

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



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

**2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018**

Dear Parents,

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

Emily B – Ruby

Zachary C – Ruby

Henry R – Ruby

Bronwen A – Topaz

Liza A – Topaz

*Certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly  
on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 at 2.50pm.  
Families are welcome to join us.*

### Reading in Key Stage 2

We are very proud of our reading school reading scheme which runs throughout the school. In Key Stage 2 our reading books are comprehensively organised to enable the children to learn and develop progressively their reading skills. Within each band, there are books that excite, inspire and inform all our different readers and these include works from classic as well as modern authors and books suggested by the children themselves.

To assist the children in their selection, the books are organised into bands. Please bear in mind that as the bands increase in difficulty, the comprehension skills required will also be more challenging. They are also carefully selected so that the content is age appropriate and suitable.

The children read through a range of books within each band until they are assessed by the class teacher as being ready to move onto the next one. When children have completed these bands, they are asked to arrange and prepare for a reading conference with their teacher. At their meeting, the children discuss a selection of the books they have read in more detail.

To enable the children to keep an accurate record of the books they have read, they are asked to keep a reading journal. In the journal the children are asked to record the following:

- 📅 Date, title of new book, number of page read to, their personal response when the book is finished and when asked to do so by their teacher as part of reading sessions.

**In Key Stage 2, we still encourage parents to record in their journals whenever they hear their child read and sharing reading with an adult at home is still a vital part of the children's learning.**

So that important information is not missed, we ask that parents, who wish to communicate with teachers about matters other than reading, write a separate letter for their child to give to the class teacher.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

## Commemorating 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War 1 Danbury Park's Memorial

This year sees the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I and the whole school will be coming together in November to undertake some focused work on remembrance. We will be taking the symbol of the poppy and every child and adult in school will be creating their own poppy to contribute to a large whole school outdoor display. We will be working together to assemble the installation on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November and each child and adult will have the opportunity to add their poppy to the collective outdoor display. If you are available to help that day, please let your child's class teacher know.

First though we need your help so that every child has their own poppy and we are asking you to create the basic flower at home and send it into school for completion. Here's how:

### You will need

2 litre empty clear plastic bottle  
Marker pen  
Scissors



### Instructions

1. Cut off the top part of the bottle so that you have a 10cm cylinder.
2. Using the indentations in the bottom as a guide, draw rising curved shapes to resemble petals all the way around the bottle. You should have four or five depending on the bottle you have chosen.
3. Carefully cut along the lines and discard the spare plastic.
4. You should be left with a flower shape. If you can make two holes to the centre so that we can insert a loop of wire to attach the poppy to the frame, we would be grateful.



We will paint and finish the flowers in school to create poppies on Monday afternoon

**If you have any spare bottles, please send them into school, so that we have extras just in case.**

The Year 6 children will also be joining the other local primary schools at the War Memorial in Danbury on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am for a service of remembrance. Parents are welcome to join us.



### The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

From Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October the Year 6 children will be visiting classes after lunch to sell poppies on behalf of the British Legion. If you would like to donate, please send the money into school in book bags (in clearly marked envelopes for the infant children). There is also a selection of stationery items (suggested min donations from 50p to £1) which will be available to purchase in the front reception area at the beginning and end of the school day.

## Safeguarding Keeping Safe

### Fireworks Safety

With the darker nights come a number of events involving fireworks and bonfires. Please find below a list of resources to help inform young people and minimise the risks of harm:

Fireworks, Sparkler and Bonfire Safety (RoSPA)

<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety/>

UK Fire Services

<https://www.fireservice.co.uk/safety/firework-safety/>

Cambridgeshire Fire Service

Includes a useful video

<http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/firework-safety-1341.aspx>

We hope you will consider attending an organised firework display and we hope you enjoy the event!

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



### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need and we are inviting the children to come to school in non-uniform wearing something spotty or stripy if possible in return for a donation (suggestion £1) to the charity. **On this occasion we are not doing wacky hair or make-up** – that will come in the Spring Term when we dress up for World Book Day!

### Staff Vacancies

We are still looking to recruit midday assistants to work over lunchtimes across the week supporting the children whilst they eat their dinners and play. Please let friends and family know as we are very short staffed at the moment and even if you could do just one or two days each week, this would help.

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.*

## Admission to Schools for the Reception Year Group September 2019

The primary school (Reception) admissions process opens on **Monday 12 November 2018**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2019.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2019**.

**From 12 November 2018**, applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

We are offering visits to the school for prospective parents on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am and 10.30am and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 1.45pm. Please contact the school office to book.

## Notices and Reminders

**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** – the work is now well under way. Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

**Coats** – Most children are now remembering to bring their coat to school every day. Thank you for your support. We want to make the most of the fresh air and even if it is damp or drizzling, we will be going out to play.

