

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

19th December 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Sam T - Emerald

*Certificates were presented in our last Celebration Assembly of the term today
Our next Celebration Assembly will be on Wednesday 5th February at 2.50pm*

Families are welcome to join us.

All-weather Track



This week the children have been enjoying using the all-weather track despite the wet weather and it has motivated more children to get back on board with the challenge.



This term we have had an amazing 82% children in Year 3 take up the challenge so in the Spring Term we are looking to encourage every child in Key Stage 2 to take part at least twice a week. We will also be extending the use of the track to the infant children in afternoon break so that they can enjoy the physical activity and develop good habits early.

Christmas Plays

The Christmas plays went extremely well this year and it was obvious how much the children enjoyed performing for their families.

The junior children told us the classic tale of *A Christmas Carol*, which was done with a sprinkle of humour and lots of singing and dancing.



The infants told the story of the Nativity focusing on the journeys undertaken at that special time. The Year 2 children did a great job of narrating and acting whilst the rest of the children sang their songs with enthusiasm.



Thank you to our families for supporting the children in learning their words and in providing such amazing costumes.

We are aware of how tired the youngest children are getting at this time of year, so we are reconsidering the timings of the infant performances for next year. We are proposing a change to one performance in the morning straight after drop-off and a second in the afternoon. This will enable working parents to take just half-day leave if they wish to join us but will ensure the children can still go to bed at their usual time. There will be no changes to the junior performances of one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

All the staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Talented Pupils

Congratulations to **Grace M** who received 8 badges and a medal for her proficiency in gymnastics and also to **Serena D** who received her Proficiency badges and a medal for participating in the Grundy Gym Club Charity Competition.

Well done to **Elena M** who shared her many gymnastics successes with us in Celebration Assembly today.

Concert at The Mission

Every year we take a group of musicians to the Mission to perform for the senior citizens of our local community whilst they enjoy a hearty Christmas dinner. This year we were so pleased to have so many children audition to take part.



As ever the children were great ambassadors for the school and their performances were much appreciated. The audience even joined in!

Thank you to parents for helping with transport.

Fundraising

The other week we were visited by representatives from the Co-op to present a cheque for £270. This is the money school has raised from the Co-op Loyalty Card Scheme.



We would like to say a big thank you to the members of the DPSA who organise and promote the scheme and to all the families who remember to use their card when shopping and raise funds for the school in the process.

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

December 2019

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Dear Parents,

It has been a busy start to the new academic year: meetings of all the committees, visits by governors to monitor their key stage, class or curriculum responsibilities and the setting of governor targets within the School Improvement Plan 2019/20 and School Development Plan for the next three years.

We also began our series of termly surveys, this term focusing on 'settling-in'.

We are also enjoying currently attending the school's Christmas celebrations and admiring the mobiles made by each class. Some of us also attended the DPSA fayre recently and can only congratulate the chairman and her team, and Danbury Park staff, for a very successful afternoon, which was enjoyed by all the parents and their children.

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The committees met and a summary of their work is as follows:-

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Curriculum and Pupil Related Committee - Mrs Georgina Clifford-Smith

- The committee congratulated the staff on the excellent set of results in the last academic year.
- Last year's academic targets were reviewed and the committee have been part of the process in setting new targets for 2019-20.
- Monitoring visits have taken place for key areas in the school, including English and Maths, and feedback from the pupil surveys from years 2, 4 and 6 was received.

Resource Committee - Mr Rick Rahal

- The main focus this term has been to analyse the school budget in detail and to identify key areas of expenditure throughout the academic year.
- Key policies and control procedures, as prior years, have been evaluated, actioned and approved.

Personnel Committee - Mr Peter Irvine

- A termly audit of Health & Safety was undertaken to back up the school's Health & Safety Inspections and process.
- The wellbeing of staff and pupils is an essential part of the committee's work and it has been ensuring that staff and pupils benefit from the best possible working environment to achieve their goals.

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The Governors wish you all a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year.



Brenda Whay, Chair of Governors

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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 DVD's
-  Juniors Rugby Club

Guitar and Recorder/Woodwind/Recorder Lessons

There are currently a couple of spaces for these lessons. Please contact the office if your child is interested.

School Lunches - Costs for Spring Term 2020

1 st Half Term	6 January – 13 February 2020 = 29 days at £2.20 = £63.80
2 nd Half Term	25 February – 3 April 2020 = 29 days at £2.20 = £63.80

Total for Spring Term £127.60

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.

Safeguarding

We are sure that the children will receive many great presents this Christmas. If you are giving the children electronic devices, please take some time to go through with them how to use them safely and sensibly. With mobile phones, please remind the children not to send anything in a message that they wouldn't feel comfortable saying directly to the person. With electronic games, take some time to play with your children and check out the suitability of the content and remind them how to keep their personal details private.

Save the date – Wednesday 10th June 2020

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.

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

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

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.

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.

Premier Sports Christmas Party Camp – Friday 20th December

Details of this holiday club are available on their website. To book visit premier-education.com or call 01953 499040



DPSA News



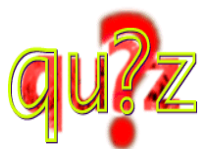
Children's Christmas Performance DVD

DVDs are still available at **£16 each** (£3 of which goes to DPSA funds). Orders will not now be available until the New Year. To reserve your copy please complete the form which was sent out in book bags. Spare forms are available from the school office or your class rep.

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.

Quiz Night – Saturday 8th February, School hall



It's a fun night out and a great way to raise money for the school. Get together teams of up to 8 people, entry will be £5 per person Forms will go out at the beginning of next term so start getting your teams together over the holidays as places are limited for this very popular event.

Dates for the diary – Save the date!



Fri 24 th	School Disco
Sat 8 th	Quiz Night
Sat 21 st	Easter Egg Hunt
Wed 10 th	Digital Safe-guarding evening
Sat 20 th	Summer Fayre



Did you know we have a DPSA Facebook page?

Like us on Facebook and make sure you know what's happening when. Our page is constantly updated so you never forget things important things like non-uniform day and cake sales!

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

Thank you for all your support throughout 2019 we couldn't have run any of our events without you.

We wish you all a very 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'

The DPSA.



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 6th January

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 6th January

Mon 6th School reopens after the Christmas break

Tues 7th

Weds 8th Class D - Mayan Day

Thurs 9th

Fri 10th

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 Spring Term 2020

Spring Term starts on Monday 6th January 2020

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

A full list of dates will be published after the Christmas break.