



# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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## Head talk

It really doesn't seem possible that we are nearing the end of the spring term. Children and staff have been working very hard and we are all looking forward to a well-deserved break.

There have been so many highlights and reasons to celebrate and still so much to look forward to in the summer term.

The Parent Questionnaire closed last week and the results are currently being analysed and I will share these soon. We are grateful for the responses and they will form part of our ongoing development. As a result of feedback from the questionnaire, we are going to trial offering an additional option of a jacket potato or baguette at lunchtime. Please look out for the new menus with this newsletter.

I wish you and your family a very happy Easter break and look forward to seeing you and your children on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

## Walking to Church tomorrow - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

You are invited to our final assembly of this term which is a service at Dedham Church. The service will begin at 10:00am but we would really like your help to walk with the children. If you are able to join us, please arrive at school by 9:30am. Please note that due to our church service and Understanding Christianity morning there will be no Celebration Assembly tomorrow.

## LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 23rd April 2019 IS WEEK 1.

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.

Please note that the cost for school dinners for the next half term (starting 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019, until 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019) is £52.90 per child. Thank you.

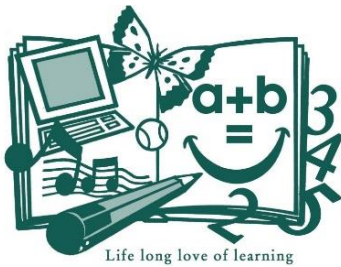
It would be helpful to the office staff if the exact money is paid. Change will not be given but will be carried forward as a credit on the dinner register and returned each half term.

**\*\*\*\*\* The New Menu will be run on a trial basis from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May where there will be an option of two different main meals, or a vegetarian option that the vegetarian children can still choose. The children will be asked for their choice during the taking of the register first thing in the morning (ie. 1 or 2).**

**If your child arrives late for school and the lunch numbers have already been given to the kitchen (at 9:30am) then if your child requires a school lunch they will be given Option 1/Vegetarian 1.**

## Blackbrook Care Home

On Monday this week, I took five children to Blackbrook to help to make Easter decorations. This was our first joint project and it was a huge success. We received a very warm welcome on our arrival and having



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spent an hour talking and decorating Easter eggs alongside the six ladies who had opted to take part, the children were reluctant to leave! I plan to timetable in one activity each half-term so that over time, lots of children get the opportunity to take part.

Miss Valentine

## Bringing a coat to school

Please can ensure your child has a coat in school so that they have appropriate clothing for our **changeable** weather. Predicting our weather is quite a challenge and a significant number of children did not have a coat in quite cold and wet conditions earlier this week. When possible, we will always let the children enjoy some fresh air at break and lunchtime even when there is a little rain!

## Online Safety Newsletter

Keeping our children safe online is one of the biggest challenges facing society today and it is the responsibility of all of us to ensure that children are educated to make positive, informed choices. I have attached to this week's Newsletter our Online Safety Newsletter for April. 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.

## Clubs

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL CLUBS THE FIRST WEEK BACK AFTER EASTER. ALL CLUBS WILL START WEEK COMMENCING 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.**

## La Jolie Ronde French Classes at Dedham Primary School

Dear Parents,

Lunchtime French lessons will be running again next term (from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April), with a **free taster session** for new pupils!

**Year R/1** – Wednesday 12.30 – 1.00

**Year 2** – Thursday 12.30 – 1.00

**Years 3 and 4** – Wednesday 12.00 – 12.30

La Jolie Ronde can be used as either an introduction to French or as a complement to the curriculum (introduced from Year 3). Lessons are fun-based, with songs, stories, games, etc., and class sizes are small, with a maximum of about 12.

The first lesson is free. After that, the cost is £5 per session (paid termly), plus the initial purchase of the book and CD (£15).

If you are interested in booking a no obligation place for a taster session, or would just like more information, please contact me direct:

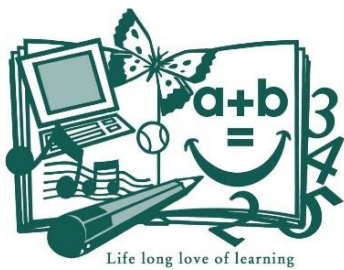
**Email:** [lisa.hpfrrench@btinternet.com](mailto:lisa.hpfrrench@btinternet.com)

**Tel:** 01206 299566

Further information can also be found on the La Jolie Ronde website: [www.lajolieronde.co.uk](http://www.lajolieronde.co.uk) or from the flyers in the school reception.

À bientôt!

*Lisa Hamilton-Page* - La Jolie Ronde Tutor



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## Reminder – Year 6 showcase assembly

A reminder that the year 6 showcase assembly will be held the first week back to school, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 2:30pm.

## Showcase assemblies

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| Class 1 | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May at 2:30pm     |
| Class 2 | Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm  |
| Class 4 | Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm |
| Class 5 | Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May at 2:30pm    |
| Class 6 | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm  |

## OTHER

### Enrichment Activities

Attached to this Bulletin are flyers regarding possible enrichment activities. These are organised by external organisations. Whilst Dedham Primary School is happy to share these opportunities with our parents and students we have no responsibility for them.

### Colchester Museums Easter holiday events

Please find attached details of Colchester Museums Easter holiday events across all three sites; Colchester Castle, The Natural History Museum and Hollytrees Museum.

### Players Wanted! Brantham Atheletic FC U9s – Current Year 3

If you are interested please find attached details.

### Family Fun Day – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Essex Wildlife Trust and Essex & Herts Air Ambulance will be holding a joint family fun event at Colchester's Castle Park on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April – please see attached.

Best wishes,

**Claire** Fundraising and Events Assistant  
**Rodie** Assistant  
Tel: 01621 862996

### Anglia Sports Management (ASM)

For holiday activities please go to the website for further details:  
<https://angliasportsmanagement.com/holiday-activities/>

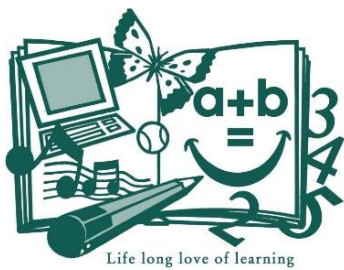
### Bikeability Courses – Level 1 & 2

Bikeability Level 1 & 2 Learn to ride courses are being held in Colchester and Chelmsford

To book/find out further information:  
saferessexroads@essexhighways.org  
saferessexroads.org/road-users/cycling  
BOOKING FEE: £10

### Chocolate Festival

Essex's first Chocolate Festival is being held at Cressing Temple Barn (located between Braintree and Witham in mid-Essex) on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April.



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For adults there will be luxury chocolate makers, cake decorators, vegan chocolate companies, low sugar alternatives and various drink makers that include chocolate.

For children there will be a showing of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on the large outdoor screen.

Find out more and book tickets here:

<http://www.visitparks.co.uk/events/cressing-chocolate-festival/>

## Calendar dates for the summer term

Date	Event
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Term starts
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday
13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Non-uniform day for DEN Site
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Understanding Christianity Day – Kingdom of God
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term week
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Non-pupil day
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening week
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
26-28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 residential to Mersea
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Manningtree High School Induction
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
17 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Production
18 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 production
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Music recital Reports home
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Assembly at church Open afternoon 2-6pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers' party
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Assembly