

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 7th March 2019

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Head talk

Last week, we had our second Parents' Forum when we discussed the School Development Plan, key school events and listened to parent's views about our school. The presentation and minutes are available on website by selecting 'Our News' then 'Parents' Forum'.

Also last week, some Class 6 children represented our school in a Tag Rugby Competition at Ipswich High School. We came 2nd overall out of 8 schools. We scored an amazing 17 tries and won 2 matches, drew 2 matches and lost only 1. The children had a great morning and the organisers commented on the good behaviour of our children. Well done!

Coming up next week are our Parents Evenings. Thank you to all of the parents that have booked their slots. The meetings provide an opportunity for us to discuss every aspect of your child's development at school. If you haven't booked your slot yet please remember to do so before the deadline.

Mr. David Larnar

Headteacher

School Dinners

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 11th March is

WEEK 3.

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.

Parent Consultation Evening/Afternoon

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

REMINDER : Online appointment booking available until Monday 11th March at 11pm.

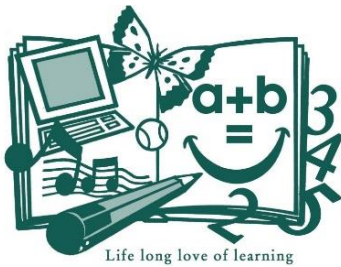
88 % of parents have booked an appointment. If you have not yet done so please visit

<https://dedhamschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointment by 11pm on Monday 11th March.

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

Year 6 Residential Trip – 1st Instalment deadline was the 8th February

Please note that the 1st Instalment of £50 was due by the 8th February. We have still not received all the £50 instalments due by the 8th February. Please could payment be made immediately as the next £50 instalment will be due by the 22nd March 2019.



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Comic Relief - Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March 2019



This year, the main focus of Comic relief is supporting the plight of Refugees. We have invited Refugee Action Colchester to come into school on Friday 15th March to talk to us about their projects and to give us some insight into the journeys some of the refugees in our own community have gone through.

During the course of the week the children will also be exploring art produced by refugees to illustrate their journeys. They will be using these as inspiration to create their own pieces. These will be showcased in an exhibition after school on Friday 15th. We hope you will come and visit our art exhibition and support Refugee Action Colchester by making a small entry donation.

In addition to this, school council will be selling Red Noses starting on Monday 11th March. Each nose now costs £1.25. We ask that children buy only one nose initially from us to allow everyone to buy one if they would like to. If there are any left over the remainder will be sold on a first come first served basis.

If this wasn't enough, we are inviting the children to come into school wearing a funky tie! No additional donation is requested, however any donations will be added to the Red Nose Day fund.

We are looking forward to Red Nose Week!

Car engines left running at pick-up

It has been drawn to our attention that whilst waiting to collect children at the end of the school day car engines are left running in Parsons Field. It would be appreciated if you would consider the local residents and the environment by turning your car engines off whilst parked.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

No Science and Gardening Club – Monday 11th March

Please note that there will be no Science and Gardening Club next Monday 11th March.

Mothering Sunday - Surprise Room – Thursday 28th March

Please look out for a "Surprise Room" slip in children's book bags over the next few days. Please ensure the completed slip and money (£3 per child) is in a marked envelope. Copies of the slip will be available in the school office.

Please ensure slips and money are returned to the school office by Monday 25th March 2019.

No Football Clubs – Monday 11th & 25th March

Please note that there will be NO Football Clubs on Monday 11th & 25th March due to matches with Lawford at Ardleigh.

Wednesday 20th March – NO Gymnastics Clubs

Please note that there will be no gymnastics club on Wednesday 20th March due to Tracie having to attend a prior engagement.



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Parent Group AGM

We're still in need of volunteers to help keep the parent group committee going from September. We'll be holding our Annual General Meeting in the school hall straight after drop off on **Monday 11th March**. The AGM is open to all to attend and would be a great way to find out more about what we do even if you're not sure about volunteering. There may even be cake!!

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.

Dedham Tennis Club & Easter Holiday Camp - run by Zico

Please find attached details of the 2019 Easter Holiday Camp and Tennis Squads at Dedham Tennis Club.

Mistley Cricket Club

Please find attached details of activities that run.

Girls Eagle's Nests 2019 – Essex Cricket

Please find attached details of activities in March

Junior Park Run – Sunday 17th March 2019

Colchester High School will be once again hosting a 'Take Over' at the Junior Park Run at Old Heath Recreation Ground on Sunday 17th March at 9am.

The Colchester Junior Park Run is a 2K run for 4 to 14 year olds and is organised every Sunday at the Old Heath Recreation Ground. This event is free, but runners are required to register to enter the run. A printed copy of the registration bar code does need to be presented on the day. Additional information including registration links, directions and parking instructions are available via the Junior Park run website at www.parkrun.org.uk/colchester-juniors/.

Staff from Colchester High School will be hosting the marshalling and finish line.

Please let us break the record for the number of children that attend the event!

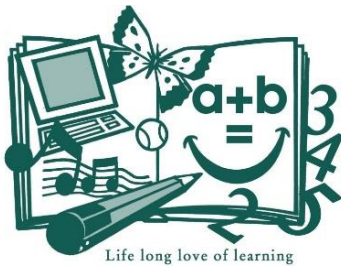
Kind regards,

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Calendar dates for the spring term

Date	Event
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