

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

22nd November 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Sophie W – **Ruby**

Oscar L – **Diamond**

Maisie M – **Ruby**

Isabelle C – **Diamond**

Caleb H – **Topaz**

Alex S – **Diamond**

Emmy P – **Diamond**

Freya E – **Bronze**

Eloise T – **Diamond**

*Certificates were presented in our Celebration Assembly this Wednesday
Our next Celebration Assembly is on Thursday 19th December at 9.10am*

Families are welcome to join us.

Pre-schools Activity Morning

On Friday 8th November, children from three of our local pre-schools joined our EYFS children for a morning of creative fun with an autumn theme. The children spent the first part of the morning in the hall using paint, glitter, leaves and chalk to create autumn pictures. The second part of the morning took place in our early year's outdoor area where the children enjoyed getting messy with shaving foam, riding bikes and playing in the sand. Our children always enjoy these mornings as it gives them a chance to see friends and adults from their old pre-schools and it gives the pre-school children an opportunity to spend time in their local school. We are helped on these mornings by a willing group of year six volunteers who are always great ambassadors for the school. Our next pre-school morning is scheduled for the spring term and we look forward to welcoming the children back!



Barnardos

On Monday 4th November a choir of Year 5 and 6 children got up very early indeed to go to the Royal Albert Hall for the Barnardos Young Supporters Concert. We arrived at 10.30 for a day of rehearsals (broken up by lunch and a runaround in Hyde Park) and then an amazing concert in the evening accompanied by the famous organ and also by an orchestra from a London music project- two fantastic opportunities and experiences in one day!

Some of the children even managed to see inside the Royal Box- sadly the Queen wasn't in it- There were over 1200 children in the massed choir from many different schools so the sound of everyone singing together was incredible. This year we were very lucky to be on the stage and easily seen by all the parents and grandparents who had come to support us.

"We liked the sound of the organ- it was very impressive- and enjoyed singing with so many other people"

Perteet G and Emma H

"Getting to perform in front of so many people was really exciting"

Beau B

"The atmosphere was very energetic and you could tell everyone was enjoying it. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity"

Amber B

Could I say thank you very much to everyone for coming out so early to drop your children off and for all your support at the concert in the evening- I think we saw all of you- and I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. The children behaved beautifully and although they were very tired by the end I saw smiling faces all day long! They sang so well and Mrs Ireland and I were very proud of them.

Mrs Long



Christmas Events



Christmas Plays

Infants – Tuesday 17th December; Juniors – Wednesday 18th December

Today 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 2nd December. The collection of presents will be on Thursday 12th December so gifts must be left by the end of school on Wednesday 11th December. Thank you.

Christmas Parties

Building on the success of last year, our traditional Christmas parties will follow the new approach. All the children will join together for their Christmas parties on the afternoon of Thursday 19th 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

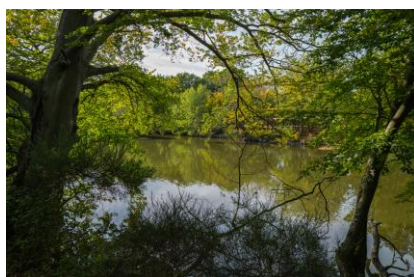
This will take place on Wednesday 11th December. This is always a very popular event with almost all children and staff eating a traditional roast, with a vegetarian alternative, together. There is no need to order in advance but please remember there will be no jacket potatoes offered that day and of 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.

Talented and Caring Pupils

Congratulations to **Emily Bu** who won a competition organised by the Danbury Times. In the summer edition of the magazine there was a photography competition challenging children and adults to take a picture entitled "Danbury in Summer".

Emily had received a new camera for her birthday in June so decided to enter. She spent hours at Danbury Lakes taking numerous photos. She finally narrowed her entries down to two, one of which has won! Her photograph has been published in the Danbury Times which was delivered to homes this week and she will be awarded a prize by the Lord-Lieutenant of Essex on 5th December. Her parents are really proud as she spent such a long time selecting places to photograph and taking many, many pictures. Here is her photograph:



Congratulations to **Henry Cl** who performed in front of a large audience at the Chelmsford Competitive Festival of Music and Drama. He received some excellent feedback and scored a merit for both prose reading and playing classical guitar.

Well done to **Libby M** and the district football team. They won their match 5-2 so go forward to the next round.

Congratulations to **Liza A** for her results in the last competitions in Russia. She came 4th overall taking 1st place for "grace". It was a really hard month for Liza with both gymnastics and ballet. She had an amazing experience and will perform at the Open British Championship in Stoke-on-Trent next Sunday.

