

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

9th November 2018

Dear Parents,

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

Darcy B – Emerald Henry R – Emerald Harry A – Topaz Beau B – Topaz Maddie D - Silver

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

Pre-School Activity Morning

Last Friday we held our termly activity morning with the local pre-schools. Our Reception children were joined by lots of friends and their key workers and they took part in a wide range of activities.



Miss Bridge, Mrs Crouch and Mrs Thirkettle were ably assisted by a team of Year 6 pupils, who were excellent ambassadors for the school. The children in Year 6 look forward to these events and over the course of the year, we ensure that every child has the opportunity to help out.

The activity mornings are a good way for us to strengthen our links with the local pre-schools and to get to know the children who might be coming to Danbury Park School. It is also a wonderful opportunity for our Reception children to catch up with friends from their pre-school whom they may not have seen recently.



A great time was had by all!

History off the page – Toy Day!

On Wednesday 31st October, Class Jay and Hummingbird went into the hall for a day all about Toys.



Craig, our visitor, brought in a Toy Museum. This was a very special museum as none of the toys were behind glass so we were allowed to touch everything. We were asked to explore and investigate the toys. We really enjoyed finding out about the toys.

"I liked playing with the metal toys." – Caleb

We rotated around the tables, investigating the toys and answering questions about them, such as what they were made from? How they worked? Which toy looked the oldest? Once we had finished playing - oh no, sorry, exploring and investigating the toys, we turned ourselves into archaeologists and dug up old toys using only a brush. Once we had collected the toys from the dirt, we sorted them into groups of materials. We have been doing this in class so Craig was impressed with our knowledge of the materials.



"I liked digging for toys in the soil." – Avie



After lunch we became toy makers, again we rotated around different tables to create our very own toys.

"I liked making the ball and cup toy." – Jake
We had a brilliant day and would like to say a big thank you to all of the grown-ups who came in to help us.

"It was the best day ever!" – Jenson

By Class Jay

Class Budgerigar's Assembly



Last Friday the children in Class Budgerigar shared with us their learning about Ancient Greece. They have certainly become very knowledgeable and we know that many of them have carried out additional research at home as they were so enthused.

Well done!

Tag Rugby Tournament



On Monday 5th November, Class C, B and A had a number of participants from each of the classes and went to a tag rugby tournament at Writtle College. We were a team of twelve people and played eight a-side games.

Our targets that Mr Brown gave us were to get the ball to one-side of the pitch to the other as quickly as possible. Towards the third game, we were starting to meet our objectives and we then beat a team 6-0.

We thought that the tournament went successfully. We only lost one of nine matches by one try. We drew two and won six. We were playing against very skilled teams, but our advantage was our effective team skills.

Everybody that went had a great time and will surely want to go again. Out of the twenty-one teams, Danbury Park was awarded 7th place. All involved would like to pass on a big thank you to our awesome coach, Mr Brown, and all of the super parent helpers.

Next year, I think we could challenge ourselves even more and come in the top three. If we go again, it will be extremely fun for the whole team.

Written by Sam B and Thom L

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 Wednesday 7th November and Tuesday 13th November at 9.30am and 10.30am and Tuesday 20th November at 1.45pm. Please contact the school office to book.



Friday 16th November

Friday 16th 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 apply online at www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/

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.

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 into the staff car park. 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:

 **Flu Immunisation Consent – please return by Friday 16th November**



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 soon) 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 have brought home 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 and she will liaise with you.

Christmas Fayre Helpers Needed

We need helpers to run stalls and also help to set up and tidy away afterwards. We ask for helpers on stalls to run either the first half of the fayre 2-3pm or the second half 3-4pm. Setting up we will need help after school on Friday and Saturday morning from 9am.

If you can help at all please let your Class Rep know or Sally at sallyj@doctors.org.uk

Christmas Floral Table Decoration Evening Thursday 13th 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



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 12th November

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 12th November 2018

- Mon 12th** **Year 6 Bikeability**
- Tues 13th**
9.30 - 11.30am **Open morning for prospective parents**
- Weds 14th**
- Thurs 15th** **Year 6 Bikeability**
- Fri 16th**
12.30pm **Children in Need - wear something spotty or stripy!**
2.50pm **School Council Meeting**
 Class Eider'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
November		
13 th	9.30 -11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
16 th tbc		Children in Need
16 th	2.50pm	Class Eider Assembly
20 th	1.45 – 2.45pm	Open Afternoon for prospective parents
21 st	3.05pm	Celebration Assembly
23 rd		Class Goldfinch Castle making day
Week beg 26 th Nov		End of Term Assessment Week
30 th		Class Eider Viking day
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