

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

8th December 2017

Dear Parents,

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

Liza A – **Ruby**

Jack H - **Emerald**

Freya E- **Emerald**

Quinlan S- **Emerald**

Well done!

Well done also to **Zac C** and **Isabelle C** who were selected from our Year 2 pupils to attend the Sports partnership *Little Stars* event.

Well done to **Evie, Finlay, Myah** and **Freya** who excelled at an *Inspire to Engage* multisport course operated by Premier Sport.

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

Football Success

The school football season has got off to a great start with both the boys' and the girls' teams winning their first matches. The boys won 6-2 against St Peter's and the girls 3-1 against Great Leighs. Sadly the boys lost their second match against St John's 2-4 but they played a valiant match.

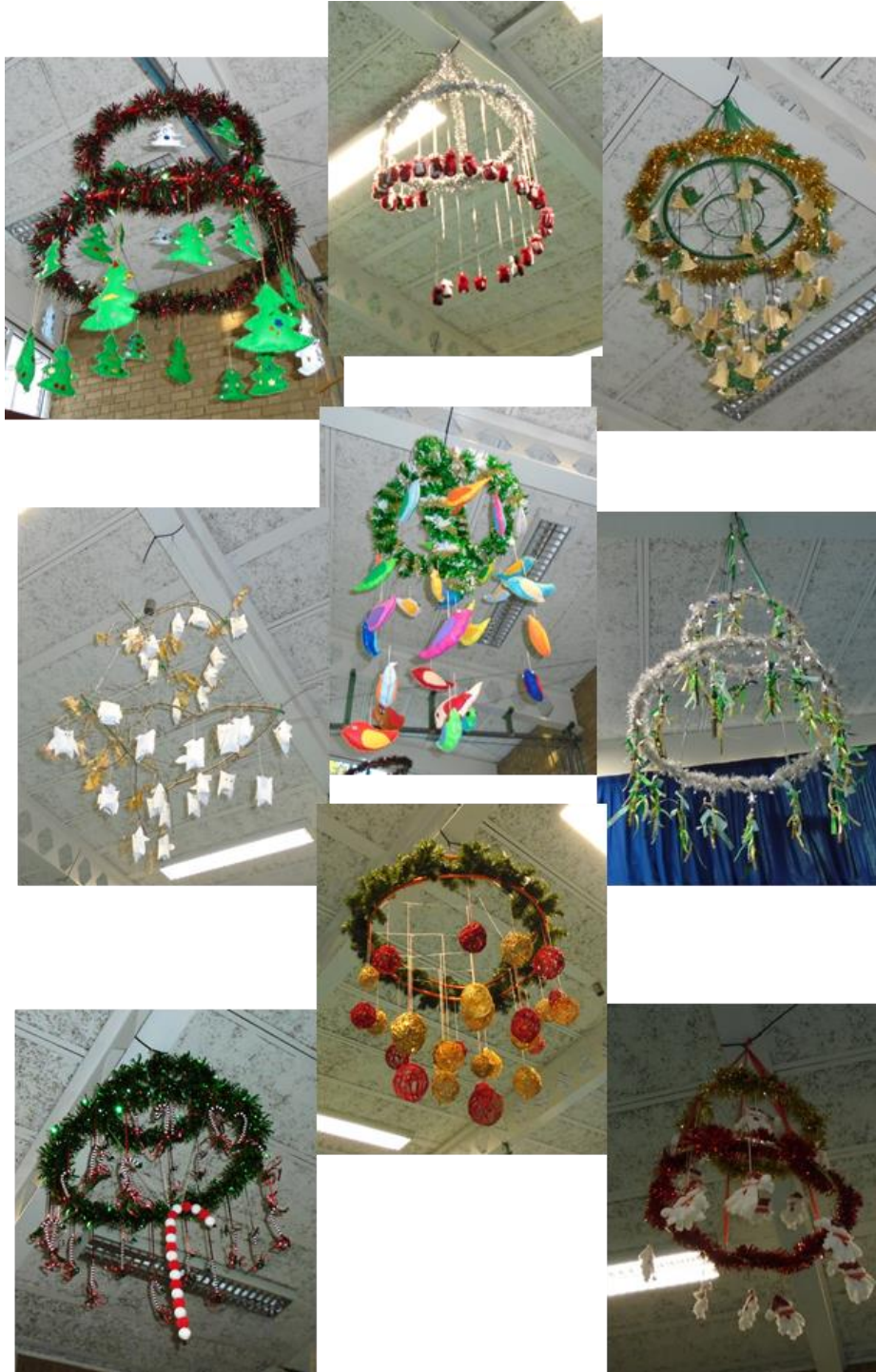


We have three more fixtures in the diary for after Christmas and look forward to many more successes.

Thank you to all the parents who helped with transportation and supported the teams.

Our Christmas Mobiles

I am sure you will agree that this year the children have excelled themselves. Each child makes a decoration as part of their class mobile and each class hangs their mobile in the school hall. The children will bring home their decorations at the end of term so that over the seven years they are at Danbury Park School, they will build up a varied collection as reminders of Christmases past.



We would like to say a big thank you to our friends at Danbury Outdoors who helped hang the mobiles from our very tall ceiling.

If you have time this weekend why not visit St John's Church in the village for the Christmas Tree Festival. The school has decorated a tree along with other groups from the community so this should be a lovely festive event.