Safeguarding

Save the date – Wednesday 10th June 2020

At the DPSA AGM earlier this term, we discussed keeping children safe in the digital age and the committee agreed to support another visit from the 2 Johns. You may know that they came to the school in Summer 2018 and that the children and parents found their information and advice useful and supportive.

On Wednesday 10th June 2020 we will be holding special workshops with all children from Reception through to Year 6 about e-safety. These have been designed and will be led by the specialist team of professionals including police officers and teachers. Our aim is for the children to hear from experts about how to keep themselves safe! After school there will be training for all school staff which will be followed by an information session for parents. In the ever changing world of technology it is vitally important that parents understand what their children are involved in and the risks they face.

To help protect our children, we want as many parents of children present as possible. Whilst parents attend the sessions, the teachers are again organising a Key Stage 2 Film Night so that the junior children have a special social event with their friends. In order for your child to watch the film, a parent must stay and listen to the presentation. Parents of children in EYFS and KS1 are welcome to join us but we are sorry we cannot provide childcare.

More details will follow nearer the time but please spread the word and save the date!

The Book People

This week's visit from The Book Bus was a great success. Next year we will book them for two days to allow the children and parents more time to browse and purchase books.

Did you know that if you make an online purchase over £10 with The Book People, you can select Danbury Park School to receive a donation of £1 to spend on books. With Christmas coming this is a great way to buy presents and support the school. www.thebookpeople.co.uk?bigbookboost

Danbury Park School Lottery



The winner this week was Ms Sanford who won £20.

For every £1 spent by our supporters, the school will receive 40p with the rest of the money going towards the prize fund and administration cost. We hope you will agree that for an investment of as little as £1, our supporters have a chance of winning, whilst the school wins every time.

The money raised from the lottery will be used by the school to fund projects, activities and to buy resources that we wouldn't be able to do otherwise. There will be regular updates in the newsletter on exactly how the support is growing and how much money we have raised and what it has been spent on. At the moment we would like to purchase more reading scheme books throughout the school as well as new dictionaries, thesauruses and up-to-date atlases.

The whole process is very simple and to take part you need to go online at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Danbury Park Community Primary School. A direct link to the website via Parentmail was e-mailed earlier this term. Anyone can take part but supporters must be 16 years of age or older and we do ask that you gamble responsibly.

As a school we need another 3 supporters for the prize to stay at £20 so please if you haven't signed up yet, please do!

School Lunches - Costs for Autumn Term 2019

2nd Half Term: 4th November – 19th December = 34 days at £2.20 = **£74.80**

Please send monies in with your child via the book bags in a named envelope making cheques payable to Essex County Council. **We would encourage parents to pay in advance for meals.** You will only pay for those meals that your child has and any credits will be carried forward to the next term. Thank you.

Notices and Reminders

Toilet Facilities – Recently we have had an increasing number of requests for parents and families to use the school's toilets at the beginning and end of the school day. We need to ensure that the children are safe in school and therefore for safeguarding reasons, we cannot allow visitors unsupervised access to the building. Requests to use the facilities take the office staff away from the front reception and their duties. We regret that access to the toilets can no longer be granted.

Letters sent home this week

 Christmas Production Ticket Request

Any Christmas cards, gift tags and wrapping paper that were ordered with your child's artwork design were sent home this week.

Parking

Please remember that the car park is under the management of Danbury Outdoors and they kindly allow our parents to use the car park.

Blocking access to the two sites could cause serious problems should either the school or Danbury Outdoors require urgent assistance. This could put lives at risk.

We remind parents that they should only park in the main car parking area and not alongside the roadways in and out or block the free flow of traffic through the carpark. If there is no space, parents should exit the site and park elsewhere.

We are fortunate as a school to have use of a car park so close to school but it must be used with consideration and care before someone gets injured or parents lose this privilege.

Applications for School Admissions September 2020 Reminder for Pre-school Parents

The statutory closing date for applications from parents of preschool children for a school place in the Reception year group from September 2020 is **15th January 2020**.

Full information is available on the Essex County Council website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.
The application round opens on Monday 11th November and all applications are made via this site.

Emergency School Closures – SNOW!

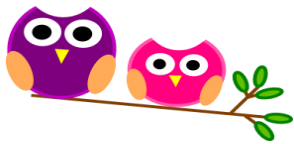
As we approach the time of year when inclement weather and snow is more likely, we would like to advise you of the school's emergency closure procedure. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly but there may be rare times when the site is unsafe or insufficient staff can get into the school 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 and on the scrolling news on the first page of the school website. We will 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.



