

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



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

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

Dear Parents,

**Congratulations** to all the children who this week received special certificates for attendance for last year.

We had many children who achieved 100% attendance and even more who achieved 98% and 99%. We are very proud of their resilience and dedication.

However we do appreciate that children do from time to time suffer viruses and infections and of course, the best place for a speedy recovery is often a day or two at home.

**Well Done!**

### Harvest Celebration Lunch

Yesterday the children enjoyed their special Harvest lunch prepared by Mrs Hind and her team in the school kitchen.

The children tucked into sausage rolls, sweetcorn and seasonal vegetables followed by Harvest cake or fruit. As ever the children were very complimentary.

The winners of the colouring competitions were:

**First**  
**Elena C and Eve R**

**Second**  
**Oliver C and Ben B**

**Third**  
**Hema M and Joe F**



Colouring pencil prizes were presented in Friday's assembly. Well done!

We would like to say a big thank you to the ladies in the school kitchen who go to great lengths to provide delicious, nutritious meals.

## School Ambassadors

In Celebration Assembly this week we announced the results of the elections that we have been holding in school.

### Our new School Councillors are:

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

Photographs will follow next week so that we can get the whole council together.

### Our new House Captains are:

<b>Air</b>	<b>Earth</b>	<b>Fire</b>	<b>Water</b>
Eden S	Maisy L	Imogen S	Emily W
Isobel J	Danielle W	George B	Henry B

### Our librarians are:

Joe K	Chloe B	Holly B	Ella H	Fin M	Emma B
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## Sporting Achievement

Every year Danbury Park School works towards the Sainsbury School Games Award and this year we are pleased to announce that in recognition of all the P.E. and sports that we offer and the engagement of so many children, we have again been presented with the Silver Award.

A big thank you to all our sports coaches and staff who promote physical activity including our Daily Mile promoters but especially to Miss Bridge for championing an active life-style, collating all our evidence and presenting it to the moderators.



## Class Cuckoo's Visit to Colchester Castle by Lucy H

Yesterday, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September, Class Cuckoo went to Colchester Castle. The reason we travelled there was because our topic is the Romans. Boudicca had burnt down a Roman temple. Later a castle was built on top of it.



The first object my group visited was the Roman helmets. I thought they were very hard and heavy. The helmets were made out of metal so they protected your head.



Secondly, we marched to the Celtic roundhouse to see how it was built. I thought that it would be very hard to sleep on the floor. The reason I think that is because the roundhouse is made out of daube, wood, reeds and bendy sticks. Daube is made out of animal dung, clay, straw and water. It was used for keeping weather out of the roundhouse.



After that, all six groups met up at the large white room. The class got split in half to complete the problem solving tasks we were set. First, my group had to make a Roman villa. We had lots of different blocks to put together for the walls. There was a picture to follow. There were pieces for a mosaic, floor, walls, concrete blocks and roof tiles. The next task was to build a Celtic roundhouse. You had a circular base with holes in it so you had a little head start. You had short and long poles, flat bendy planks to weave for the walls and roof slats. I thought that the Roman villa building was harder because it was hard to look at the picture and then do it.

After lunch, all of our class went down to the foundations with Wayne the museum tour guide. The first room we went into was all about the Celts life. He also told us about how Celts get ready for battle. Celts were farmers and warriors. Their weapons were farm tools like axes, sticks and scythes. To get ready for battle the Celts would put vegetable dye called wode on their bodies. They also used lime to make their hair stick up as they thought looking like this made them magic.







On the other hand, when the Romans went to invade Britannia they came very well prepared for battle. The Romans had armour, helmets, shields (boss), long sword (gladius), and small dagger. The Romans won the battle for Britannia but some rich tribes, like the Iceni, made a deal with the Romans. It was payment for freedom but the Roman Emperor died and the new Emperor whipped Boudicca and her daughters. So Boudicca made her own tribe to revolt, when the main Roman army left to go to Wales to fight another tribe Boudicca burnt down three main cities in Britannia belonging to the Romans. As soon as the main Roman army had defeated the tribe in Wales they knew

where Boudicca was heading next. The Roman army and Boudicca's tribe met at Watling Street. Boudicca's tribe were defeated, all the Celts became slaves. The Romans chopped heads off if you were slow. When we went back up to the main bit of the castle, we went to the Boudicca section, we saw lots of burnt objects. We tried to imagine what it would be like, smelt and what noises we would have heard during Boudicca's revolt.

My favourite part of the day was when we went down to the foundations because it was very interesting.

### Class Goldfinch's Visit to Hedingham Castle

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September Classes Goldfinch and Flamingo visited Castle Hedingham.

The warm sun shone brightly over Castle Hedingham. We were greeted by the steward and servant who told us where to put all of our belongings. Each class then completed a carousel of activities that were situated either inside the beautiful castle or in the castle grounds. These included: jousting; learning about archery as a form of defence, dancing and listening to old musical instruments; learning from a scribe about how they wrote and holding a goose feather which would have been used to write with, dressing up as different people that would have lived in the castle; learning about the weapons that were used and visiting the Grand Hall to learn about daily life in a castle. After a lovely picnic lunch we completed the last few activities before returning back to school.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and came back full of facts that they can now use in their learning this term.

