

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



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**12<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Dear Parents,

### School Councillors

We are pleased to present our new School Council:



George S	James P	Christopher S
Maddie D	Emma B	Lucy H
Oliver M	Dexter B	Toby B
Imogen C	Maisie M	Arabella E
Harry R	Archie F	Zachary T
Emily B	Zoe D	Phoebe M

### Infant Autumn and Harvest Celebration



The children and staff would like to invite parents of children in the infants to join us for a special assembly on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October starting at 2.45pm**. Our annual Autumn Celebration is now a firm tradition and as in the past, each class has prepared a short contribution to present to you.

As you may be aware, space in the hall is very limited so, although we are not issuing tickets, seats are limited to a maximum of two per family. Whilst pre-school children are welcome to attend, we would ask that they sit quietly on your laps and that pushchairs and prams are left outside the school building. Please remember that food should not be brought onto school premises to protect pupils with potentially fatal allergies.

We are sorry but all places offered to grandparents for the practice on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am have now been taken.

## Class Dove's Visit to Sutton Hoo



In Friday 14th September class Dove went on a fascinating school trip to the Anglo-Saxon burial ground Sutton Hoo.



Accompanying us were our teachers Magnificent Mrs Ireland, her super sidekick Mrs Rackliffe and ~~some~~ two willing volunteers. But we were not going there for any old reason, we were going there to learn about the Anglo-Saxons!



Once we had arrived at Sutton Hoo we had a quick toilet stop before meeting Sarah and Julia outside the visitors' centre. Sarah and Julia were two lovely ladies who were showing us around Sutton Hoo. First of all they showed us where to put our bags and coats. As soon as we had done that we went and sat at the front of the room and made a timeline including the Celts, Romans, Vikings, Normans and of course Anglo-Saxons.



After that we went to sit at the tables.

On each table was a different activity. We did a round robin. The activities were clay pots, skeleton, brass rubbings and what's in the box?



My first activity was to make a pot out of clay (soft clay) using the patterned tiles. Next we had a skeleton and some items which we had to use to work out if the skeleton was a boy or a girl. I thought it was a boy but I was wrong. After that we made some brass rubbings and had to spot the belt buckle. The last activity was what's in the box? We had to feel and guess what was in the box. I found a horn cup. Next we went outside for a little break.



We were led over to the exhibition hall although we could not go in. Once they were ready Sarah and Julia ushered us into a little side-room with a screen at the front. We watched a short film to help us learn a little bit more about the Anglo-Saxons. Once the film had finished we went and had a look around the exhibition hall. First my group went into a recreation of the boat King Raedwald was buried in. Then we went into the treasury.



Beyond the glass lay a long silver shimmering sword. Finally we did some dressing up before leaving the building for lunch in the classroom. After a sun busy morning I couldn't wait to see what the afternoon would bring.

After lunch we headed outside ready for a look around the burial mounds. Our first stop was the house of Mrs Edith Pretty where we learned a bit more about her. Next we walked over to a bench and talked about the burial mounds. First we saw an experimental mound before looking at the real mound in which King Raedwald was buried. Zac and Alex marked the edges of the boat and Max was the king on the top. Suddenly I was called over to go to another part as my family was waiting.

Unfortunately my day was over. As we drove home out I knew that it wouldn't be long before was begging my family to visit. I had a sun educational time. To all readers who have not been to Sutton Hoo go, and to all readers who have been go again!

## Class Flamingo's Visit to Hedingham Castle

On Wednesday 26th September we went to Hedingham Castle. When we got on the coach I sat next to Leila. After a while we got to the castle. When we got there, a man told us all the rules. After that, we went to see a lady called Elizabeth and we did jousting. There were two teams, white dragons and red dragons. We had to race against two people.

Iris

Next we went into the great hall. Someone called Simon told us all about castles. We learnt that the King took his throne everywhere with him. In the great halls they had feasts. After that, we went to see Lady Beatrice. She taught us how to bow to important people. She taught us the right bows. Then we met someone called Stephen. He let me hold a cross bow. There were shields, swords and weapons and Stephen nearly cut off Mrs McIntosh's head!

Hema

After lunch we saw the musicians. We learnt a dance and some things about instruments. Then we learnt what they wrote with a long time ago. Arabella and Ronny wrote with a feather.

My favourite bit was the jousting. It was really fun.

Khrisha

My favourite bit was when we saw a man called Sam. He was an archer. He was very funny.

Toby B

I had a lovely day. My favourite thing was listening to the musicians.

Darcie

We all had a brilliant and informative day. The children really enjoyed themselves and their behaviour was impeccable. I was very proud of them!