DPSA News

Christmas Fayre Saturday 30th November 2 - 4pm

What we need you to do – we are asking for donations for our Christmas Fayre.

We need:-

Wrapped Chocolate - for the chocolate tombola (please remember NO NUTS)

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

Secrets room gifts – where children choose and wrap a secret gift for parents and Grandparents, New items only such as toiletries and unwanted gifts

Filled jam jars – with wrapped sweets, children's stationery or craft items, for the hoop-a-jar stall. Please cover the jar tops with wrapping paper and an elastic band. Some empty jars will be available in a box under the counter at the school office

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

Also Class Xmas Hamper Items – a list has gone out via class reps of items needed for our popular class hamper raffle, items need to be taken directly into class and put in the bucket



****Helpers on the day desperately needed **** – if you can help run a stall at the fayre 2-3pm or 3-4pm please let us know on sallyj@doctors.org.uk . **We still need 12 helpers for the first half and 22 for the second half.** We can't run the fayre without you.

Raffle Tickets

Books of raffle tickets have gone out in book bags. Please do sell as many as you can to family, friends and colleagues. Spare books are available from the school office. We have some fabulous prizes including:-

£100 cash - kindly donated by Multibeton

5kg Kelly Bronze turkey – kindly donated by KellyBronze

Floristry Xmas door wreath - donated by Nathalie Westthorp

Five Guys family meal voucher

Marsh Farm Family Tickets x2 (4 people per voucher)

Santa's Grotto, Tyndall's Garden Centre, Nazeing family voucher

Kasan Kai adult membership voucher for 1 month

Robinson's Fish and Chips (Moulsham Street) Voucher £20

Trebor photography voucher

Barratt and Coe photography - family session +photo vouchers x2

Chelmsford Equestrian Centre - child's riding lesson

Danbury Sports and Social gym membership voucher for 1 month

Stikins Name labels voucher x3



Booking a holiday or Christmas shopping online?

Don't forget to use easyfundraising

If you book or shop online go via www.easyfundraising.org.uk and you can raise money for the school at no cost to yourself at all. Simply register on the easyfundraising website (you just need an email address and a password) and search for Danbury Park School. Select from a list of hundreds of well-known retailers you'd like to shop with and you'll be directed to the retailers' web site as usual but any purchases you make will earn the school commission. Retailers involved include Amazon, Argos, M&S, Next and John Lewis.

Other Dates for the diary



December

January

February

March

June

Thurs 5th

Fri 24th

Sat 8th

Sat 21st

Sat 20th

Xmas Wreath Making Workshop (4 spaces left)

School Disco

Quiz Night

Easter Egg Hunt

Summer Fayre

Have a lovely weekend, The DPSA.

*****See our page on the Danbury Park School Website (under 'school community') for other ways to help raise money for the school*****



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 25th November

Week 1 MONDAY	Homemade Pepperoni or Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)	White and Wholegrain Pasta Coleslaw Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cranberry Flapjack with Yoghurt Drizzle Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Local Butcher's Pork sausage or Vegetarian Quorn sausage (v)	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans Peas/Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Sponge served with chocolate sauce Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Local Butchers Roast Beef served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheddar Whirl (V)	Roast Potatoes Cauliflower florets Fresh carrots Green salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice cream Arctic Roll Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Homemade Chicken Korma or Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma (V)	White and Wholegrain Rice Naan Bread Sweetcorn, Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple & Berry Fruit Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet	Chips Mixed Veg / Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Viennese Biscuit Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 25th November

Mon 25th

Assessment Week

Tues 26th

Weds 27th

Thurs 28th

Fri 29th

Christmas tree and mobiles up in the hall!

Full term dates for the academic year 2019-20
and for 2020-21 are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Autumn Term 2019

Date	Time	Event
November		
Week beg 25 th Nov		End of Term Assessment Week
30 th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre
December		
3 rd	8.45am	Class A Duxford Visit
11 th		Christmas Lunch
13 th	tbc	Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsals
16 th	Tbc	Filming of Christmas plays
17 th	2.15pm & 6.00pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance
18 th	1.45pm & 6.30pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
19 th	9.10am	Celebration Assembly
	Pm	Christmas Party
		End of Term

Spring Term 2020		
11 th February	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
13 th February	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
9 th March	Am	NSPCC Assemblies and workshops <u>Assembly x 2 – Monday 9th March</u> KS2 = 9:05-9:35am KS1 = 10:50-11:10am <u>Year 5/6 workshops x 2 – Monday 9th March</u> Workshop 1 = 9:35-10:30am Workshop 2 = 11:20-12:20pm