A big thank you to all of the adults that helped on this visit.

We have just received a lovely letter complementing the children on their behaviour and participation in the activities!





## 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!

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.***

## Class Avocet's Assembly



Last Friday the children in Class Avocet launched our series of class assemblies for this term with a thought provoking and reflective presentation on the theme of remembrance. They shared with us their learning so far about the First World War re-enacting key events and even singing *Silent Night* in German.

Well done!





## Notices and Reminders

**Year 6 Sandon Tour Dates** –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.

**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.

### Letters sent home this week:

-  **EYFS**
-  **Year 6 Bikeability**
-  **Mathletics**
-  **EYFS and Key Stage 1 Autumn Celebration**





**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.**

## **Safeguarding**

### **Keeping Safe – E-safety**

At Danbury Park School we take e-safety seriously. At the beginning of every school year, as part of our computing curriculum, our pupils are taught about e-safety. This is then re-visited every term to reinforce the message of personal safety. The elements of computing are embedded across all subjects in the curriculum and our pupils regularly use the internet as part of their learning. In school, we use a filtering system to protect children from accessing inappropriate sites, but we also teach them what they should do if they should access unsuitable material which could happen when using networks at home or at a friend's.

In the past we have organised parent information workshops to help you keep abreast of the new technology with the aim of helping you keep your children safe at home and we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some tips to help you to keep your children safe online:

-  Set up your computer in a shared area at home so that you can see the sites they are accessing;
-  Set your security levels so that you can limit access to sites and time spent on electronic devices;
-  Talk to your child about what they are doing online and check their search histories and communication logs frequently;
-  Talk to your child about keeping their personal information private.

There are some excellent resources available and we would like to suggest the following sites which provide more detailed information:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/How-to-guides/>

[http://old.kidsmart.org.uk/downloads/cn\\_parentleafletV2.pdf](http://old.kidsmart.org.uk/downloads/cn_parentleafletV2.pdf)

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

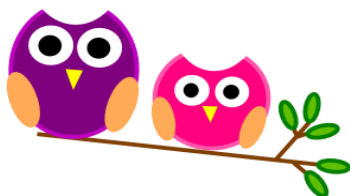
## **School Lunches**

### **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**

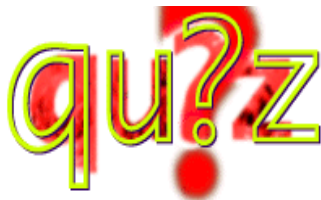
**Total for Autumn Term £156.20**



# DPSA News



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## Quiz Night

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

The quiz is a fun night out and a great way to raise money for the school. Get together teams of up to 8 people, entry is £5 per person. Entry forms have gone out in book bags and spare ones are available from your Class Rep or the school office. Please get your entries in as soon as possible as we still have some spaces left.

Bring along your own drinks and snacks. There will be a raffle in the interval and prizes for the winning team.

**We look forward to seeing you there.**

### School disco and Jumble Sale Thanks

Thank you to everybody that helped at the 2 discos last Friday. They both went really well and the children seemed to be having a great time. Altogether we were able to raise **over £500.**

Thank you also to everyone who donated, sorted and sold the jumble at Danbury Village Hall last Saturday. We were able to make **over £400 profit** and all the leftover jumble was sent on to Bag2school on Monday.

All the money raised from these 2 events will go towards buying new laptop computers which will benefit all of the children in the school.

### 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

**DPSA AGM School Hall 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.

**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 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.

### The Big Book Collection is back

The Big Book Collection of donated childrens books last year was able to add **over 250 books** to the school library. The collection box is back to continue this term. If you have any good quality books your children no longer read or have outgrown please leave them in the box by the school office. We are looking for all types of books in good condition from Early Years Foundation up to year 6 - fiction, poetry, non-fiction. Thank you.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> October

<b>Week 3</b> MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake or Salmon Puff (V)	Garlic Bread Peas Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sponge Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Minced Beef Pie or Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheese (V)	Creamy Mashed Potato Carrots Mixed Vegetables Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Homemade Shortbread Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Roast Turkey served with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy or Roasted Quorn Fillet served with Yorkshire pudding and Gravy (V)	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced Carrots Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Homemade Creamy Rice Pudding and Jam Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or Vegetarian Quorn Balls in tomato sauce (V)	White and Wholegrain pasta Cauliflower Florets Sweet Corn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Oven baked Youngs Omega 3 Fish Fingers	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Red Velvet Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

## Dates for the Diary

### Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**6.30pm**                      **Governors' Pay Committee Meeting**  
**7.00pm**                      **Governors' Personnel Committee Meeting**

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Weds 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**7.00pm**                      **Governors' Safeguarding Training**

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**2.50pm**                      **Class Cuckoo's Assembly**

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>		
8 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm 7.00pm	Governors' Pay meeting 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>Oct</b>		<b>Half-term</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