

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

3rd November 2017

Dear Parents,

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

Violet P – Silver
Keira B – Bronze

Joe B – Bronze
Nadrah A – Bronze
Emma B – Ruby

Freya F – Bronze
Starla T – Diamond

Well done.

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

Poppy Appeal



As in previous years the school would like to support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Year 6 children will be visiting classrooms with the poppies, during the first two weeks after the half term break. If you would like your child to support this worthy cause, please give them a donation to purchase a poppy. We would suggest a minimum of £1. The poppies and other merchandise will also be available to purchase in the school reception area.

Our Year 6 pupils will again be joining children from St John's Primary School and Heathcote School for a special service at the War Memorial on November 10th at 10.50am when they will be laying a wreath on behalf of everyone at Danbury Park School. If you would like to join us, you will be more than welcome.

Good News!

Congratulations to Mrs Austen, our music teacher, and her husband on the safe arrival of Albert who was born on Saturday 21st October weighing in at a very healthy 8lb 8oz.

Mother and baby are both doing well

School Council - KS2 Tuck Shop News



Last year the School Council spent a great deal of time investigating the possibility of setting up a tuck shop for the children in the juniors. They felt that as the infants had free fruit and vegetables from the government, the school should put in place something for the juniors. They were also concerned about the amount of crisps and sweet-like foods that the older children were eating at break time and felt that the children might be developing bad eating habits.

The new School Council members agreed with the outgoing council and decided to continue the project and they are pleased to launch the junior tuck shop this half-term.

Each morning before school in the junior playground the older school councillors supported by Year 6 mentors are selling fresh fruit and vegetables to the children in KS2. The fruit and veg is priced at 40p a piece and we will ensure that over the weeks there is a variety of seasonal produce. The children need to buy their tuck before school and then when the bell rings, they take it to class where it can be stored in a safe place until break time.

The school council have also decided that it is time Danbury Park School fully embraced healthy eating habits and so from Mondays through to Thursdays the children are only allowed to bring in a fruit or vegetable snack. On Fridays the rules are relaxed and the children in KS2 are allowed to bring in a savoury crisp like snack (NB no nut products, Doritos or Wotsits because of allergies) or a cake or a biscuit to enjoy, although no sweets and no bars of chocolate.

Please note that the children in the infants continue to receive their free fruit each day and so do not need to bring in any money or tuck from home at all.

Safeguarding Keeping Safe – E-safety

Before half-term the children brought home a free Digital Parenting magazine to help you keep up-to-date with the technology your children are using. This is an interesting and informative resource, which we hope you enjoyed reading.

There is also an excellent website for parents at:

<http://swgfl.org.uk/products-services/online-safety/resources/online-safety-guidance-for-parents/>

Here you will find a pocket size leaflet, which you can download, that gives parents and carers ideas to consider and useful links on the following topics:

- gaming ,
- bullying,
- live streaming,
- apps and
- instant messaging.

Please work with us to keep your children safe!



Pudsey Bear's Spotacular!

Friday 17th November is Children in Need and we are inviting the children to come to school in non-uniform wearing something spotty if possible in return for a donation to the charity. We will also be making pictures of Pudsey with coins so please send in on the day any silver change that you may have including old style £1 coins that you may have found lurking the depths of drawers and we will put them to good use!

Parent Governor Election

On Monday you should have received a letter with details of a parent governor vacancy that is occurring this term. Governors play a crucial part in the life of the school and we hope that you will consider standing for this important voluntary role.

Full details of what this entails, and the skills required, are available on the school website under *Governance – Governor Fact Sheet*. If you would like further information please contact Mrs Gooding or alternatively leave your name and telephone number at the school office and one of our governors will phone you back and endeavour to answer any questions you may have.

Your school needs you!

Notices and Reminders




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.

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

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!

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:

-  DPSA Christmas Fayre Donation Collection Sheet
-  Boys Football Match Against St Peter's
-  Boys Football Match Against St John's



DPSA news



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

What happens at the Christmas Fayre? — Virtually the whole school is filled with stalls. Each class will have their own stall selling Christmas craft produced and sold by the children. There will be a Santa's grotto, various Christmas stalls for the children, a Christmas hamper raffle, the Grand raffle with a 1st prize of £100 cash (raffle tickets will go out soon for you to kindly try to sell to friends and family) and winter warming food.

What we need you to do - we'll be asking for donations as usual for our Christmas Fayre. Children will bring home a Christmas picture (hopefully today) 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 will 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.

Clean soft toys

Good quality childrens toys and childrens books – for our second hand toy stall



Bag2school – Profit £200

What an amazing result! Thank you to everyone who donated to the Jumble Sale and bags on the day.

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 6th November

Week 2 MONDAY	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	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 6th November 2017

Mon 6th Nov

12.30 - 4.40pm

Tag Rugby Tournament - selected Year 5 & 6 pupils

Tues 7th Nov

Weds 8th Nov

9.30 -11.30am

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Thurs 9th Nov

Fri 10th Nov

10.45am

Year 6 to attend the War Memorial for a Remembrance Service with local primary schools

2.50pm

Class Dove assembly

**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
November		
8 th	9.30 -11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
10 th	2.50pm	Class D Assembly
14 th	9.30 -11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
15 th	2.50pm	Class E Assembly
17 th		Children in Need
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