

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



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17th November 2017

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the following children who have recently achieved their reading awards:

Brooke B – 2017 Reading Challenge
Kirsten D - **Diamond**

Charlotte H- **Topaz**
Sienna N – **Diamond**

Josh T – **Emerald**
Joe K – **Diamond**

Well done.

*Certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly on Wednesday 22nd November at 3.05pm.
Families are welcome to join us.*

Remembrance Day



On Friday 10th November, the Year Sixes had the privilege to commemorate the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for our freedom during the war. We did this at the Danbury War Memorial on behalf of the rest of the school and we all wore poppies.

When we arrived we were greeted by two other schools: St. John's and Heathcote. Each school had to read out a piece of work that reminded us of the generosity and kindness of the soldiers. Our Year Sixes read a prayer, which we had created during our English lesson, to finish off the service.

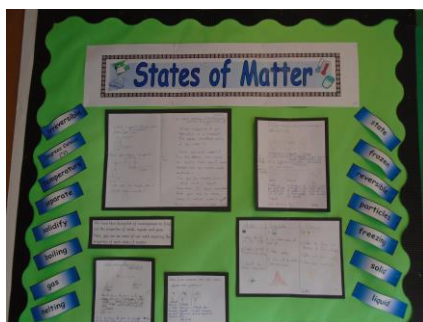
During the service two minutes silence was held, and this year we were lucky enough for a teacher from Heathcote School to play the flugelhorn. After this James and Chloe laid our poppy wreath. Once the service was complete, we walked back to school pleased with ourselves for respecting the lives which were sadly lost.



By Abigail & Sarah

The total raised for the Poppy Appeal this year is £354.52. This is once again a wonderful achievement so thank you all.

Class Dove Assembly



Last Friday Class Dove shared with us their learning from the Autumn Term. They told us all about Brithnoth and the Battle of Maldon. They explained the way the Anglo-Saxons had invaded and settled in our part of the country. They used drama to great effect and to help them remember all the historical facts.

Class Eider Assembly

On Wednesday the children in Class Eider concluded our series of class assemblies for this term by telling us all about their topic of the Vikings. Their learning started with their Viking Day in September when they were all fully immersed in Viking life. The impact of this experience was obvious in their enthusiasm and knowledge. A particular highlight of the assembly was their song with actions and comic interpretation.



Well done to all the children!

In the spring term it will be the turn of the infant classes to present their learning to parents and families and I know they are looking forward to doing this.

Primary Maths Challenge



This week a group of talented mathematicians from Year 6 took part in the Primary Maths Challenge. This is an annual competition run by the Primary Maths Association. It consists of a set of challenging mathematical problems and puzzles to solve. The winners from Danbury Park were:

Nadrah A-Y and Ben C – Gold Award

Violet P & Woody P – Silver Award

Freya F & Alex H – Bronze Award

Well done to all the children who took part. Certificates will be presented in the celebration assembly on Wednesday 22nd November and families are welcome to join us.

Safeguarding Keeping Safe

As it is now getting dark earlier in the evenings, please remind the older the children about coming straight home after school or letting you know where they are and keeping in touch.

Please also remind them about taking extra care when crossing the roads as when they are wearing darker clothing, they can be difficult for motorists to see.

Let's work together to keep our children safe!

Parent Governor Election

Congratulations to Mr Nick Court who has been elected unopposed as our new parent governor. We hope that he will find his new role both interesting and rewarding.

Eagles

The children made poppy wreaths and handprint poppies as part of the learning about Remembrance Day. They all enjoyed drawing their own poppies and then cutting them out. Snakes and ladders has been the challenge game of the week, the children are all very competitive when it comes to games.

To enquire about Eagles Out of School Provision please email- enquiries@littleowlsnursery.co.uk

Notices and Reminders

School office opening hours – The school office opens to parents and pupils at 8.30am and closes at 3.45pm. We are sorry but after this time the office are unable to take payments and the shutters will be closed.

Adults coming into school - A gentle reminder that parent's wishing to come into the school **must come to the main office sign in and be given a visitors badge regardless of their reason to enter the building. This is part of our safeguarding policy in keeping our children safe.**

PE Kits – It is essential that the children participate in their PE lessons and therefore have their full kits in school at all times as we do not hold large stocks of spare uniform. Even in the winter the children still go outside for their games lessons so need to have jogging bottoms and a spare sweatshirt to wear. We are currently working with the One Stop Shop to source a school tracksuit which the children will be able to wear. More news to come soon!

Earrings have to be removed for all PE lessons and we are not allowed to cover pupils' ears with tape.

Coats – We are now beginning to feel the chill of the encroaching winter, so it is vital that all children bring a coat into school every day. The children need fresh air, so even if it is drizzling or cold, they need to get outside at break and lunchtimes but can only do so if they have a warm, waterproof coat.

