

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



Website: [www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk](http://www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk)

**15<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Dear Parents,

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

Lucy H – **Emerald**    Katarina J – **Bronze**    Ethan H – **Ruby**    Beau B – **Ruby**

and to **Thom L** for passing his Classical guitar Grade 1 with Merit.

**Congratulations** also to Nadrah and Ben in Class Avocet who having achieved highly in the recent Primary Maths Challenge, have been invited to take part in the Bonus Round Competition in February.

**Well done!**

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

### Christmas Enterprise Projects

Each class has counted the money taken from their stalls at the Christmas Fayre and deducted the cost of ingredients and materials to work out how much profit they made. Some were more shrewd than others asking for donations of ingredients and recycling materials. Each class gets to keep their profit to spend on something for their classroom or class. This is how much we raised:

Class Avocet (jar of mincemeat) £68.00 to spend on a Chinese morning, a post SATs treat and new oil pastels;  
Class Budgerigar (Christmas cakes) £67.80 to spend on books for the classroom;  
Class Cuckoo (textile birds) £56.00;  
Class Dove (peppermint creams) £21.75 to spend on books and cushions for the reading corner;  
**Class Eider (marshmallows) £71.16 to spend on poetry books;**  
Class Flamingo (clay owls) £68.01 to spend on books for the classroom;  
Class Goldfinch (snowflake decorations) £40.10 to spend on more books;  
Class Hummingbird (teal lights holders) £68.00 to spend on a new car garage and clothes for the baby dolls;  
Class Jay (fudge) £43.00 to spend on toy cars, dolls, story book switch CDs and playdoh.

It was a close run competition and the winner was Class Eider. Well done!

In total this was an additional £695.62 that we raised so it takes our grand total to almost £4 000. Our Christmas Fayre was a resounding success so a big thank you to everyone for the organisation behind the scenes and the support on the day.

## Santa's On Strike

This year's junior Christmas play was a real treat with acting, singing and dancing from all the children in the KS2 classes. They told the story of a disillusioned Santa who needed his faith in children of today restored. Each class took a section of the story to retell and as ever there were some wonderful comic performances as well as beautiful singing.



## A King is Born

The infant children worked together to share the traditional story of the nativity as told by a mother to her family. They had worked so hard to learn their songs and lines and the delight on their faces as they took their turn on the school stage, some for the very first time, was obvious.



Well done to all the children for such polished and entertaining performances.

We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Long for playing the piano for both plays and helping the children learn their songs.

Well done to the children who played at the concert at The Mission last Thursday. Traditionally we have entertained the senior members of our community whilst they enjoy a Christmas dinner together. We hope they enjoyed the musical interlude as much as we enjoyed performing. Thank you to parents who helped with transportation.

Our Christmas Tree at St John's looked fantastic with contributions from all the classes.

Thank you to Mrs Rackliff and Mrs Warner who decorated the tree for us.



## School Clubs

Our timetable for the Spring Term is below:

	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
<b>Monday</b>		<b>French</b> with Mrs Croucher, La Jolie Ronde Catch up lessons	<b>Netball Club with Miss Bridge</b> 3.30pm to 4.15pm Year 5 & 6
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>French</b> with Mrs Croucher, La Jolie Ronde Years 3 & 4 Year 2	<b>Football with Chelmsford City</b> 3.30pm-4.30pm, Years 2 , 3 & 4  <b>Tennis with Danbury Tennis Club</b> 3.30pm – 4.15pm, Years 3 & 4
<b>Wednesday</b>			<b>Multisports</b> 3.25pm – 4.20pm Years 1- 6
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Athletics with Premier Sport</b> 8.00am – 8.45am Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	<b>French</b> with Mrs Croucher, La Jolie Ronde Year 1  <b>Girls Football</b> 12.20pm to 12.50pm, Year 4, 5 & 6	<b>Boys Football</b> 3.25pm to 4.30pm, Year 4, 5 & 6  <b>Grundy Gym Club</b> 3.30pm to 4.30pm
<b>Friday</b>			<b>KS2 Tag Rugby with Maldon Rugby Club</b> 3.30pm – 4.30pm  <b>Art Club with Mrs Butler</b> 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Should you require any further information, please contact the school office for **details**.

