

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



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**24<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Dear Parents,

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

**Max B – Emerald**

**Anna H – Ruby**

**Danielle W- 2017 Reading Challenge**

Congratulations also to Annie C who took part in the 8 and 9 years group violin competition at the Chelmsford Music Festival on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. She played well and got distinction for both of her pieces. She received the *Spendlove* Trophy for this group. We presented her impressive silver plate in celebration assembly this week.

**Well done.**

*Certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly on Wednesday 20th December at 9.10 am.  
Families are welcome to join us.*



The children had a great time laying out their loose change to create pictures of Pudsey. Wearing non-uniform is always exciting but doing it for a good cause makes it extra special.



We raised an amazing grand total of **£ 504.98**.

A huge well done and thank you to all who donated and took part.



## PE Uniform

We are pleased to inform you that over the coming year we are making some slight changes to our PE Uniform. As many of you will have noticed, when we moved to the One Stop Shop as our main supplier, the t-shirt worn for PE changed to a slightly darker shade of blue. This was an intentional adjustment as the old sky blue t-shirts become very faded after washing and quickly looked rather sad.

As we are now developing our outside PE lessons, we need to make sure that the children are appropriately dressed throughout the year and particularly in the winter months when it is cooler. We are conscious that some of the children do not have a spare sweatshirt in their PE bags and are wearing their everyday one. We are therefore adding to our uniform list a navy blue track suit or as an alternative a navy blue sweatshirt and navy jogging bottoms. These are available from the One Stop Shop with the school owl logo and will be added to their stock list next week. However, if you would prefer navy sweatshirts and jogging bottoms can be purchased from the main high street shops.



Navy Tracksuit Top  
Sizes- 24", 26", 28", 30", 32" 34"  
- £14.00

Navy Tracksuit Bottoms  
Sizes- 20-22", 22-24", 24-26", 26-28", 28-30"  
- £10.00



Navy PE Sweatshirt  
Sizes- 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13 yrs  
- £10.45



Navy PE Joggers  
Sizes- 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13 yrs  
- £7.50

For the rest of the year, we are happy for there to be a transition period so children will still be allowed to wear their grey jogging bottoms and school sweatshirt but if you need to purchase new, we would ask that you buy the new colours.

We would also like to remind you that we still have some items of school uniform for sale in the school office. As you may remember this was because we were required to buy out the existing stock from our previous supplier. We would now like to sell this off so that we can put the funds back in to our budget. We will have a stall at the Christmas Fayre but please ask in the school office for details.

## School Bungalow

Building work on the school bungalow is now well underway and we are now at the point of making good the demolition work. We have opened up the old lounge and dining areas to create a more open space and are installing new cupboards into the old kitchen area to create a servery. We have also removed the old bathroom suite and are installing a disabled toilet and two new toilets. So we are well on our way of meeting our 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 deadline!

We apologise for any inconvenience caused but would ask that the entrance to the staff car park and bungalow is kept free at all times. This will enable pedestrians to access the school safely as they will have a clearer view of moving vehicles. It is also important that the children are not allowed to wander into the area and are kept under close supervision at the beginning and end of the school day.

More updates on the project to follow next week!

## 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!**

## Guitar Lessons

Mr Calabro apologises for any inconvenience caused by his absence today. The lessons missed will be made up in January.

Please note that lessons due to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> December will now take place on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** so guitars need to be brought into school on that day.

## 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** – Please remember that 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:

-  **Class A visit to the Science Museum**
-  **KS2 Christmas Production**
-  **EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production**

## Our School Improvement Plan 2016/17

A school's success relies on the staff and governors having a clear idea of what the school does well and what it needs to develop. An integral part of our work is evaluating, monitoring and reviewing what we do and questioning the impact on our children's learning.

