



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 21st March 2019

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Head talk

We have had a tremendously busy week at school. On Tuesday, we welcomed Class 2 children from Elizabeth Selby Infant School. It is a school we have strong links with and is located in Bethnal Green, London. The children were paired with our Class 6 children which built on a relationship that started last year. It was wonderful to see the children talk, play and spend time together. The day was packed and included time to play, a tour of our school, lunch, a walk to the river and spending time at Dedham Church. The relationship will continue later this year when our Class 5 pupils visit Elizabeth Selby Infant School.

As always, if you want to talk with me, I will be at the gate on most mornings and afternoons. Please do not forget to complete our Parent Questionnaire.

LUNCH MENU FOR W/C 25th March 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 days the lunches are required, and the child's name. Thank you.

Parent Questionnaire

We are very grateful to have received 61 responses to our Parent Questionnaire so far. However, it still means that there are many parents that we are yet to hear from. Please take this opportunity to think about the year at school and the experiences that you and your

child have had. The questionnaire outcomes support the school in planning for improvements, so do fill in the form. You can access it on any device. The questionnaire will be open until the end of school on Friday 29th March. Once the questionnaire has been completed I will report back to you with the results.

Blackbrook House Residential Care Home

I recently met with staff at Blackbrook House to discuss ways in which we can further develop the community link that we have with them. Over recent years, our visits to sing Christmas carols have been very warmly received and last Christmas, one lady spoke of how she had seen her husband smile for the first time in a very long time.

It got me thinking about how we could develop this relationship further because each time we visit, I am also moved by the emotionally positive response that our children experience in seeing the joy that they have brought to others.

The staff at Blackbrook are delighted that we would like to work more closely with them and we will be starting this exciting journey by taking a very small group of children along to complete an Easter craft alongside some of the residents. Future visits might include a board game afternoon, book sharing or perhaps even Bingo!

I can't wait to see how things develop over the coming months and terms and I will of course share stories with the school and local community via School Comms, Twitter and the parish magazine. If you are interested in



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helping with future events, please do let me know.

Miss Valentine

Car engines left running at pick-up

I am receiving continued complaints from residents in Parsons Field that whilst waiting to collect children at the end of the school day car engines are left running. I fully appreciate the views expressed and ask that you consider the local residents and the environment by turning your car engines off whilst parked.

Dates for Showcase Assemblies

Class 1	To be confirmed
Class 2	Monday 29 th April @ 2.30pm
Class 3	Thursday 28 th March @ 2.15pm
Class 4	Tuesday 30 th April @ 2.30pm
Class 5	To be confirmed
Class 6	Friday 26 th April @ 2.30pm

Reminder - Rescheduled Parent Consultation Evening/Afternoon for Reception parents/carers

The rescheduled dates are as follows;

Tuesday 26th March (5-9pm) and Wednesday 27th March (3.30-6pm)

Booked times will be retained from the original dates. Thank you for your understanding.

Year 6 – Residential Trip – 2nd £50 Instalment payment deadline 22nd March

The deadline for the second instalment of £50 for the Residential Trip is 22.03.19. If you have not already paid please can you forward payment to the school office. Please ensure the payment is in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name. Cheques should be made payable to Dedham Primary School Fund. Thank you.

No Celebration Assembly tomorrow

Due to other events in school there will not be a Celebration Assembly tomorrow. We will return to our usual schedule next week.

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



Through the sale of red noses at school we raised £311. Thank you for your generosity.

No Science and Gardening Club – Monday 25th March

Please note that there will be no Science and Gardening Club next Monday 25th March.



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No Football Club – Monday 25th March

Please note that there will be NO Football Club on Monday 25th March due to a match at Ardleigh.

Refugee Action Colchester

Thank you to everyone who attended the Art Exhibition last Friday. I am pleased to confirm that £116.32 was raised. This will be going to Refugee Action in Colchester.

Thank you for your kind donations.

Reminder - Mothering Sunday - Surprise Room – Thursday 28th March

Slips have been sent out in children's book bags. Please ensure the completed slip and money (£3 per child) is in a marked envelope. Copies of the slip will also be available in the school office.

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

Film Club – Friday 29th March

Please look out for the Film Club slips in children's book bags this week. Dedham Parent Group is presenting Sherlock Gnomes at the Film Club on Friday 29th March, **3.15pm-5pm**. If your child wishes to go please return the booking form to the school office in a named envelope with the correct money. Spare copies of the film club slips will be in the school office, but please find attached a copy if you need it.

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 Youth Club – Needs Your Help!

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Club is open to all children who have been to Dedham C of E Primary School after they finish their SATS in year 6 and until year 11. Fundraising is crucial to enable the Youth Club to remain open and the COOP have agreed for the Youth Club to take part in their token scheme.

This means that we could raise a whopping £500 if enough people deposit their token in the Youth Club box in store. (Co-op Dedham, East Bergholt, Hadleigh and Capel St Mary participate)

So, please remind the cashiers to provide you with a token each time you shop. It really is as easy as that! And please tell your local friends and family members to do the same! The scheme starts on the 18th March and will run for 3 months! Please find attached details of the token scheme.



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Many thanks,

The Dedham Youth Club

Colchester School of Gymnastics

Colchester School of Gymnastics will be running classes during the Easter holidays for children who would like to have a taster of gymnastics or trampoline classes. Please see poster attached for further details.

Children's Competition – Little Bentley Garden Show

Details of a children's competition will be placed in the school office window – unfortunately the poster was too big to send via SchoolComms.

Calendar dates for the spring term

Date	Event
15 th Mar	Art Exhibition in the School Hall in aid of Red Nose Day and Refugee Action Colchester (3:15pm)
28 th March	Class 3 Showcase Assembly at 2.15pm
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