

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



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**21<sup>st</sup> September 2018**

Dear Parents,

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

**Ben S- Emerald**

**Congratulations** our very thoughtful and talented pupils:

**Hydie R** recently donated 14 inches of her hair to the *Little Princess Trust*. This organisation provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young adults up to the age of 24, who have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses.

**Jack and Sam H** both completed a 50k bike ride in 2 hours 55mins, averaging just over 10 miles an hour to raise over £200 for Farleigh Hospice.

**Lily B** recently auditioned with the English Youth Ballet. It was her first ever audition for anything and this was a testing 2 ½ hours with the principal of the English Ballet. Out of the 75 girls in the age range, Lily was one of only 15 girls to be chosen to perform in:



This is a thrilling new production set in the glamorous era of Hollywood movies in the 1950s. It is a dazzling production with stunningly striking costumes and wonderful dancing. Professional dancers dance the leading roles, and the company gives young dancers throughout the UK a wonderful performance opportunity to dance alongside the principals in solo and corps de ballet roles.

**Well done to Hydie, Sam, Jack and Lily. We are very proud of you**

*Certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly  
on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 at 2.50pm*

**Congratulations also to Mrs Hind, school cook, and her team in the kitchen, Mrs Williamson, Mrs Everard, Mrs Whitbread and Mrs Laird for achieving the 5 star rating again in our food Hygiene inspection this week.**

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September



We will again be participating in the Macmillan Coffee Morning this year on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

However, we are making a few changes this year, hopefully to help busy parents and to avoid cakes being left over. In previous years, you have been very generous and we have been inundated with cakes.

This year school will be providing all the cakes and drinks for the children to purchase and the Year 6 children will be running the cake stalls as they have done in the past at break time.

If you would like to support this charity event, then we would suggest that the children bring in a donation of a minimum of £1 in exchange for a cake and a drink of squash. For the infant children, please place the money into an envelope marked with their name and class and put this in their reading bag; junior children may prefer to bring their money in a named purse.

As all proceeds will go to the Macmillan Cancer Charity, we regret that if children do not bring in a donation, they will not be given a cake and a drink.

## Pupil Surveys

Last week we shared with you the results of the governors' survey regarding sports and this newsletter we would like to share with you the results of our survey to last year's Year 2 and 4 pupils. All the children had the chance to give their thoughts. The children were asked four questions:

- 👤 How much have you enjoyed your time in the infants/lower juniors?
- 👤 How much have you enjoyed your learning?
- 👤 How much have you been helped in your learning?
- 👤 What has been your favourite memory?
- 👤 How could we improve?

The results were overwhelming positive and giving scores out of 5, the children rated each area. The children enjoyed the full and varied curriculum including topic work and educational visits. Their dislikes were always very personal about individual subjects and of course, we can't all like everything in the same way! Some found Maths hard whilst other found writing hard.

The children felt supported by their teachers, LSAs and other adults in school and the older children mentioned the way their friends helped them with their learning.

Key memories were school visits and special events whilst the older children did mention making new friends.

There were some suggestions for improvement which focused on classroom resources e.g. more computers, tablets and books. Whilst the older children also wanted air conditioning and more space. A significant number said they were very happy with everything how it was.

As we move forward we will take their thoughts into consideration and we would like to thank them for their honesty.



## 2018 Harvest Collection

This harvest we're again asking you to help local people by collecting tinned and dried food for the Chelmsford foodbank. The foodbank provides short term emergency food to people in crisis. Food is given as an intervention strategy which allows care professionals, such as Housing Support Officers, CAB advisers, Social Services, doctors etc, time to put longer term measures in place. People are given enough food for three days. Food is distributed from the foodbank centre based at the Trinity Methodist Church, Rainsford Road.

At the foodbank centre people also have access to information about other services and support organisations. It is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00am to 12:30pm. All food given out by the foodbank is donated by generous members of the public. Everyday people experience crisis in our community for a variety of reasons from redundancy to ill health to an unexpected bill on a low income. Some simply struggle to make ends meet.

