

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

30th November 2018

Dear Parents,

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

Chloe B - **Topaz** Quinlan S - **Topaz** Holly B - **Silver** Lucy H - **Diamond**

*Our next Celebration Assembly is
on **Thursday 20th December 2018 at 9.10am.**
Families are welcome to join us.*

Class Goldfinch Castle Making Day

On Friday 23rd November Class Goldfinch had an exciting day making model castles that we had designed! We had lots of parents and grandparents come into school to help us make castles.

Emily & Zachary

In the morning we built our castles using recycled materials and lots of masking tape and glue. We made sure we had used techniques we had learnt to help us attach cylinders to our castle boxes. To make our towers we had to snip the base of the tubes and then fold them back so they could be secured to the cardboard boxes.

Luca, Olivia & Oscar

In the afternoon we painted our castles and added detail like the stone walls, a portcullis, drawbridges, arrow slits, windows, flags and moats. Our class Governor came in to help us too!

Fletcher & Isabelle

We had lots of fun and are really pleased with our castles.

Class Goldfinch and Miss Johnston would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all the parents and relatives that came in to help us. We couldn't have done it without you!



Save our Library

As I am sure you are aware the village library in Danbury has been earmarked for closure.

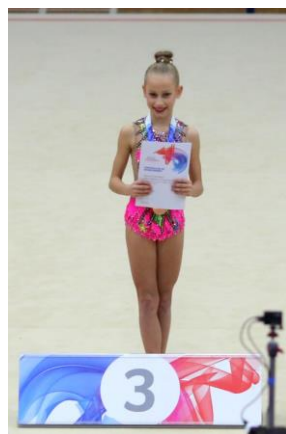
Parents and children have been telling us how much they value having a local library and that it is a fantastic and well used community service. The librarians are outstanding - they know the children by name and they all help foster a real love of reading including making book recommendations and taking an interest in their preferences.

We believe that to lose this local resource would lead to a permanent loss of something very precious. The school will be writing to Essex County Council to voice our disappointment and concerns but I know many of you feel that a bigger response would have more impact. We would like to suggest that over the coming week, our families each write supporting letters which school would be happy to send to Essex County Council as one massive parcel.

If you would like to join our efforts, please make sure that you hand your letter into the school office by **Friday 7th December**.

Our Talented Children

Well done to **Liza A** from Class C who recently took part in the British National Open Gymnastic Championships in which 47 girls aged 9-11 were competing. Liza was placed third in the rope routine and fourth place in the free routine. These competitions were for national squad selection and she will know the results after Christmas. She also took part in the English Championship in November and was placed second.



School Council

We have now been holding our regular School Council meetings and Imogen C raised her concerns about the amount of lost property left at the front of the school. The councillors agreed that it looks a mess and that the children should take more care of their belongings. The councillors agreed to spend some of their lunchtimes sorting through the pile and returning items to classes to help reduce the pile.

The children are asking that parents make sure every item of clothing is clearly named and that the children remember to collect their jumpers and cardigans after they have taken them off.

If your child has lost an item of clothing, please come and have a look in the front reception area.

Thank you

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.

Please note that 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.

Christmas Events



Christmas Plays

Infants – Tuesday 18th December; Juniors – Wednesday 19th December

This week you should have received a letter with information about our infant and junior plays for Christmas along with a form to complete and return to request tickets. These are strictly limited to two per family on a first-come first-served basis fairly across the classes so please discuss family dates, times and arrangements in advance. There are two performances of each play, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. In the evenings the junior play will start at 6.30pm and the infant play at 6.00pm so that our youngest children can still get back home and to bed at a reasonable time! If you can volunteer to run a crèche to help other parents, please let us know on the form provided.

Please be advised that due to fire regulations we cannot exceed the maximum number of people in the hall. Unfortunately this means that adults only are permitted to attend the performances.

Christmas Charity

SOCIAL SERVICES CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

Every year we hold a toy collection in aid of Chelmsford Social Care Services. It may amaze us but there are many children living in the Chelmsford area who will have anything but a merry Christmas and so it is great for our school to bring some happiness into some disadvantaged children's lives.

The plan is that children are invited to bring in a new or very nearly new toy, game, puzzle etc. wrapped in Christmas paper to put under the tree in the hall. Please leave one end of the donation open and label it clearly "boy aged 5 – 7" as appropriate, so a 10 year old does not get a baby's rattle! Whilst the Chelmsford Social Care Team is thrilled with presents for all ages, they have asked that a special plea is made to remember children aged 11 to 16. Each year school raises a tremendous number of presents for Social Services, which teaches our children the real meaning of Christmas is giving.

Donations may be left under the Christmas tree in the hall from Monday 3rd December. The collection of presents will be on Monday 10th December so gifts must be left by the end of school on Friday 7th December. Thank you.

Christmas Parties

This year because of the way that the Christmas holidays fall, we are trying a different approach to our traditional parties. All the children will join together for their Christmas parties on the afternoon of Thursday 20th December. 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 and we will end with a special Christmas singsong together. 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 and Christmas Jumper Day

This will take place on Wednesday 12th 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.

We are inviting staff and pupils to get into the Christmas spirit that day by wearing a Christmas jumper to school. This is a fun activity and no donations are required.

Safeguarding Keeping Safe

As it is now getting dark earlier in the evenings, please remind the older children about coming straight home after school or letting you know where they are and keeping in touch.

