



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 7th February 2019

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Head talk

Welcome to our final Newsletter of this half term. As many of you will have experienced, quite a number of children (and staff) have been ill this week. Hopefully, the half term break will give everyone an opportunity to win the fight against the germs!

On Tuesday, Class 6 visited Manningtree High School and enjoyed their production, 'School of Rock'. It was great to see the children's reaction to seeing some previous pupils of our school performing so well. Today, Class 6 enjoyed a World War 2 themed experience, which included building an Anderson Shelter in the hall! After a quick change the afternoon focused on Romans with Class 4.

Do remember that the last day for children is Wednesday 13th February. I wish you and your family a super half term break.

Mr. David Larner

Headteacher

School Dinners

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 11th February 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 25 February 2019,

until 5th April 2019) is £69.00 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.

Please find attached the school meal order form.

MENU FOR W/C 25th February is WEEK 1.

Nut-Free Policy

We have noticed that some children are bringing items that contain nuts in their lunch boxes. Dedham Church of England Primary School aims to be a nut-free school. In order to reduce the risk to those children and adults who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts to which they are sensitive, we do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes. The following items should not be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts

Thank you for your support.



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Parent Consultation Evening/Afternoon

Tuesday 12th March (5-9pm) and Wednesday
13th March (3.30-6pm)

Please note that the details of the forthcoming Parent Consultation Evening/Afternoon ONLINE Appointment Booking will be sent out under a separate email.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO CLUBS ON TUESDAY 12 & WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH APART FROM ASM AND DEN.

Year 6 – Residential Trip – payment deadline 8th February

The deadline for the first instalment for the Residential Trip is 08.02.19. If you have not already paid please can you forward either the first instalment or the full amount to the school office. Please ensure the payment is in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and whether it is full payment or the first instalment. Cheques should be made payable to Dedham Primary School Fund. Thank you.

A plea for trainers/plimsolls in good condition

As you may be aware, we have put together spare P.E. kit in school, which is available for children who may forget their P.E. kit. We currently have a shortage of P.E. shoes as our plimsolls only go up to Size 4. Therefore, if you are having a spring clean at home and come across some outgrown trainers or plimsolls, and you would be happy to donate

them to the school, we would be incredibly grateful. Please do send donations in via the school office.

Many thanks, Miss Plant

Netball Club - IS NOW ON - Monday 11th February

Due to Highfields postponing Monday's netball match - PLEASE NOTE THAT NETBALL CLUB WILL THEREFORE BE BACK ON.

No KS1Choir – Monday 11th February 2019

Please note that there will be no KS1 Choir on Monday 11th February as Miss Valentine will be attending a meeting at Manningtree High School.

Bible Explorer Assembly to parents/carers of year 6 – Tuesday 12th February at 10am

The children in year 6 have been having fun working with Eric Blowes, one of the vicars who visit our school, to recreate the story of the Old Testament. They are looking forward to performing this to you in a special assembly on Tuesday 12th February at 10am.

Wednesday 13th February - Non uniform Day – in aid of the DEN Site - £1 donation

Please note that on Wednesday 13th February there will be a non-uniform day in aid of the DEN Site. A suggested donation of £1 helps



to continue to make the DEN outdoor space available to us.

Non Pupil Days – Thursday 14th and Friday 15th February

Please note that Thursday 14th and Friday 15th February are non-pupil days. We will return to school on Monday 25th February.

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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.

February Half Term Forest School events at Abbots Hall Farm and Tiptree Heath Nature Reserve.

Please find attached details of events at Abbots Hall Farm and Tiptree Heath Nature Reserve.

Colchester School of Gymnastics – Half Term Activities

We will be running classes during the February half term holidays for children who would like to have a taster of gymnastics classes. I have attached a copy of our poster.

We are also running a free open event on Monday 18th February. The aim of the event is to raise awareness of the importance of sport

and fitness in children, and to allow the children the opportunity to try their hand at gymnastics. The children will get the opportunity to try all the apparatus and hopefully learn some new skills in our 2 state of the art purpose-built gymnasiums.

We have two sessions running on this day. The first session is 11am-1pm for children age 4-7 and the second session is 1.30pm-3.30pm for age 8+ (maximum of 15 years old). Children are welcome to come for the whole session, or just part of it. Some of our coaches will be on hand to offer parents and the children advice and to highlight the many health and lifestyle benefits of gymnastics. Our reception team will also be on hand to discuss availability and suitability of our classes.

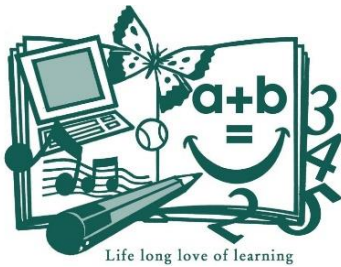
We will also have some of our Elite squad of gymnasts in training, many of who have been with the club from pre-school, through recreational classes and now enjoy success at County, Regional and National competitions. The gymnasts will be on hand to answer any questions the children may have, share their experiences and show off the skills they have learned.

There will be free hot drinks available throughout the event.

Louise

Office Manager

Colchester School of Gymnastics



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Sci-Fest - 16th March & Poster Competition 2019

Please find attached posters regarding the Sci-Fest Poster Competition - which children can take part individually and the Sci-Fest on the 16th March 2019.

All entries to the poster competition (Looking at Plastics) will be displayed at Sci-Fest (16th March 2019). There will be individual prizes for the best posters. Closing date for entries 11th March 2019.

Ayala Daisley - Head of Outreach (CRGS)

Half Term Activities at Colchester Museums

Please note that there will be activities taking place at Colchester Museums across all three sites; Colchester Castle, The Natural History Museum and Hollytrees Museum.

For any further enquiries or if you wish to book please call 01206 282941 or visit www.cimuseums.org.uk/activities.

Interested in training to

teach?

High quality **primary** and **secondary**
graduate teacher training
based in **Colchester**

Open Evening
26 February 2019

4.30 - 6.30pm
Talk at 5.30pm



Held at:
Colchester Teacher Training Consortium
Colchester County High School for Girls,
Norman Way, Colchester CO3 3US

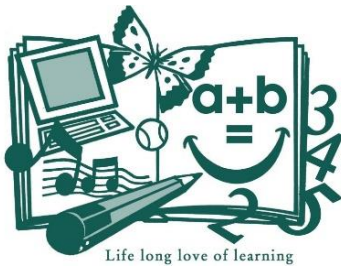
Please book via:

T: 01206 364728

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Calendar dates for the spring term

Date	Event
13 th Feb	Non-uniform day for DEN Site
14th/15th Feb	Non-pupil days - 14th February 2019/15th February 2019
18-22 nd Feb	Half term
28 th Feb	Parents' Forum (2.15pm)
8 th Mar	Book day – fancy dress Come dressed as a favourite book character
12 th Mar	Parents' Evening
13 th Mar	Parents' Afternoon
2 nd Apr	KS1 Choir at music festival (9:00 – 12:00pm at Heathlands Primary)
5 th Apr	End of term assembly at Dedham Church at 10:00am
8 – 22 nd Apr	Easter holiday