



# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

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## Head Talk

Dear families of Dedham CE Primary School,

The weather has tried to dampen our spirits during Sports Week but it has not succeeded! The children have thoroughly enjoyed the activities this week and I have heard many cheers for different nations around the world. Even an opening ceremony to welcome the athletes to their events too! The track races await tomorrow.....

Tomorrow also marks the beginning of our new classroom build. Class 6 will move to the hall so that the groundworks team can fence off the area where the building will take place over the coming weeks. We will temporarily lose some of our playground but will continue to use it for pick up at the end of the day. As there will be reduced space, please can I ask you to leave promptly when you have collected your child(ren).

This morning, Mrs Proctor and I met with parents of new entrants for September 2021 via Zoom. If you have a child joining our school in September but were unable to attend the meeting, we have a dedicated 'starting school' page on our website [here](#) where you can find the presentation and other helpful resources.

My very best wishes,

Mr David Larnier  
Headteacher

## School lunches

**W/C MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> July 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.

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

## School response to Covid symptoms

We are all aware of the changing landscape regarding Covid-19 and are hopeful that the 'roadmap to recovery' will continue on 19<sup>th</sup> July. However, our government guidance still directs us to take a precautionary approach when a child or member of staff exhibits symptoms of Covid-19 and require them to remain at home and take a PCR test (with a negative outcome) before they return to school, or self-isolate for 10 days.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you have **any of these symptoms**, please take a PCR test (an LFT test is not sufficient in this case) to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you receive your result.



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## Parent Survey – Summary of outcomes

Thank you for taking the time to complete our Parent Survey in May of this year. 83 families (representing 99 pupils) responded to our survey out of a total of 151 families at school. This means that 55% of our families responded.

### Highlights

92.7% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that school communication during the Covid-19 pandemic has been strong, clear and effective.

97.6% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that the felt the school's plan and risk assessment kept their child safe.

90.3% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child was happy at Dedham CofE Primary School.

94% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child felt safe at Dedham CofE Primary School.

95.1% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that they would recommend Dedham CofE Primary School to another parent.

### Areas for further investigation/review

- Home Learning
- Communicating pupil progress/achievements
- Breadth of curriculum
- After school clubs
- House Point system

These areas will feed into our Priority Improvement plan for the next academic year.

## Class 6 – Manningtree High School

Just a reminder that children in year 6 who will be joining Manningtree High School in September 2021 have their induction day on Monday 5th July. All parents have been contacted by MHS with the details of the visit. Children need to go directly to MHS on the day.

## Parent Group

### Summer Raffle

The raffle will be drawn by Mr Larner, at school, on Friday 16th July. We are hoping to get tickets out in book bags early next week and stubs will need to be returned to the office by the end of the day on Monday 12th July.

We have received some fantastic prizes including 2 £75 vouchers for The Lion Brasserie, East Bergholt, a voucher for Fleur Nails and Beauty, a luxury picnic hamper, a reflexology voucher and a hamper full of sweets! 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).

We also plan to put together some summer themed hampers and gift bags as prizes, as well as a "bucket of booze!" If you would like to support this event you could either give a monetary donation to help us purchase some nice items for the hampers or, if you prefer, donate a bottle of something for us to include in the "bucket of booze". There is a box in the office for bottle donations and cash donations can be handed in to the office in a clearly marked envelope or handed to Kate in the



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playground. Any donations will need to be received by Friday 9th July.

## Parent/Carers Gift Shop

Thank you to everyone who contributed to last week's gift sale. We had a lovely time helping the children choose their gifts and made a fantastic profit of £457 from the event!

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. Many thanks,

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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## Calendar dates

Date	Event
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual School Reports sent home
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of term