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At Danbury Park we all aim to.....
Be wise, be happy, belong

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

15th February 2013

Dear Parent

Celebration Assembly

This Friday we held another of our special celebration assemblies. As you will know from previous newsletters we are holding these special assemblies throughout the year to celebrate the children's achievements across the whole range of aspects of school life. This term we linked the special award to our assembly theme of friendship and the qualities that make us kind and considerate human beings. We have been thinking specifically about those children who are really supportive of others offering encouragement and guidance.

The teachers have each nominated just one pupil from their classes and certificates were presented to:

Class Avocet – Charlotte T

Class Budgerigar – Nathan C

Class Cuckoo – Lily G

Class Dove –Madison C

Class Eider – Esme P

Class Flamingo – Leah H

Class Goldfinch – Felix G

Class Hummingbird – Starla T

Class Jay – Lily B

I know that many of our children at Danbury Park are supportive of their friends and class mates but well done to those children who have gone the extra mile.

Congratulations

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Brenda Wray, our governor with responsibility for the Early Years Foundation Stage, for liaison with Class Avocet and Chair of the Curriculum Committee for completing her full governor training and being awarded her Certificate of School Governance.

Current Meat Contamination Issue

Following the recent issues concerning the quality of some meat products Essex County Council school meals support unit has issued the following statement:

The unit has been working closely with schools and a significant number of local and national suppliers regarding the current issues surrounding meat contamination. The early findings indicate that there is no cause for concern as the majority of our school food provision is made from scratch on school premises using fresh natural ingredients purchased from reliable and reputable suppliers who are able to provide full provenance traceability.

Essex County Council continue to take this matter seriously and have stepped up their purchasing checks to ensure that all our meat is purchased from a reputable local butcher, you should therefore feel assured that food purchased, prepared and served to your children is safe and is as described on our school menu.

Book Week – Heroes and Heroines



When we return to school after the half-term break we will be holding our annual Book Week. This is a special week when all classes will focus their attention on nurturing a love of books and reading in the very broadest sense.

I am pleased that on Tuesday and Wednesday we will be joined by John Harris a celebrated children's story teller. Over the two days John will be spending time working in each class creating and telling stories in his own inimitable spellbinding way. This will be an event that the children will remember for a long time. He will also be available after school in the main hall on both days for parents and children to meet him and purchase copies of some of his stories which have been put into print and illustrated by Tom Morgan-Jones:

Charlie's Key (£4.99) tells what happened when Charlie was trusted with a front door key. He promised his mum he'd look after it, but things just start to go wrong.... (For 4-8 Year olds. Shortlisted for the Association of Illustrators' award.) "Written in a witty conversational style ... this will be enjoyed by newly confident readers and will be a good addition to school library shelves." *School Librarian Magazine*
"A sweet and lively story told in John's distinctive, relaxed and conversational style." *Essex Life Magazine*

The Pearl in the Grass (£6.99) is an old tale from China for 7-10 year olds, and one of John's most popular stories: 'A distinctive front cover invites young readers into this delightful folk tale which provokes both smiles and sighs. Simply and clearly told, it is full of courage and loyalty.... the imaginative, stylish illustrations heighten the speed and suspense of the well-paced text.' *Carousel - the guide to children's books*
"Wonderful - a classic in the making." *Richard Hammond, 'Amazon Vine'*

The Creature of Crete (£6.99) is John's retelling for 8 - 12 year olds of the Ancient Greek stories concerning the Labyrinth. Swashbuckling stuff with grizzly monsters but it's not just for boys - every girl should read it because it shows them what boys are really like!
"The liveliness of the language is an attention keeper. The cartoon like illustrations add to the humour and have their own poignancy." *School Librarian Magazine*

The Great - the story of Beowulf and Grendel (£6.99) is the oldest story in the English language and perhaps the original horror story. Grizzly, gory, gruesome and great, this is also a story that has the themes of courage and honour at its heart. Strictly for 9 - 12 year olds and upwards, it was also short listed for the Association of Illustrators award. 'Beowulf made easy for a new generation of bloodthirsty juniors who are up for something a bit different. Distinctive illustrations and an enthusiastic rendition of a literary classic are what make the book so appealing. John Harris is a storyteller by trade, and it shows in the pace and rhythm of the text. even children for whom this is a first time story will be left with a sense of how it will end - which makes all the blood and gore of the journey safely enjoyable.' *Carousel - the guide to Children's books*
'Both frightening and comic.' *The Daily Telegraph*
'John Harris has spent the last ten years telling the story in front of live audiences, honing the version that we now have in print. It has been worth the wait. A wonderfully evocative atmosphere is maintained throughout the book, making it a must buy.' *School Librarian Magazine*

Having a book signed to them by an author a child has met is regarded by many experts as an excellent way to encourage children to read and love books.

We know the children will enjoy the visit and we hope that it encourages their love of reading and storytelling.

Dressing up Day – Friday 1st March

Work will take place in classes all week and we will end on Friday with a celebration by holding a dressing-up day following our theme of heroes and heroines. Please encourage your child to think about a story book hero or heroine and come into school dressed up and prepared to talk about their choice.

