

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



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

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Dear Parents,

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

Lily B – Ruby Emmy P - Emerald

**Congratulations** also to Thom L who passed his Grade 2 Guitar

**Our next Celebration Assembly is  
on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 9.10am.**

### Christmas Tree Festival



Last weekend St John's Church held their Christmas Tree festival and we decorated a tree to display the ornaments that the children had made for their mobiles. We also included the decorations that the Year 6 children were invited to make during a one-off lunchtime club using only card, scissors and glue (we did add some glitter for extra sparkle).

We thought it looked great!

## Christmas Fayre Enterprise

The classes have now had time to work out their expenditure and income from their enterprise projects and have arrived at their profits. Each class is a winner in their own rights as the children get to decide how to spend the money they raised.

Class	Project	Profit	What they intend to purchase
Avocet	Selection of sweet treats	£41.80	Books for the 100 book box
Budgerigar	Shortbread biscuits	£42	New books & equipment
Cuckoo	Gingerbread & star biscuits	£95	TBC
Dove	Planted and sold daffodil bulbs	£102.50	Art equipment, fabric
Eider	LED snowman tree decorations	£82.50	Items to make learning more fun
Flamingo	Clay hands	£81.52	Books, files for tables, crafts
Goldfinch	Christmas bauble & decorations	£55	Maths resources & craft materials
Hummingbird	Snowman tree decorations	£46.50	Pens, pencils, magnetic shapes, cars
Jay	Reindeer fudge	£52	Superhero fancy dress, playdoh, pens

The winning class is Dove.

This brings the grand total raised at the Christmas Fayre to over £3000.

Thank you once again to all the members of the DPSA who organised and ran the fayre, to the teachers and teaching assistants for their hard work in class making the products and to all the families who supported us.

## New Parent Governors

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Katherine Moulding and Mr George Fraser have been elected as our new parent governors unopposed. We hope that they will enjoy working as part of the school's governing body and that they will find this an interesting and rewarding opportunity.

## 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.  
Please let the office know if you are not receiving Parentmail messages.

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.

## Wet weather clothing

As the weather gets wetter and colder we are often asked for tights and socks so that the children can change if they get muddy or wet when playing outside. If you have any spare tights or socks for any age it would be really helpful if you could send them into the office.

If your child comes home in spare clothes we would be grateful if you could wash and return them as soon as possible.

Thank you

## Christmas Events



### Christmas Plays

#### **Infants – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December; Juniors – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

This week you should have received your tickets for the Christmas plays. Doors will open no earlier than 15 minutes before the performances start. We regret that we do not have enough room for you all to wait inside the front foyer as seating here is reserved for those who are disabled or elderly. Please remember to let us know of any special arrangements that may be required and to bring your tickets with you to the performances as this speeds up the entry process. However, if you do forget, don't worry, Mrs Gooding will have a master list.

Please be advised that due to fire regulations we cannot exceed the maximum number of people in the hall. This means that adults or secondary aged students only are permitted to attend the performances.

### Christmas Charity

#### **SOCIAL SERVICES CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL**

Thank you very much for your generous gifts. This year we have had an amazing response. The donations will help brighten a child's Christmas.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Safeguarding Keeping Safe

Have you finished your Christmas shopping yet? Planning to spend a couple of hours in a Christmas Market or even online? This Christmas there will be more tech toys than ever before, and many of them will use Bluetooth or Wi-Fi to link to apps and the wider internet. Some of these toys will have cameras and microphones recording the environment and the child's play.

Last year the Information Commissioner published an article looking at the risks of using smart toys and it is well-worth reading. Please remember to do your homework so that you can keep your children safe.

**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](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 9<sup>th</sup> 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. **With the Christmas plays taking place next week, please ensure that you do not block any access for emergency vehicles and where possible, you either walk or park a safe distance away from the school.**



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## Children's Christmas Play DVD

The DPSA has once again arranged to have the Christmas performances recorded by a professional company (the 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 17<sup>th</sup> December**. Orders placed after this date will not be available until the New Year. To reserve your copy please complete the form which was sent out in book bags this week. Spare forms are available from the school office.



## Jumble Sale Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 1.30pm Danbury Village Hall

### Donations of jumble and help needed

If you're having a clear out over the Christmas holidays don't forget we have a jumble sale on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January. We will need items of clothing (adults and childrens), bric-a-brac, household linen, toys, books, small electrical items, in fact anything you no longer need except large items of furniture. Please drop to Danbury Village Hall on the day 9-12. If you can help in the morning or afternoon please let me know as soon as possible at [sallyj@doctors.org.uk](mailto:sallyj@doctors.org.uk)

### Dates for the diary 2019



<u>January</u>	
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	New Year Jumble Sale
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bag2school
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	School Disco
<u>March</u>	
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Egg Hunt
<u>June</u>	
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Summer Fayre

**Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA**



## Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December

<b>Week 2 MONDAY</b>	Pasta Carbonara or Vegetarian Carbonara (V)	Homemade Fresh Bread Mixed Vegetables Carrot Sticks Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cornflake Tart and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognaise or Quorn Bolognaise (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>	Local Butchers Beefburger 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 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018

<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Filming of Christmas plays</b>
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup></b> 2.15pm 6.00pm	<b>Infant Christmas Performance</b>
<b>Weds 19<sup>th</sup></b> 1.45pm 6.30pm	<b>Junior Christmas Performance</b>
<b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup></b> 9.10am 1.20pm 3.25pm	<b>Celebration Assembly</b> <b>Christmas parties</b> <b>School breaks up for Christmas</b>

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>December</b>		
17 <sup>th</sup>	All day	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>January 2019</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup>		First day of Spring term

<b>Spring Term 2019</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