The School Development Plan outlines how the school will continue to grow over the coming three years. This is then broken down further into the School Improvement Plan which gives detailed information on what we want to achieve, how we are going to achieve it and how we will measure our success. It also informs the financial priorities for the school. For 2017-18 these are:

What are we trying to improve?	How will we know when we've got there?
For pupil achievement in the Year 1 Phonic Screening to be raised with a focus on pupils at risk of not achieving the expected levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils attainment as measured in the Year 1 phonics screening is better than the national and Essex percentages;</li> <li>The needs of pupils with dyslexia are identified early met.</li> </ul>
For pupil achievement in writing across the school to be raised with a focus on pupils at risk of not achieving the expected levels  For pupil achievement in Maths to continue to improve with a focus on pupils at risk of not achieving the expected levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils attainment as measured at EYFS, end of KS1 and KS2 is better than the national and Essex percentages; Pupil progress from KS1 to KS2 to be 0 or better</li> <li>There is no significant difference between the attainment of different groups of children e.g. girls and boys, disadvantaged pupils.</li> </ul>
For pupil progress from EYFS to KS1 to be maintained; For pupils to be better prepared for KS1	By the end of summer term: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils are able to stay focused on task at their table independently for 10 mins;</li> <li>Pupils are secure in their phonic knowledge;</li> <li>Most pupils have a secure and correct pencil grip and can form letters and numbers correctly.</li> </ul>
For standards across the curriculum in subjects other than English and Maths to continue to rise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils are aware of and can articulated what they are learning and can self-evaluate;</li> <li>Pupil attainment and progress is recorded termly using school format in all subjects.</li> <li>Subject leaders can discuss standards within their subject.</li> </ul>
For pupils with specific behavioural difficulties to be fully supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils' needs are met within the classroom;</li> <li>Pupils' behavioural difficulties do not impact adversely on the academic achievement of themselves or other pupils.</li> </ul>
<b>The school environment</b> For the school to be an attractive, fit-for-purpose learning environment For the school to capitalise on additional space and buildings For the school to enhance his budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drainage problem is resolved;</li> <li>Subsidence issues are addressed;</li> <li>The school kitchen is refurbished (ceiling, floor, tiles);</li> <li>Failing whiteboards and projectors are replaced;</li> <li>Plans to improve the ventilation in the ICT suite and Class C are in place;</li> <li>The school bungalow is refurbished and is used as additional teaching and learning space;</li> <li>The bungalow is let to outside providers and groups;</li> <li>Additional sources of funding are sought.</li> </ul>
<b>Leadership and Management structures and systems</b> For leadership to be distributed throughout the teaching staff For communication to continue to improve with all stakeholders and partnerships For governor competencies and accountability to be developed For governor monitoring to be embedded in practice	Middle Leaders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take active responsibility for their subject area;</li> <li>Are aware of and can explain standards pupils are achieving within their subject areas throughout the school based on evidence;</li> <li>Danbury Park plays a lead role in collaborative school improvement projects;</li> <li>Feedback from surveys, parents and staff (from events) and other governing bodies;</li> <li>By end academic year ensure new government criteria are incorporated into governor work and thinking through training and monitoring;</li> <li>All monitoring visits are carried out in accordance with Governor Visits Policy.</li> </ul>

The plan also includes numerical targets for academic achievement and the full summary is available of the school website.

Excellent schools are by their nature critical of everything they do and Danbury Park is no exception. We will continue to monitor, evaluate and review our provision and practice, including many aspects that are too numerous to mention, throughout the course of the year. Your views are important to us and we will continue to seek your opinions through informal chats as well as more formal methods such as questionnaires.

## Christmas Events



### Christmas Plays

#### **Infants – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December; juniors – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

This week you will have received 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 4<sup>th</sup> December. The collection of presents will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December so gifts must be left by the end of school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

### Christmas Parties

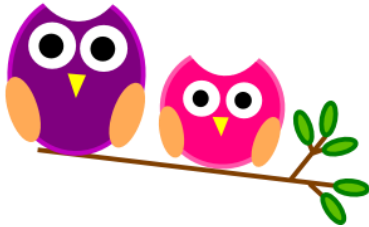
The children will join together with other classes for their Christmas parties. Classes C, D and E will celebrate on the afternoon of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, all the infant children on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Classes A and B on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>. The children come to school in their uniform 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> December and to wear a Christmas Jumper to school instead of their uniform sweatshirt or cardigan. This is a fun activity and no donations are required.



# DPSSA news



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## **Christmas Fayre Saturday 2nd December 2 -** **4pm** **1 week 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

**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 **7 more** for the second half (3-4pm). Please if you can help at all email

[sallyj@doctors.org.uk](mailto: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.