World Book Day Lunch



Thursday 7th March

Magic Fingers (Sausages)
Or
Veg Fingers (Sausages Quorn)

Wormy Pasta
Crispy Wasp Stings (Garlic Bread)
The Witches Veg Medley (Mixed Vegetables)
SnozzCumbers (Cucumber Sticks)
Magic Wands (Carrot Sticks)



Bruce Bogtrotters Cake (Chocolate Cake)
James Peachy Yog
Oomplah Loompah Fruit

House Rugby Matches
have been postponed until after
half-term due to an unplayable field



Mr Holton

BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLIES at 3.05pm

Assembly date

Birthdays

Tuesday 26th Feb

25th Feb – 3rd Mar

Tuesday 5th Mar

4th – 10th Mar

Tuesday 12th Mar

11th – 17th Mar

Tuesday 19th Mar

18th – 24th Mar

Tuesday 26th Mar

25th Mar – 14th

Apr
(inc Easter Holiday
birthdays)

MUSIC TUITION

Piano Lessons - Due to Mrs Long being absent over the past couple of weeks we wish to notify parents that the missed lessons will be made up as follows:

Date of Missed Lesson up	Date to be made up
Thursday 10 th January	Thursday 28 th March
Friday 11 th January	Wednesday 11 th March
Monday 14 th January	Monday 25 th March
Tuesday 22 nd January	Monday 25 th March

*Please ensure your child has his/her
music books and instruments on the*

**Please return any borrowed clothing
items to the office. Thank-You**

KNITTING AND CROCHET CLUB

We are very short of knitting
needles and crochet hooks so if
you have any you can spare for
our lunchtime club please
send them into the office.

DPSA NEWS



QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday 2nd March 2013

Tickets available. Maximum teams of 8 (£5 per person)

Doors open at 7.15pm and will start at 7.30pm.

Gather your friends together and book your table now to avoid disappointment!!

Tables are for a *maximum of 8 people*, at a cost of *£5 per person*. To reserve your table please complete the tear off slip below and return it with your payment to the school office (mark your envelope 'quiz night'). *This is a fun and brain-tickling event, just for the adults! Prizes for the winning team and little memento for the losers! Please bring your own wine/beer/nibbles etc. on the night.*

If you have any donations that could be used as raffle prizes at our Quiz Night e.g. chocolates, toiletries, wine etc. please can you give them into the office.

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EASYFUNDRAISING - We've won £500.00!

A huge thank you and well done to everyone who has registered with easyfundraising.org.uk.

Easyfundraising ran a competition for Primary Schools to see who could raise the most last quarter and I'm thrilled to announce that we were the lucky winners! In total it now means we have raised over £600 which will go towards stage 2 of the planned development of the outdoor area. Each month Easyfundraising and chosen retailers run competitions with some great prizes up for grabs for often for simply visiting their websites. Please take a look. There are also numerous money offer deals available on offer. The Body Shop is offering 35% discount plus free delivery on orders over 5.00 using the code VALENTINE.

This weeks increased donation - Book a car with Holiday Autos by February 10th and we'll receive an increased donation of 5%
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/pta

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UNWANTED GIFTS

The DPSA are always planning and thinking about future events. If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts that could be used in the Secrets Room at the next Christmas Fayre, or would be suitable as raffle prizes, could you please either pass them to Paula Parker or leave them with the school office. Thank you.

DPSA QUIZ NIGHT ENTRY FORM – Saturday 2nd March 2013

Team Name:

Team Captain:

Team Captain's phone number:

Team Captain's child's name: Class:

Amount Enclosed: £ **(tables are for a maximum of 8 people)**

Reservations must be accompanied by payment. Please provide cash or a cheque made payable to the 'DPSA'. This payment will only be refunded in the event of the quiz being full or the event being cancelled.

Please return forms either to the school office marked DPSA Quiz night or directly to Amy Hall.

King Edward VI Grammar School
Prospective Student Tours – Spring Term 2013
Wed 13 March 9.15am
Thu 14 March 9.15am
Fri 15 Mar 1.15pm
Mon 18 Mar 9.15am
Tue 19 Mar 1.15pm

Booking is essential so please telephone 01245 353510 or visit www.kegs.org.uk to book a place.

There will be further opportunity to visit in July and details will follow in due course



SCHOOL MEALS



Week commencing: 25th February 2013 = Week 2

Please remember

- Only complete a form if your child would like a Jacket Potato or the vegetarian option
- Attach the form to the outside of the envelope that contains the money. This way we can clearly see if there are any special requests
- All special requests must be made on the Monday of the week that they are requested

Yours sincerely

**Carol Gooding
Headteacher**

Are you planning your holidays?

If you book your holiday online with any of the hundreds of well-known holidays companies listed on the [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) website they will donate money to our school without costing you a penny.

If you haven't registered already please consider it. If everyone who booked a holiday online did it through the website we'd be well on our way to purchasing the extra outdoor equipment we are aiming for.

It's **free** to register and simple to use. Every time you make a purchase on line the retailer donates a percentage to our school. It doesn't cost you anything and is completely safe to use. You shop in your normal way and buy just as you usually would.

Book flights (EasyJet, Fly Thomas Cook, Virgin and more are listed), hotels (Travellodge, Hilton, late rooms, Expedia) or package deals (Canvas, Cosmos, Thomson, Thomas Cook). You can also raise funds buying your travel insurance.

It's really simple to do. Just visit easyfundraising.org.uk/pta, search for our school and follow the simple steps to sign up.

Sign up to easyfundraising.org.uk/pta



Dates for After Half Term

Mon 25 Feb	9.00am	School re-opens after half term
		Book Week
	12.20pm	Superstars Event for Year 4
Tue 26 Feb	9.00am	Visiting Author – John Harris
	3.25pm	Chelmsford City Football Club
Wed 27 Feb	9.00am	Visiting Author – John Harris
	3.25pm	American Football Club with Mr Holton
Fri 1 Mar	3.00pm	Book Week Assembly
	3.25pm	Maldon Rugby Club