### Harvest Shopping List

#### FOOD ITEMS

Cartons Instant Custard  
Tinned rice pudding  
Tinned meat pies  
Bottled squash  
Tea bags (boxes of 40)  
Tinned vegetables  
Cartons of long life milk  
Biscuits  
Pasta Sauce

Packets Instant Custard  
Instant mash potato  
Tinned potatoes  
Tinned meat  
Cartons of long life fruit juice  
Coffee (small jars)  
Tinned sponge puddings  
Jam  
Tinned tomatoes

#### NON FOOD ITEMS

Men's and ladies toiletries  
Handwash

Shampoo

#### FOR USE IN THE WAREHOUSE

Permanent markers (all colours)

Sellotape (easy tear)

We want to help our local foodbank feed people in need. Please join with us by donating food so that those less fortunate don't go hungry.

N.B Please make sure all food is packaged, in date and undamaged. Thank you!

All donations of food can be brought into school between **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

***If you have a car and are able to volunteer to deliver the food to please let the office know.***

Thank you

## Keeping our Children Safe

As we get underway with the term, please take some time to think back to the e-safety talk that we held in the summer with the two Johns. Remember to go with your child on the journey as they are encounter the digital age.

We would also ask that you consider when a good time to play games online is. A child who is playing games online before school may come into school in an excited and heightened manner and they find it difficult to calm down. Similarly, a child who is playing online later at night may experience problems getting off to sleep and then be very tired the next day. Children who do well in school are those who are ready and receptive to learn so they need a good night's sleep and be ready to focus on the learning challenges ahead.

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

## Construction Work

Next week should see the start of the long awaited project to alleviate our problem with flooding on the school field and playgrounds. As yet we do not have a firm date, so please be aware that there will be some changes to the morning routines. The infant playground needs to be fenced off so all children will go straight into their classrooms first thing in the mornings. Parents of children in EYFS who have just started school will be welcome to walk their children round to their classrooms and leave them at the gate with their teachers and learning support assistants.

Whilst the work is in progress, the EYFS children will play in their outdoor area whilst the children in Years 1 and 2 will join the junior children on their playground at break and lunchtimes. During this time, there will be no football on the playground. We will still have access to parts of the field so as long as it stays dry, the children will be able to use this area for PE lessons and sports.

The construction workers will be segregated from the children and all workers on-site will be fully policed checked.

The works should take 5 weeks and hopefully this will resolve our problems and the children will be able to make full use of our grounds.

## Notices and Reminders

**Year 6 Sandon Tour Dates** – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September ,Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October , Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October . Please contact the Sandon School to book your place on a tour date. The Sandon School 01245 473611.

**Staying Safe** – Please would parents prevent their children climbing on the wooden gates and on the brick wall at the entrance to the school and from going on the play equipment and behind the PE sheds by the playground. This is for their own safety.

We are in the process of updating class pages on the website and a class photo, topic letter and curriculum map will be added over the coming days.

### Letters sent home this week:

-  **Welcome to year 6 and School Journey Meeting.**
-  **Class B History off The Page**
-  **Class E History off The Page**
-  **Harvest Lunch**
-  **Young Voices Year's 5 and 6**
-  **Junior Reading Scheme Year's 3, 4 , 5 & 6**

## Clubs

We are in the process of getting our clubs and extra-curricular activities up and running with some starting next week. Our timetable so far is:

	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>Brownies</b> 4.30pm – 6.30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Cheerleading with Premier Sport</b> 8.00am – 8.45am Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	<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>Spanish Mrs Mason</b> Years 1, 2 & 3	<b>Multisports</b> 3.25pm – 4.20pm Years 1- 6 <b>Guides</b> 7.00pm – 8:30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Athletics with Premier Sport</b> 8.00am – 8.45am Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	<b>French</b> with Mrs Croucher, La Jolie Ronde Year 1  <b>Girls Football</b> 12.30pm to 12.50pm, Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	<b>Boys Football</b> 3.25pm to 4.20pm, Year 4, 5 & 6  <b>Grundy Gym Club</b> 3.30pm to 4.30pm
<b>Friday</b>		<b>Spanish Mrs Mason</b> Years 4,5 & 6	<b>KS2 Tag Rugby with Maldon Rugby Club</b> 3.30pm – 4.30pm <b>Spanish Mrs Mason</b> 3:30 pm – 4:14pm Years 5 & 6 <b>Art Club</b> with Mrs Butler 3.30pm to 4.30pm

We are pleased with the variety and range of clubs that we are able to offer and we hope that you will take advantage of this.

