



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 2nd September 2021

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Head Talk

Dear families of Dedham CE Primary School,

What a fantastic day! Children and parents from different classes arriving at the same time, a whole school assembly in the hall and children from different classes playing together at break and lunchtime. These changes are transformational! It feels so good that our whole school community are together again. It is a sobering thought that it has been 531 days since we last experienced these things.

Of course, we are all continuing to regularly wash or sanitise our hands, maintain a thorough cleaning regime and ensure there is plenty of ventilation in all rooms.

I have just visited the children and staff in their classrooms and there is an overriding feeling of joy at being back at school learning and playing together.

On another matter, I have attached to this week's Newsletter our Online Safety Newsletter for September. Please do take the time to read it as it does provide really useful information for you to help you keep your child safe online.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you soon.

My very best wishes,

Mr David Larnar
Headteacher

School lunches

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 6th September 2021
IS WEEK 2.

Please note that the cost for lunches, for this half term, will be £85.10, if paying in full. (37 days x £2.30 per lunch - £85.10).

Please make cheques payable to DEDHAM COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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.

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

Office opening hours from September 2021

School Office opening hours from 1st September 2021 are as follows.

Monday to Thursday – 8:00am - 4:00pm

Friday – 8:00am – 3:30pm

Meet the Teacher meetings using Zoom

Following advice, we have decided to run our annual Meet the Teacher meetings using Zoom over the next two weeks. Your child's class teacher will share key information for the year ahead. Tomorrow, I will send you invitations to your child's Meet the Teacher meeting via School Comms. The timetable for meetings is as follows;

Class	Date	Time
3	Tuesday 7 th September	4:00pm
4	Tuesday 7 th September	4:30pm
5	Thursday 9 th September	4:00pm
6	Thursday 9 th September	4:30pm



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1	Monday 13 th September	4:00pm
2	Monday 13 th September	4:30pm

Our new classroom is ready!

The new classroom has been completed and was officially handed over to the school last Friday. A herculean effort, special thanks to Mrs Willett and Mrs Guthrie, meant that the classroom was ready for today. We are delighted with the new build and it has been given a big thumbs up by Class 6!



Reminder we are a nut free school

People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

We cannot have nuts in school in any form (including chocolate spread that has nuts in it, e.g. Nutella). Please can we remind you there should be no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as snacks.

Extra Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

You may have picked up via the news that the Government has legislated for an 'extra' bank holiday on Thursday 2 June 2022, to supplement the already 'moved' usual late May bank holiday to Friday 3rd June. This is in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As both of these dates fall in the normal summer half term break, Essex County Council, which sets the term dates for community and voluntary controlled schools has amended the term dates calendar for 2021-22 so that the summer term will now end on Thursday 21 July 2022, instead of the previous end of term date of Friday 22 July 2022 (which will now be a non-school day). This is so schools do not miss out on the extra Bank Holiday.

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



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- 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>

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 charge of £3.95. Please note that deliveries to the school can only be arranged during school time. If you make purchases during the school holidays you will be charged £3.95 for delivery.

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 2021 - 2022

Date	Event
Autumn Term	
Wednesday 1 st September	Non-pupil day
Thursday 2 nd September	First day of autumn term for children
Tuesday 7 th September @4:00pm	Meet the teacher meeting via Zoom for Class 3
Tuesday 7 th September @4:30pm	Meet the teacher meeting via Zoom for Class 4
Thursday 9 th September @4:00pm	Meet the teacher meeting via Zoom for Class 5
Thursday 9 th September @4:30pm	Meet the teacher meeting via Zoom for Class 6
Monday 13 th September @4:00pm	Meet the teacher meeting via Zoom for Class 1
Monday 13 th September @4:30pm	Meet the teacher meeting via Zoom for Class 2
Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October	Half term
Monday 1 st November	Non-pupil day
Tuesday 2 nd November	Children return to school
Friday 17 th December	Last day of term
Spring Term	
Tuesday 4 th January	Non-pupil day
Wednesday 5 th January	First day of spring term for children
Monday 14 th February to Friday 18 th February	Half term

Monday 21 st February	Children return to school
Friday 1 st April	Last day of term
Summer term	
Tuesday 19 th April	Non-pupil day
Wednesday 20 th April	First day of summer term for children
Monday 30 th May (Bank Holiday) to Friday 3 rd June	Half term
Monday 6 th June	Non-pupil day
Tuesday 7 th June	Children return to school
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of term