



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 8th July 2021

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Head Talk

Dear families of Dedham CE Primary School,

This week has been an exciting week at school. Our demountable, which has been a classroom for some 1000 or so pupils at Dedham over the years, has been demolished in preparation for our new permanent modular classroom. Watching the work has proven to be a great alternative to play at break and lunchtimes. Earlier in the week, the toppling of a large section of the demountable was met with an enormous cheer!



The footings for the new classroom, a pumping station for four additional toilets and the return to playground space for the footprint of our old demountable are well underway. Our new modular classroom is being delivered and craned into place on Tuesday 20th July. I have attached a letter from the contractors which has been dropped to local residents this week giving more details about this process.

Today, Class 6 spent the morning with Reverend Antony, Christina and Ruth in the Vicarage garden, climbing the tower of the church, exploring the churchyard and eating Ruth's homemade cakes! The most important part of the morning was a short service in church when Reverend Antony spoke to the children about 'moving on' and presented them with a helpful book and a Bible.

The children listened carefully, offered many thoughtful answers and were a real credit to our school. Well done Class 6!



Can you spot Felixstowe in the distance?



On Tuesday 13th July, children in Classes R to 5 will be spending some time with their new class teacher thinking about the next step in their school lives.

I will finish by mentioning the Government's statement released on Tuesday. Gavin Williamson indicated that school bubbles would end, as would the need for staggers, and that large mixed class groups could once again congregate. These changes are very exciting and will transform the school experience for children and staff alike.



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My very best wishes,

Mr David Larnar
Headteacher

School lunches

W/C MONDAY 12th July 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).

Please make cheques payable to DEDHAM COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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

REMINDER - Notice for Parents of Children in Year 3 from September 2021 - Free School Meals

Automatic entitlement to a free school meal finishes at the end of Year 2.

Your child may be able to continue to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Applications should be made online as soon as possible at

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

Important Message - Year 6 Mersea Day Trip Friday 16th July

Please ensure that you arrive at school by 7.45am. The coach will leave promptly at 8am. Anyone who arrives late will unfortunately have to find their own way to Essex Outdoors in Mersea.

As a reminder all pupils will be provided with a packed lunch.

A 'Form of Consent' was sent out this week regarding medical conditions and emergency contact details. PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 9TH JULY. We must receive a completed form for each pupil to enable them to attend the Mersea trip.

Parent Group

Summer Raffle

Sincere thanks to all those who have donated prizes and contributions to our hampers and bucket of booze. Tickets came home earlier this week and we'd appreciate it if stubs could be returned to the office by the end of the day on Monday 12th July. The raffle will be drawn by Mr Larnar, at school, on Friday 16th July.



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There's still time to support us by donating a prize! If you'd like to do so, please let the Parent Group know by emailing us at 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 playground. Any donations will need to be received by the end of the day tomorrow, Friday 9th July.

A list of the fantastic prizes we currently have up for grabs is shown below:

Prize:	With thanks from:
£100 buy a gift voucher	Sponsored by Fairley Associates
Luxury Picnic Hamper	Kingsleigh Residential
Sweet Hamper	The Wijesekera Family
2 x £75 Voucher	The Lion Brasserie, East Bergholt
Bucket of Booze	Donations from parents
Beach bag filled with beach themed items,	Donations from parents
Garden themed hamper	Donations from parents
Kids toys and games hamper	Donations from parents
2-week Family pass for 2 adults and up to 4 children	David Lloyd, Colchester
Reflexology Voucher	Wandering Sole Reflexology
£20 Voucher	Fleur Nails and Beauty

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.



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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
Friday 16 th July	Annual School Reports sent home
Wednesday 21 st July	End of term