### Letters sent home this week:

-  Year 6 Bikeability Groups
-  DPSA Christmas Tree Donation Sheet



# DPSA News



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## Christmas Fayre Saturday 1st December 2 - 4pm

**What happens at the Christmas Fayre?** Virtually the whole school is filled with stalls. Each class will have their own stall selling Christmas craft produced and sold by the children. There will be a Santa's grotto, various Christmas stalls for the children, a Christmas hamper raffle, the Grand raffle with a 1st prize of £100 cash (raffle tickets will go out after half-term for you to kindly try to sell to friends and family) and winter warming food.

**What we need you to do** – we are asking for donations for our Christmas Fayre. Children will bring home very soon a Christmas picture with the items on that we are asking for. Each time you donate anything listed the office staff will sign it and the donation goes into the box by the office. Once you receive 3 signatures the children are asked to colour in the picture and return it to school for the chance to win a prize.

### **We need:-**

**Wrapped Chocolate** - for the sell-out chocolate tombola - please remember NO NUTS

**Adult tombola gifts** – toiletries, unwanted gifts, chocolates, bottles

**Filled jam jars** – please fill clean, empty glass jars with wrapped sweets, craft items, small toys (party bag bits are perfect) in fact anything children may like to win. If you have spare empty jars please leave those at the office too for others to fill

**Secrets room gifts** – this is where children go and choose and wrap a secret gift for Mum's, Dad's and Grandparents, New items only please.

**Clean soft toys**

**Good quality children's toys and books** – for our second hand toy stall

## Cake bakers needed for the Christmas Fayre

If you are happy to bake a cake or cupcakes for the refreshment stall please contact Kellie Berry at [kellieberry@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kellieberry@hotmail.co.uk) and she will liaise with you.

## Christmas Floral Table Decoration Evening Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall.



Come along and learn how to make an amazing Christmas Floral Table decoration under the supervision of a professional florist. It costs £30 per person payable on booking. All materials will be provided and you will have a lovely table decoration for Christmas to take home at the end of the evening. Forms have gone out in book bags and spare ones should be available at the school office and from your class rep.

**Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

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**Hot dog**  
or a veggie sausage  
in a bun with  
**Smokey BBQ sauce**

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**Baked beans**  
**Tiger wedges**  
**Coleslaw**

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**Toffee apple crumble**  
& custard  
or **Bonfire jelly**

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NO JACKET POTATOES  
AVAILABLE

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## Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

<b>Bonfire menu</b>	Hot Dog Or a veggie sausage in a bun with Smoky BBQ sauce	Baked beans Tiger wedges Coleslaw	No Jacket Potato available	Toffee apple crumble And custard Or Bonfire jelly
<b>Monday</b>				
<b>Tuesday</b>	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese or Quorn Bolognese (V)	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Giant Cookie with Fruit Wedge Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Local Butchers Roast Gammon served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheesy Stack Wrap (V)	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced carrots Whole Green Beans Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Strawberry Fruit Jelly Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
<b>Thursday</b>	Kentucky Chicken Drumsticks or Macaroni Cheese (v)	White and Wholegrain Rice Broccoli Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jam Tart and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
<b>Friday</b>	Local Butchers Beef burger in a Floured Bap or Vegetable Burger in a Floured Bap (V)	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Rice Crispy Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

## Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### Mon 5<sup>th</sup>

9.15 - 10.15am      **Classes J and H *Stay and Play***  
 Pm                      **Tag Rugby Tournament at Writtle**  
 1.30pm                **Poppy painting**

### Tues 6<sup>th</sup>

### Weds 7<sup>th</sup>

9.30 - 11.30am      **Open morning for prospective parents**

### Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>

**Bikeability**  
**Class Budgerigar' Ancient Greece Day**

### Fri 9<sup>th</sup>

9.15 - 10.15am      **Poppy Installation**  
                             **Classes J and H *Stay and Play***  
 10.45am              **Year 6 Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial with St John's School and Heathcote School**  
 2.50pm                **Class Dove'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>November</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	Paint a poppy activity
7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 -11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
8 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Class Budgerigar Ancient Greece Day for C
9 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Remembrance Day activities in classes
	10.45am	Year 6 Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
	2.50pm	Class Dove Assembly
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
23 <sup>rd</sup>		Class Goldfinch Castle making day
Week beg 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov		End of Term Assessment Week
30 <sup>th</sup>		Class Eider Viking day
<b>December</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	2.00 – 4.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre
6 <sup>th</sup>		Flu Immunisation
8 <sup>th</sup>		St John's Church Christmas Tree Festival
12 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas Lunch Wear a Christmas jumper to school day
13 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm	Christmas Concert at The Mission
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