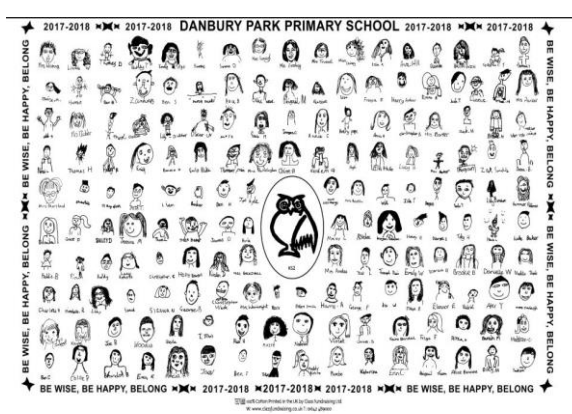
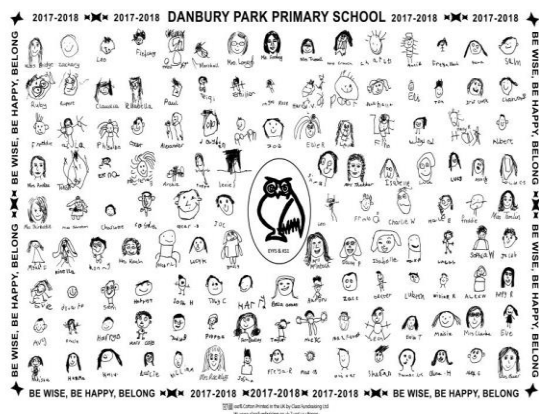
Other prizes include family tickets to Marsh farm, £30 vouchers for The Lion Inn, Boreham; a cake from Kate's Bakes; a Fen Photography voucher; an electric toothbrush donated by Courtyard Dental Clinic, Danbury; a children's hair cut at Additions salon, Danbury; one month membership to Danbury Sports and Social Gym; one month membership Bee Gym; Barrett & Coe family photography voucher

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**

Our lovely EYFS\KS1 and KS2 towels make 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.

Order forms have been sent out in book bags and they will also be available to buy at the School Christmas Fayre. The tea-towels cost of £4 per each or £3.50 per towel if more than one towel is bought. All proceeds from the sale of the towels will go directly back to the school to spend on more fantastic resources for our children.



## Booking a holiday or shopping online?

If you book or shop online go via [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and you can raise money for the school at no cost to yourself at all. Simply register at easyfundraising (you just need an email address and a password) then select the retailer you'd like to shop with. You'll be directed to the retailers' web site as usual but any purchases will earn the school commission. Car hire companies, holiday insurance and airport parking pay up to 10% of your purchase price.

## 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**





## Owl's Barn School Meals

### Week commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November

<b>Week 2 MONDAY</b>	Pasta Carbonara or Vegetarian Carbonara (V)	Homemade Fresh Bread Mixed Vegetables Carrot Sticks Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cornflake Tart and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognaise or Quorn Bolognaise (V)	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Giant Cookie with Fruit Wedge Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Local Butchers Roast Gammon served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheesy Stack Wrap (V)	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced carrots Whole Green Beans Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Strawberry Fruit Jelly Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Kentucky Chicken Drumsticks or Macaroni Cheese (v)	White and Wholegrain Rice Broccoli, Sweetcorn Green Salad Chips Baked Beans Peas	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jam Tart and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Local Butchers Beefburger in a Floured Bap or Vegetable Burger in a Floured Bap (v)	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Rice Crispy Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

### Dates for the Diary

#### Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
1.00pm-3.00pm

**Rising Stars - invited Year 5 pupils**

**Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
3.00pm

**Boys' Football Match v St John's School (away)**

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec**  
7.45am -6.00pm

**Class A trip to the Science Museum**

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec**  
2.00pm - 4.00pm

**DPSA Christmas Fayre**

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

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## Dates for Autumn Term 2017

Date	Time	Event
<b>November</b>		
<b>28th</b>	1.00pm-3.00pm	Rising Stars
30th	3pm	Boys football match at St John's
<b>December</b>		
<b>1st</b>	7.45am-6.00pm	Class A trip to the Science Museum
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00 – 4.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre
7 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm	Concert at The Mission for senior members of our community
8 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsals
12 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm & 6.00pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance
14 <sup>th</sup>	1.45pm & 6.30pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
18 <sup>th</sup>	Pm	Classes C, D & E Party
19 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
	Pm	EYFS & KS1 Party
20 <sup>th</sup>		Last day of term
	9.10am	Celebration Assembly
	Pm	Classes A & B party