

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 24th January 2019

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Head talk

This week we have been focusing on the value of 'forgiveness'. As part of this, we welcomed the 'Open the Book' team into school on Wednesday. Reception children joined them to bring the story of the Prodigal Son to life. It was truly a joyful experience!

It has been a busy week of sport, both in school and with our cluster schools. On Monday, a group of Class 6 children represented us at Manningtree High School in an athletics event. The children did incredibly well, especially in the field events. We were competing against Highfields, Lawford & Mistley. Our children's behaviour was great and the new 'Dedham Primary School kit' looked very smart and was commented on by the other schools and parents.

On Wednesday, twelve Class 2 children represented our school in a multi-skills event at Highfields Primary School. There were eight different events in which the children competed. They were in teams of four and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We came 3rd and scored over 1000 points! There was only a difference of 120 points between all three teams. Again, the children behaved impeccably, listened carefully to instructions and were a credit to our school!

Today, KS1 children enjoyed cricket sessions with Shelley, a qualified cricket coach. The children learned some new skills and joined in enthusiastically.

David Larner

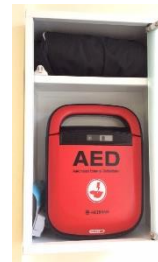
Headteacher

School lunches

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 28th January 2019 is WEEK 2.

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 child's name. Thank you.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Update



This week staff have undertaken basic training in using our new defibrillator. If you would like to look at the short training video used as part of this, please follow the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZR_3U5iESE

No Netball Club - Monday 28th January & Monday 11 February but please come and support the team

REMINDER - Please note that there will be no Netball Club on Monday 28th January and 11th February due to us hosting a match on the 28th January against Highfields and the return match on the 11th February.

However, if your child attends Netball Club and would like to stay and support the team on the 28th January they are most welcome. A member of school staff will oversee this and remain with the children. The children should be collected at 4.15pm.



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If your child attends Netball Club, and you would like your child to stay at school until 4.15pm on the 28th January to support the team, please inform the school office.

SEND & ECHP Support

If your child has a EHCP or receives SEND support please follow the link - www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk/poet and complete the questionnaire. Please find attached more details.

Film Club

Dedham Parent Group is presenting 'Ferdinand' as the Film Club on Friday 8th February, 3:15pm-5:15pm.

Film Club slips have been put in book bags today, but please find attached a copy if you need it.

Cake Sale for St Helena Hospice – Thursday 17th January 2019



A big thank you to everyone who kindly supported the St Helena Hospice Cake Sale at school last week. I raised a

total of £170, which will help me greatly in reaching my target of £2000.

Thank you so much!

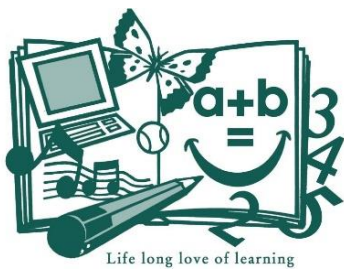
Alison Phillips

Job Vacancy – Premises Manager

Our premises management is provided through a consortium. The post holder is retiring. The advert can be accessed using this link or the QR code below:

<https://tsconsortium.org.uk/essex/primary/tsc/site/pages/premisesmanagement>





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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 Football Club - Spring Holiday Activities

February Half-Term is fast approaching and we want all children in Essex to stay active throughout their week off!

Colchester United FITC are running some brilliant half term activities for all ages and abilities.

Please contact 01206 755160 or visit www.cu-fc.com/fitc for great fun holiday activities we have on offer in the local area.

We also have chances to meet Eddie the Eagle, Colchester United First team players and coaches alongside prizes to be won - don't miss out!

Essex County Council Library Services

Essex County Council is consulting on its proposed strategy for library services over the next five years. The strategy sets out the priorities for library services, based on public feedback from a county-wide survey of users and non-users earlier in 2018, to shape a

service that's modern, focused and fit for the way we live now and in the future.

The consultation launched on 29 November and lasts 12 weeks, closing on **Wednesday 20 February 2019**. During this time there will be information drop-ins at every local library.

Find out more and complete the survey online at www.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation.

Families can complete the survey together, or as individuals. Children and young people under 16 are asked for parental permission at the outset. A quarter of the responses so far are from families and one in 20 are from under 16 year olds. We want to hear from as many children and young people as possible. The survey can also be done over the phone on 0345 603 7639 and is available in large print, on paper or as an [EasyRead](#) version as well. Call the number above or visit your local library to request any of these.

from Essex Libraries Consultation Team

Calendar dates for the spring term

Date	Event
3 rd Jan	First day of term
13 th Feb	Non-uniform day for DEN Site
14/15 th Feb	Non-pupil days
18-22 nd Feb	Half term
8 th Mar	Book day – fancy dress Come dressed as a favourite book character
12 th Mar	Parents' Evening
13 th Mar	Parents' Afternoon
5 th Apr	End of term assembly at Dedham Church at 10:00am
8 – 22 nd Apr	Easter holiday