Letters sent home this week:

 **Girls Football Match away at Great Leigh's**

 **DPSA Tea towel Order Form**

Christmas Events



Christmas Plays

Infants – Tuesday 12th December; juniors – Thursday 14th December

Next week you will receive a letter with information about our infant and junior plays for Christmas along with a form to complete and return to request tickets. These will be strictly limited to two per family on a first-come first-served basis fairly across the classes so please discuss family dates, times and arrangements in advance. There are two performances of each play, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. In the evenings the junior play will start at 6.30pm and the infant play at 6.00pm so that our youngest children can still get back home and to bed at a reasonable time! If you can volunteer to run a crèche to help other parents, please let us know on the form provided.

Please be advised that due to fire regulations we cannot exceed the maximum number of people in the hall. Unfortunately this means that adults only are permitted to attend the performances.

Christmas Charity

SOCIAL SERVICES CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

Every year we hold a toy collection in aid of Chelmsford Social Care Services. It may amaze us but there are many children living in the Chelmsford area who will have anything but a merry Christmas and so it is great for our school to bring some happiness into some disadvantaged children's lives.

The plan is that children are invited to bring in a new or very nearly new toy, game, puzzle etc. wrapped in Christmas paper to put under the tree in the hall. Please leave one end of the donation open and label it clearly "boy aged 5 – 7" as appropriate, so a 10 year old does not get a baby's rattle! Whilst the Chelmsford Social Care Team is thrilled with presents for all ages, they have asked that a special plea is made to remember children aged 11 to 16. Each year school raises a tremendous number of presents for Social Services, which teaches our children the real meaning of Christmas is giving.

Donations may be left under the Christmas tree in the hall from Monday 4th December. The collection of presents will be on Monday 11th December so gifts must be left by the end of school on Friday 8th December. Thank you.

Christmas Parties

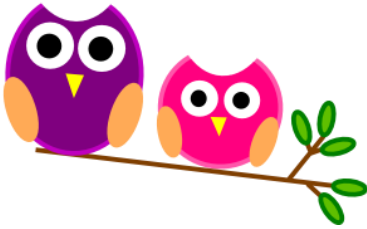
The children will join together with other classes for their Christmas parties. Classes C, D and E will celebrate on the afternoon of Monday 18th Dec, all the infant children on Tuesday 19th and Classes A and B on Wednesday 20th. The children come to school in their uniform and bring party clothes to change into after lunch. The teachers organise traditional games and activities in the classrooms and hall. As we have had so much party food left over in the past, school will provide drinks and a range of snacks so there will be no need to send in any food.

Christmas Dinner

This will take place on Tuesday 19th December. This is always a very popular event with almost all children and staff eating a traditional roast, with a vegetarian alternative, together. There is no need to order in advance but please remember there will be no jacket potatoes offered that day and of course, if you would prefer, you may send in a packed lunch.

Christmas Jumper Day

We are inviting staff and pupils to get into the Christmas spirit on Tuesday 19th December and to wear a Christmas Jumper to school. This is a fun activity and no donations are required.



DPSA news



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Christmas Fayre Saturday 2nd December 2 - 4pm **2 weeks to go!**

Donations

Children have brought home a Christmas stocking picture with items on that we are asking for. Each time you donate anything listed the office staff will sign it and the donation goes in the box at the office. Once you receive 3 signatures the children are asked to colour in the picture and return it to school for the chance to win a prize.

We particularly need:

Wrapped Chocolate - for the sell-out chocolate tombola - please remember **NO NUTS**

Adult tombola gifts – toiletries, unwanted gifts, chocolates, bottles

Filled jam jars – please fill clean, empty glass jars with sweets, craft items, small toys (party bag bits are perfect) in fact anything children may like to win. If you have spare empty jars please leave those at the office too for others to fill

Secrets room gifts – this is where children go and choose and wrap a secret gift for Mum's, Dad's and Grandparents, New items only please.

Good quality children's toys and children's books – for our second hand toy stall

Class Hamper Items – your class rep should have circulated a list to you. Please drop class hamper items to the bucket in the class room.

Stall Helpers

We are still looking for helpers for the Christmas fayre. We need **4 more** for the first half (2-3pm) and **14 more** for the second half (3-4pm). If you can help at all please email sallyj@doctors.org.uk Thank you.

Christmas Fayre Grand Raffle

Children have been given a book of 10 tickets to bring home and sell for our Christmas Raffle.