**NB All clubs start the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and finish the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> March but there will be no clubs on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Apart from Netball which starts 15<sup>th</sup> January, Grundy Gym starts Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January and Art club Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

### Safeguarding - Keeping Safe

A timely update from [www.safeguardingschools.co.uk](http://www.safeguardingschools.co.uk) - the 12 ways that Christmas shoppers can keep children and data safe when buying smart toys and devices (ICO)

<https://iconewsblog.org.uk/2017/11/23/the-12-ways-that-christmas-shoppers-can-keep-children-and-data-safe-when-buying-smart-toys-and-devices/>

**Let's work together to keep our children safe!**

## 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.

## Christmas Events

### 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.



# DPSA News

## Children's Christmas Performance DVD

Following last year's success the DPSA has once again arranged to have both the KS1 and KS2 Christmas performances recorded by a professional company (recordings will take place at the dress rehearsal). The

DVD will include both the KS1 and KS2 performances and will be professionally edited and recorded with the use of microphones to ensure little voices are heard and you can sit back and enjoy the show. It's a lovely keepsake and makes a great Christmas gift for the family.



**DVDs will be available for £15.00 each** with £3 from each purchase going to the DPSA to raise funds for the school. In order to receive your **DVD before the end of term (and in time for Christmas)** orders and payment will need to be received by **Friday 16th December**. Orders placed after this date will not be available until the New Year.

Order forms have gone in the book bags. Spare ones are available from the Class Reps or the school office.

## School Tea Towels – down to our last few!

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.

Orders are still being taken and can be fulfilled in time for Christmas. The order forms have been sent home in book bags and spare ones are available from the school office. The tea-towels cost £4 per towel for one 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 this Christmas? Don't forget to use easyfundraising

Raise money for the school the easy way. 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 on the easyfundraising website (you just need an email address and a password) and search for Danbury Park School. Select from a list of hundreds of well-known retailers you'd like to shop with and you'll be directed to the retailers' web site as usual but any purchases you make will earn the school commission. Travel companies, car hire companies, holiday insurance and airport parking pay up to 10% of your purchase price.



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1.30pm**

Danbury Village Hall (Donations of jumble and help needed)

If you're having a clear out over the Christmas holidays don't forget we have a jumble sale on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January. We will need items of clothing (adults and childrens), bric-a-brac, household linen, toys, books, small electrical items, in fact anything you no longer need except large items of furniture.

## Dates for the diary 2018



### January

Sat 13<sup>th</sup>      New Year Jumble Sale

Wed 24<sup>th</sup>     Bag2school

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>   School Disco

### March

Sat 24<sup>th</sup>      Easter Egg Hunt

### June

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>      Summer Fayre

## 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!

**Thank you for all your support throughout the year. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.**

**The DPSA**



## School Lunches

### School lunch costs for spring term 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Half term (to Feb half term) £56.70

2<sup>nd</sup> Half term (to 29<sup>th</sup> March) £60.90

Whole Term £117.60

Cost per day £2.10

A gentle reminder that all school meals should be paid for as soon as possible either with a cheque made payable to Essex County Council or cash in a sealed named envelope.

## Emergency School Closures – SNOW!

As we approach the time of year when inclement weather and snow is more likely, we would like to advise you of the school's emergency closure procedure. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly but there may be rare times when the site is unsafe or insufficient staff can get into the school and closure is unavoidable.

Last year there was a change to the usual notification process and the local radio stations no longer give out announcements. Schools will notify Essex County Council and the information will be available on their website at: <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

We will also put a message out on Parentmail. We aim to do this by 7.30am.

If the weather and traffic are bad, please take care and get to school safely. We will understand if you delay your journey and arrive later than the usual time.

If you have not yet joined *Parentmail*, please ask at the office.



## Notices and Reminders

**Parking** – we are aware that there have been issues again with the safe and considerate use of the Danbury Outdoors carpark and Well Lane. We were informed of a parent who had parked on the yellow zig-zag lines causing an obstruction for vehicles and a danger to pedestrians.

**Please think about the safety of our children before there is an incident where someone is seriously hurt.**

**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.

**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.

**Letters sent home this week:**


 **EYFS and Key Stage One Christmas Party.**

 **Chelmsford City Football Years 2,3 and 4.**



## Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 18th December

Week 2				
<b>Monday</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Pasta Twists sweetcorn	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice cream Roll Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>  <b>Christmas Lunch</b>	Roast Turkey, chipolata sausage, sage & onion stuffing or Seasonal Vegetable Wrap	Roast Potatoes Peas Carrots sprouts Yorkshire Pudding gravy	Not available	Christmas Ice Cream Pot or Festive Shortbread A carton of drink or water
Wednesday	Bubble Crumb Fish	Chips Baked Beans Peas Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit Fruit Yoghurt Selection Of Fresh Fruit

### Dates for the Diary

#### Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Pm **Class C, D & E Party**

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
12pm **Christmas Lunch**  
**EYFS & ks1 Party**  
pm

**Weds 20th Dec**  
9.10 am **Last Day of Term**  
Pm **Celebration Assembly**  
**Class A& B Party**

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

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding  
Headteacher