Mrs McIntosh







## 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 as requested by the Foodbank

#### FOOD ITEMS

##### Most Required

Tinned Fish  
Tinned meat  
Tinned potatoes  
Tinned tomatoes  
Tinned vegetables  
Biscuits  
Tinned rice pudding  
Instant mash potato

##### Other Items Needed

Noodles  
Cup-a-Soup  
Tinned fruit  
Coffee (small jars)  
Packets Instant Custard  
Bottled squash  
Cartons of long life milk  
Cartons of long life fruit juice

#### NON FOOD ITEMS

Toilet rolls  
Men's and ladies toiletries  
Size 5 Nappies

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!  
The deadline for bringing in donations is **9.00am Monday 15th October 2018.**

***The foodbank is moving their depot and so they will be collecting your donations on Monday 15th October.***

***Thank you for your support!***

## Co-op Loyalty Card



Last week the school was presented with a cheque for £210 from the Co-op as part of their loyalty card scheme and their project to give back to the community. Thank you to everyone who supports us by using their card when they shop locally.

If you haven't yet got a card, details are available from any DPSA member or the school office.

## Staffing update

Sadly Mrs Caroline Stubbs, Admin Assistant, will be leaving us at the end of next week to take up a new challenge.

We are pleased that after the half-term break Mrs Maria Warner will be joining our administrative team working in the school office. Mrs Warner is already known to many of you and I am sure you will welcome her to her new role.

## Staff Vacancies

We are looking to recruit midday assistants to work over lunchtimes across 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.*

## 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**

## **Safeguarding Keeping Safe – E-safety**

### **Sexual and criminal exploitation of children – will you spot the signs?**

The exploitation of children is, sadly, a growing problem and has a devastating impact on those directly affected and their families. It happens, and it happens here, in Essex. This is not just involving older children, even primary age children are being drawn into exploitation. It is never too soon for our children to learn how to keep themselves safe.

Essex Police is working hard to tackle these awful crimes but we cannot do it alone. As a parent or carer with responsibility for a child I am asking for your help. Please be aware of the warning signs together with the help and advice available to you.

### **Exploitation - what is it?**

Sexual exploitation involves a child being manipulated, forced or deceived into sexual activity often for financial gain or to build status or control.

Criminal exploitation involves a child being coerced to commit criminal activity. This is often associated with gangs and the selling of illegal drugs.

### **The warning signs**

- Is your child regularly going missing, coming home late or persistently absent from school?
- Do they have new or older friends different to their normal social group?
- Do they have money, expensive-looking clothes or a new phone you didn't buy for them?
- Are they being secretive when using their phone or the internet or perhaps making / receiving lots of calls and texts?
- Has their mood changed or have they become withdrawn or aggressive?
- Are they harming themselves or displaying inappropriate sexualised behaviour?

These are indicators. They do not always mean a child is being exploited, but, please see them as a potential 'warning sign'.

### **A new hotline number – 01245 452058**

If you are worried, please call us. You will not be wasting our time. A team of Essex Police officers and staff are on standby to listen, help and offer advice. The line is open Monday to Friday 08:00-16:00 with a voicemail facility outside of these hours.

As a parent of school age children myself I would encourage you to talk to your child / children about these potential dangers. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Prophet  
Assistant Chief Constable

You can more information and advice about child exploitation on the Essex Police website  
<https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/child-sexual-exploitation>

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

## Notices and Reminders




**Year 6 Sandon Tour Dates** – 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.

**Construction Work** – this will now start on the staff training day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Staff will be on hand after the half-term break to direct you with the change of morning routines.

**Behaviour Policies** – these have recently been updated as part of our review cycle. Copies are on our school website or available on request from the school office.

### Letters sent home this week:

-  Parent Consultation Appointment Times,
-  Chelmsford City Football Club for after half-term (Yrs 2, 3 & 4);
-  Primary Times

**Curriculum maps and welcome letters have been added to class pages on the school website so please have a read to find out what your child is learning this term.**

## Young Voices

Please remember that money for t-shirts and tickets needs to be in school by **next Monday**.

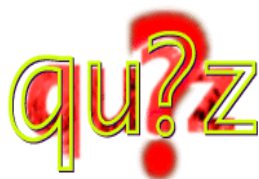
Thank you.



# DPSA News



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## Quiz Tomorrow Night

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 8pm School hall

Entries for teams should now all be in. There will be a raffle in the interval and prizes for the winning team.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Final Figures for recent events

The **School disco** made **£555** and the **Jumble Sale** made **£448 profit**

A big thank you to everybody that helped make them happen.

## DPSA AGM School Hall Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 8pm

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.

## Adventure Island Wrist Bands – we have a few left!

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

## Vouchers will be on sale after school on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October

**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

**Christmas Fayre Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2-4pm.** The school Christmas fayre will be held in the school hall and class rooms. There will be a variety of stalls, crafts and games to keep you occupied. Refreshments will be available.

**Christmas Floral Table Decoration Evening Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December school hall.** Come along and learn how to make an amazing Christmas Floral Table decoration under the supervision of a professional florist. All materials will be provided and you will have a lovely table decoration to take home at the end of the evening.

## 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**







## Owl's Barn School Meals

### Week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October

<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

## Dates for the Diary

### Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am

3.40pm

**Autumn Celebration to KS2 & Visitors  
Parent Consultations**

**Weds 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>**

2.45pm

6.00pm

**Autumn Celebration to Parents  
Parent Consultations**

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Teacher Training Day. School closed to pupils.**

**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>October</b>		
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
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup></b>		<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>	2.00 – 4.00pm	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