Please also remind them about taking extra care when crossing the roads as when they are wearing darker clothing, they can be difficult for motorists to see.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

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. 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

We are offering visits to the school for prospective parents on **Monday 10th December at 1.45pm** and **Wednesday 9th January at 1.45pm**. Please contact the school office to book.

Notices and Reminders

Parking – We have been made aware of parents parking dangerously and blocking the entrance to the car park as you turn off Well Lane. This causes an obstruction with traffic backing up onto Main Road and is dangerous for families using the zebra crossing and trying to cross Well Lane. Please think carefully about where you park before someone is injured.

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:

 **Christmas Production Ticket Requests**



DPSA News



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Christmas Fayre Tomorrow 1st December 2 - 4pm

What's on at the Christmas Fayre?

Once again each class is running a stall as part of an enterprise scheme run by school. The children have been working really hard making decorations and gifts and will be running stalls so please make sure you come and support your child's class. All money raised goes directly to that class to choose something to spend it on.

KS1 stalls will be in classes J and H and KS2 in G and F.

Santa's Grotto – our Christmas Fayre wouldn't be complete without it. The entrance is in class J. Please buy your tickets as soon as you arrive in the main hall on your way in. Tickets give a time slot to see Santa to try to keep queues to a minimum and they do sell out. The quietest time to visit is from 2pm.

The **Chocolate tombola** and **Adult tombola** will be in the hall. Along with a **Children's raffle**, **Hamper raffle** and the **Grand raffle** with 1st prize of £100 (bring in your tickets from home if you've not dropped them to school yet), **Santa's stockings** where you can guess what's hiding in each stocking, **Lolly Island**, **Lucky dip**, **Grandma's Gifts** and **Rolling Santa's coins**.

Class G will host sparkly **Glitter tattoos and face painting**. Don't miss the **Toy stall with children's books** in class F, **Hoops-over-jars** in Class H and **Soft Toy Snowballs** in J. **The Secrets Room** will be in class C where children love to buy Christmas gifts for parents and grandparents.

What will there be to eat? – come and have a hot dog (meat or vegetarian), a warming, festive mulled wine, tea, coffee or luxury hot chocolate with a mince pie, piece of cake or bag of crisps! Refreshments will be available from the school kitchen and seating will be in class A.



Thank you if you have kindly volunteered to help on the day. If you are helping between 2pm and 3pm please arrive at least 10 minutes before. If you are helping 3-4pm please do help to tidy the stall away if possible.

Raffle Tickets - We have some fantastic prizes this year: If you've forgotten to hand them in bring them along to the raffle stall at the fayre.

£100 cash

5kg KellyBronze Turkey

Christmas Floral Door Wreath

2 x Family of 4 meal vouchers

Christmas Hamper

Family of 4 ticket to Marsh Farm

Family of 4 ticket for The Nutcracker at Danbury Mission Armstrong Family

Vita Bella £25 meal voucher

Cream tea for 2

Childs long rein riding lesson

Family Photo shoot and photo

One Month Gym Membership

sponsored by E J Coombes Solicitors, Danbury

courtesy of KellyBronze Turkeys, Bicknacre

donated by Natalie Westhorp

Five Guys Restaurant, Chelmsford

Woodland Montessori, Danbury

Marsh Farm, South Woodham Ferrers

Armstrong Family

Vita Bella, East Hanningfield

Frenchy's Tearooms, Danbury

Chelmsford Equestrian Centre, Galleywood

Barratt & Coe, Coggleshall

Danbury Sports & Social Club

Shopping online this Christmas? – www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Remember to log in to easyfundraising.org.uk it's the easiest way to raise money and costs you nothing. All you do is your Christmas shopping from your armchair.

Children's Christmas Performance DVD

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.

DVDs will be available at £16 each (£3 of which goes to DPSA funds). In order to receive your DVD BEFORE the end of term orders/payment will need to be received by **Friday 14th December**. Orders placed after this date will not be available until the New Year.

To reserve your copy please complete the form at the end of the newsletter.



Christmas Floral Table Decoration Evening Thursday 13th December in the school hall - last remaining spaces



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 are available from the school office,

Dates for the diary 2019



January

Sat 12th
Friday 25th

New Year Jumble Sale
School Disco

March

Sat 30th

Easter Egg Hunt

June

Sat 22nd

Summer Fayre

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre tomorrow

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 3rd December

Week 3 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 Young's 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 3rd December 2018

School Assessment Week

Mon 3rd

3.00pm

Boys' Football Match v St John's (away)

Tues 4th

Year 6 Bikeability

Weds 5th

Thurs 6th

Flu Immunisation

Fri 7th

**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
December		
1 st	2.00 – 4.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre
6 th		Flu Immunisation
8 th		St John's Church Christmas Tree Festival
12 th		Christmas Lunch Wear a Christmas jumper to school day
13 th	12.00pm	Christmas Concert at The Mission
14 th	Tbc	Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsals
17 th	Tbc	Filming of Christmas plays
18 th	2.15pm & 6.00pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance
19 th	1.45pm & 6.30pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
20 th	9.10am	Celebration Assembly
	Pm	Christmas Parties for all classes
		Last day of term for pupils

Spring Term 2018		
12 th February	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
14 th February	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations – all classes