Class Goldfinch Boat Building Day

On Friday 24th November Class Goldfinch had an Inuit boat building day. First we had to collect our materials to make the base of the boat. We were lucky because we had lots of parents and some grandparents helping us.

Next we had to construct our boats, making sure that our structure was strong. Our class Governor came in to help us and showed us how we could attach the materials to our base.

After a busy morning getting all the boats built we spent the afternoon painting them and adding the final details. We had to mix colours to make different shades of brown. It was a really fun day and we used lots of our learning to help us be successful.

Thank you to everyone that came in to help us. It was great fun for us all!
Some of our Umiaks and Inuitks are on display in the classroom.



Lucy & Joe
Class Goldfinch

Safeguarding - Keeping Safe

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

Have you finished your Christmas shopping yet? Planning to spend a couple of hours in a Christmas Market or even on Amazon? This Christmas there will be more tech toys than ever before, and many of them will use Bluetooth or Wi-Fi to link to apps and the wider internet. Some of these toys will have cameras and microphones recording the environment and the child's play. The Information Commissioner recently published an article looking at the risks of using smart toys and it is well-worth sharing it with parents.

<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!

Gymnastic Success

Congratulations to Liza A who participated in the Canterbury Competitions successfully and took 3rd place. Her next competition will take place in January 2018. We wish her continued success with this and look forward to hearing how she gets on.



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 Plays

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

Doors will open no earlier than 15 minutes before the performances start. We regret that we do not have enough room for you all to wait inside the front foyer as seating here is reserved for those who are disabled or elderly. Please remember to bring your tickets with you to the performances as this speeds up the entry process. However, if you do forget, don't worry, Mrs Gooding will have a master list.

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 instead of their uniform sweatshirt or cardigan. This is a fun activity and no donations are required.

Sleeps to Santa

A few weeks ago we were visited by Alex from Heart FM's breakfast show. He spoke with the members of our school Council about Christmas and what it means to them. He recorded their thoughts along with a festive message and the number of sleeps to Santa.

The message will be aired on the radio on **Friday 15th December at 7.30am and 8.30am** straight after the news headlines. Alex also took a photograph which will be on the station website the day before to remind everyone to listen. There is also a catch-up service for Martin and Su's breakfast show if you miss it.

The school councillors were very thoughtful and reflective in their responses and contributions and we were very proud of them.





DPSA News



Christmas Fayre Thank You **We raised an amazing £3130!**

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Christmas Fayre last Saturday running stalls, setting up, clearing up, donating gifts and cakes and of course by bringing your children along on the day. The hall was packed with people and the children all seemed to have fun which is the most important thing. Congratulations to all our winners. The hamper raffle organised by the Class Reps was yet again a great success and produced 9 lucky winners. The Name of the teddy was 'Cookie' correctly chosen by Lily in class E.

Some prizes have been given out via the classes but the office still has some to collect.

Grand Raffle Winners

£100 cash donated by EJ Coombes Solicitors

Pop up Play Tent donated by Myla & Oscar

£50 Voucher for The Swan, Maldon

The Fell family

P Parker

S Mahoney

£30 voucher for The Lion Inn, Boreham

The Taplin family

Family Ticket for Marsh Farm

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A Rykens

S Barber

R Beames

O Moore

N Ware

Cooke Family

Regan Family

Electric Toothbrush donated by Courtyard Clinic

Christmas themed Cake, Kate's Bakes

Family Photo shoot, Fen Photography, Bicknacre

Family studio shoot, Barrett and Coe

Child's Haircut, Additions Salon, Danbury

1 month Gym Membership, Bee Gym, Great Baddow

C Newell

B Black

L Elms

D Walker

L Horseway

J Bambridge

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 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.

Dates for the diary 2018



January

Sat 13th

New Year Jumble Sale

Wed 24th

Bag2school

Friday 26th

School Disco

March

Sat 24th

Easter Egg Hunt

June

Sat 23rd

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!!

Have a lovely weekend
The DPSA



Well done to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre. We made a fantastic **profit of £3131** which is an amazing result.

The winners of the Christmas Donation Collection Prize Draws were:

Măité M, Maddie D, Freddie B, Hydie R, Emma H, Daisy P, Ronny A, Arabella E, Archie F

They each received a gift of a box of Maltesers to enjoy for all their hard work.

A big thank you to all the Committee members of the DPSA who work so hard to organise the event and to the parents and families who manned the stalls.

Winners of the class enterprise competition and photos next week!

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

Piano Lessons - Lessons scheduled for **Friday 8th December** will now take place on **Monday 11th** as Mrs Long is accompanying the KS1 and KS2 dress rehearsals all day on the Friday. Also lessons missed earlier in the term due to Viking Day or the Fire Safety talk will be caught up on **Tuesday 12th**.

Thank you

Mrs. S. Long

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.

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:



DPSA Christmas Performance DVD Order Form



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 11th December

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| 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 11th December 2017

All school clubs have now finished and will start again in January when we return. We are awaiting final confirmation of dates and will let you know these dates in next week's newsletter.

Mon 11th Dec

Tues 12th Dec

2.15pm & 6.00pm

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance

Weds 13th Dec

Thurs 14th Dec

1.45pm & 6.30pm

KS2 Christmas Performance

Fri 15th Dec

7.30am & 8.30 am

Heart FM Sleeps to Santa

Full term dates for the this academic year 2017-18
and for next, 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 |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| | | |
| December | | |
| 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 |