### School Lunches

#### Costs for Autumn Term 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Half Term – 5 September – 18 October = 32 Days at £2.20 = **£70.40**

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term – 29 October – 20 December = 39 Days at £2.20 = **£85.80**

**Total for Autumn Term £156.20**



# DPSA News



## School disco – Next Friday 28th September (Years 1-6)

As always we are holding a 'back to school disco' to kick off the new term. We run a disco every term but restrict the Autumn term disco to years 1- 6. The disco can be quite daunting to the EYFS children but we look forward to welcoming them to their first disco in January.



**KS1 (years 1+2) 6.00 – 7.00pm (£2)**

**KS2**

**7.15 - 8.30pm (£2.50)**

Sweets and crisps (ranging from 5 -30p) and glostix (20p each or 3 for 50p) will be on sale at both discos. There is also a raffle (20p per ticket) at the KS2 disco. Please do make sure you are aware of how much money your child is bringing to spend.

Please let Sally Pain ([sallyj@doctors.org.uk](mailto:sallyj@doctors.org.uk)) know if you can help or post on Facebook. Thank you.

## Jumble Sale – Next Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 1.30pm Danbury Village Hall



We need lots of donations of adult and children's clothes, shoes, bags, bric-a-brac, toys, books, bedding, household linen, small electrical and household items, in fact anything that we can sell on. Please deliver items to the village hall from 9am on the day. All suitable items leftover will be sent on to Bag2school.

**Helpers needed** on the day morning (9 -12 noon) or afternoon (1.15 – 3pm) or do you fancy trying your hand as auctioneer for our Mock Auction at 2pm? Please let Sally know ASAP if you can help on [sallyj@doctors.org.uk](mailto:sallyj@doctors.org.uk) or post on Facebook.

## Bag2school – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 9am



We have **Bag2school** on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 9am**, bags have gone out in book bags and spare ones are available from the school office. We collect re-usable clothes, paired shoes, hats, bags, scarves, gloves, belts and soft toys. Please put things through the Jumble Sale if possible as we send all the leftover items on to Bag2school.

## Adventure Island Wrist Bands

**Adventure Island is open every weekend until 17<sup>th</sup> November and all through half term**

**Blue Bands** (over 1.2m height) **DPSA cost £18** - saving £4.50 on the internet price and £12 on the 'on the day' **Green Bands** (1.0 -1.2m height) / **Red Bands** (under 1m height) **DPSA cost £15** – saving up to £3.75 on the internet price and up to £10 on the 'on the day price'

To buy wristband vouchers (valid until the end of the year) contact Nicky at [nickythomason@me.com](mailto:nickythomason@me.com) who will arrange to get them to you. Payments need to be in cash or a cheque made payable to The DPSA. Family and friends are welcome to buy too!

## Other events for this term

**DPSA Committee Meeting Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 8pm The Bell pub opposite the school.** Please do come along and join us as we discuss our plans and events for the year. New members are always welcome.

**DPSA AGM Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.** Come along and hear about how much was raised last year and what the money has been spent on. Let us know what you thought and share any new ideas you might have.

**Ice Cream Fridays** while the weather remains fair we will still be selling ice creams after school on Fridays starting today. All ice creams cost £1



**Quiz night** is back on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 8pm School Hall.** Get together teams of up to 8 people, entry is £5 per person. Entry forms have gone out in book bags this week. Please get your entries in as soon as possible as we have limited places.

## Class Reps

Class A	Kellie B	<a href="mailto:kellieberry@hotmail.co.uk">kellieberry@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Class B	Louise E	<a href="mailto:louise.chandler@yahoo.com">louise.chandler@yahoo.com</a>
Class C	Gemma P	<a href="mailto:gemma_cawley@yahoo.co.uk">gemma_cawley@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Class D	Emily T	<a href="mailto:ecbailey@hotmail.co.uk">ecbailey@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Class E	<b><u>VACANT</u></b>	
Class F	Michelle P	<a href="mailto:michelle@supplies4business.net">michelle@supplies4business.net</a>
Class G	Helen C	<a href="mailto:heconway@yahoo.co.uk">heconway@yahoo.co.uk</a>
	Ellie F	<a href="mailto:ellie.fraser@outlook.com">ellie.fraser@outlook.com</a>
Class H	Susie C	<a href="mailto:susan.caulfield@hotmail.co.uk">susan.caulfield@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Class J	Emma S	<a href="mailto:emmajsands@hotmail.co.uk">emmajsands@hotmail.co.uk</a>
	Lyndsay R	<a href="mailto:Lyndsay_boon7@hotmail.com">Lyndsay_boon7@hotmail.com</a>

Please email [sallyj@doctors.org.uk](mailto:sallyj@doctors.org.uk) or message on Facebook if you'd like to volunteer for class E.  
Please do let your Rep have your contact information so they can add you to their contact list.