1st prize £100 cash kindly sponsored by E J Coombs Solicitors, Danbury

2nd prize Myla & Oscar Reindeer play tent

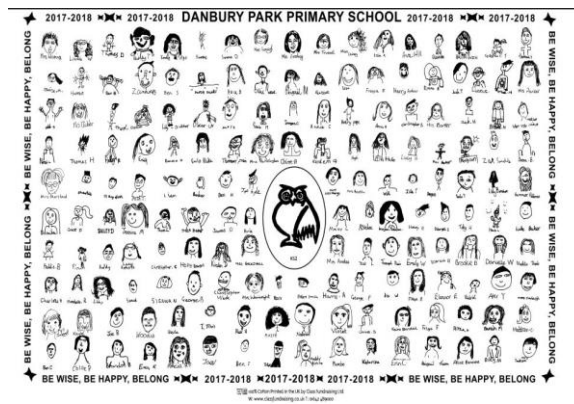
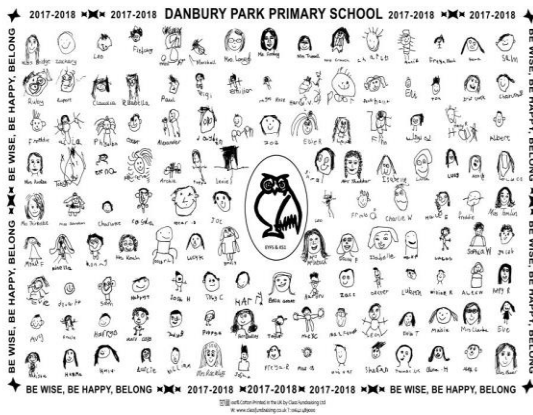
3rd prize £50 voucher for The Swan Hotel, Bar and Grill, Maldon.

Other prizes include family tickets to Marsh farm, £30 vouchers for The Lion Inn, Boreham, a cake from Kate's Bakes, a Fen Photography voucher, an electric toothbrush donated by Courtyard Dental Clinic, Danbury, a children's hair cut at Additions salon, Danbury and one month membership to Danbury Sports and Social Gym. Please do sell as many tickets as possible to family and friends and return the stubs, unsold tickets and cash to the school office in a clearly marked envelope. Extra books of tickets can be picked up from the school office.

School Tea Towels

Before half term, all the children joined in with a special project to create commemorative school tea-towels. The children were asked to draw a self-portrait, all of which were completed beautifully and with great enthusiasm. The end result is our wonderful EYFS\KS1 and KS2 towels (our produced towels are in the school colour of maroon); a perfect Christmas present for a loved one, a useful way of encouraging young helpers in the kitchen, or a keepsake to look back on in years to come.

The tea-towels will be available to purchase at the school fayre at a cost of £4 per tea towel or £3.50 per towel if more than one towel is bought (please note that we cannot accept credit cards at the fayre). We will also be sending order forms home in book bags shortly. All proceeds from the sale of the towels will go directly back to the school to spend on more fantastic resources for our children.



Did you know we have a DPSA Facebook page?

Like us on Facebook and make sure you know what's happening when. Our page is constantly updated so you never forget things important things like non-uniform day and cake sales!!

Have a lovely weekend
The DPSA



A big thank you to the DPSA for organising so many events that raise such a lot of money for the school. Last week the last old style interactive whiteboard and projector was removed from school and a new large Clevertouch screen was in installed in Class Jay. This means that thanks to the hard work of the DPSA and support of our families we now have modern technology in all the classrooms which makes learning and teaching more relevant to and motivating for today's children.



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 20th November

Week 1 MONDAY	Homemade Pepperoni or Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)	White and Wholegrain Pasta Coleslaw Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cranberry Flapjack with Yoghurt Drizzle Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Local Butchers pork sausage or Vegetarian Quorn Sausage (V)	Creamy Mashed Potato Fresh Sliced Carrots & Peas/ Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Local Butchers Roast Beef served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheddar Whirl (V)	Roast Potatoes Cauliflower florets Fresh carrots Green salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice cream Arctic Roll Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Homemade Chicken Korma or Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma (V)	White and Wholegrain Rice Naan Bread Sweetcorn, Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Bubble Crumb Fish Fillet	Chips Baked Beans / Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Viennese Biscuits Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 20th November 2017

Mon 20th Nov

Tues 21st Nov

1.45pm-2.45pm

Flu Immunisation

Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents

Weds 22nd Nov

3.05pm

Celebration Assembly

Thurs 23rd Nov

3.30pm

Boys' Football Match v St Peter's (home)

Fri 24th Nov

9.30am

Class Goldfinch boat building day

12.30pm

Pre-school activity morning

1.30pm

School Council meeting

2.50pm

Class Eider Fire Safety Talk

Girls' Football Match v Gt Leigh's (away)

Full term dates for the next academic year 2017-18 and for 2018-19 are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Autumn Term 2017

Date	Time	Event
November		
21 st		Flu Immunisation
	1.45 – 2.45pm	Open Afternoon for prospective parents
22 nd	3.05pm	Celebration Assembly
December		
2 nd	2.00 – 4.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre
8 th		Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsals
12 th	2.15pm & 6.00pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance
14 th	1.45pm & 6.30pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
18 th	Pm	Classes C, D & E Party
19 th	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
	Pm	EYFS & KS1 Party
20 th		Last day of term
	9.10am	Celebration Assembly
	Pm	Classes A & B party