalising which year groups teachers will teach next academic year. I will publish this information next week. We will, of course, have a transition morning for the children to spend some time meeting their new teacher later this term.

Finally, our School Adviser from Essex County Council visited school recently and they were very impressed with how the school looked and how well the children were learning. Well done everyone!

My very best wishes,

Mr David Larnar  
Headteacher

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

We hope that those of you who were able to attend the meeting for your child's class this week found them useful. Feedback from parents was very positive. Unfortunately, due to copyright laws, we are not able to share the slides used at the meeting.

## School lunches

### W/C MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> June will be WEEK 3 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).



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Please make cheques payable to DEDHAM COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The menu is available on our school app and via our website [here](#).

## School post boxes

Currently the post-box in the foyer of the school is closed due to Covid-19 restrictions, however, there are two post-boxes, situated on the external wall of the office, which you can use to drop off letters/paperwork etc. If you walk into the staff car park, they are just around the corner, on your right. You can use either of the post-boxes. Both post-boxes are checked regularly throughout the day.

## REMINDER - Warm Weather

### Sun cream

As the warm weather continues, 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](mailto:office@dedham.essex.sch.uk) to confirm this.**

## Parent Group News!

### Parent/Carers Gift Shop - Friday 25th June

The Gift Shop will be open for business to participating children on Friday 25th June during school hours. Slips were provided in school bags last week and we would like to remind you that all slips and monies (whether

paid in cash or online) are due by next Monday 21st June. If you would like to participate, you still have the opportunity at £3.00 per child, per female or male gift.

## Summer Raffle

We have already received some fantastic prizes, sincere thanks to those who have kindly donated. If you would like to donate a prize, please let the Parent Group know by emailing us at [DedhamPG@gmail.com](mailto:DedhamPG@gmail.com).

Thank you as always for your continued support and please remember we are looking for new members so do please 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!



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## 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>

## Calendar dates

| Date                                   | Event                           |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm | Full Governing Board meeting    |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July           | Annual School Reports sent home |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July        | End of term                     |