## 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 good weekend!**  
**The DPSA**



## Staff Vacancies

We are looking to recruit a midday assistants to work over lunchtimes throughout the week supporting the children whilst they eat their dinners and play.

If you are interested, please ask at the school office for an application form.

*The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff to share this commitment. This position will be subject to enhanced police checks.*



## Owl's Barn School Meals

### Week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September

<b>Week 1 MONDAY</b>	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Salmon Puff	Pasta Twists Coleslaw Sweetcorn Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Local Butchers pork sausage or Vegetarian Quorn Sausage	Creamy Mashed Potato Fresh Sliced Carrots & Peas/ Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Marble Cake Served with Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Local Butchers Roast Beef served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheesy Stack Wrap	Roast Potatoes Cauliflower florets Fresh carrots Green salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Pot Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Chicken in Homemade Rustic Tomato Sauce or Quorn pieces in Rustic Tomato Sauce	White and Wholegrain Rice Garlic Bread Sweetcorn / Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Fish Goujons	Chips Baked Beans / Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Flapjack Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

### Dates for the Diary

#### Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Weds 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Classes Goldfinch and Flamingo to visit Castle Hedingham**

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>**

**7.00pm**

**Welcome to Year 6 and School Journey meeting for parents**

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30am**

**Macmillan Fundraising event**

**6.00pm**

**KS1 Disco**

**7.15pm**

**KS2 Disco**

**Full term dates for this academic year 2018-19  
and for next, 2019-20 are available on the school website.**

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding  
Headteacher

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## Dates for Autumn Term 2018

Date	Time	Event
<b>September</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup>	8.50am	School reopens to pupils
	10.10am	Whole school assembly
11 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Class Cuckoo to visit Colchester Castle
	7.00 – 9.00pm	Governor Training
13 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	New Parents Reading Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Class Dove to visit Sutton Hoo
15 <sup>th</sup>		CCHS 11+
17 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Annual Review (C)
20 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup>		11+
26 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Classes Goldfinch & Flamingo to visit Castle Hedingham
27 <sup>th</sup>	2.50pm	Class A Assembly
	7.00pm	Welcome to Year 6 and School Journey meeting for parents
28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	DPSA KS1 Disco
	7.15pm	DPSA KS2 Disco
<b>October</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am	School Photos (individual)
	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
4 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm	Governors' Curriculum Meeting
5 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Tag Rugby Festival Selected Years 3,4, 5 & 6
8 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Governors' Pay meeting
	7.00pm	Governors' Personnel meeting
12 <sup>th</sup>	2.50pm	Class Cuckoo Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup>	Eve	DPSA Quiz Night
16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	EYFS & KS1 Autumn Celebration to KS2 & Visitors
	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
18 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	EYFS & KS1 Autumn Celebration to parents
	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
19 <sup>th</sup>		School closed for staff training
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Half-term</b>
<b>Oct</b>		
31 <sup>st</sup>	All day	Classes Jay & Hummingbird Toy Day
<b>November</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	6.30pm	Governors' Resources Meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 – 11.30	Pre-school activity morning
	2.50pm	Class Budgerigar Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 -11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
9 <sup>th</sup>	2.50pm	Class Dove Assembly
	All day	Remembrance Day activities in classes
13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 -11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
16 <sup>th</sup> tbc		Children in Need
16 <sup>th</sup>	2.50pm	Class Eider Assembly
20 <sup>th</sup>	1.45 – 2.45pm	Open Afternoon for prospective parents
21 <sup>st</sup>	3.05pm	Celebration Assembly
Week beg 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov		End of Term Assessment Week
1 <sup>st</sup>	12.00 – 2.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre
6 <sup>th</sup>		Flu Immunisation
12 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas Lunch

14 <sup>th</sup>	Tbc	Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsals
17 <sup>th</sup>	Tbc	Filming of Christmas plays
18 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm & 6.00pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance
19 <sup>th</sup>	1.45pm & 6.30pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
20 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Celebration Assembly
	Pm	Christmas Parties for all classes
		Last day of term for pupils

<b>Spring Term 2018</b>		
12 <sup>th</sup> February	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
14 <sup>th</sup> February	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations – all classes