

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

24th October 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Eloise T – Diamond Freya E - Bronze

Our next Celebration Assembly is on Wednesday 20th November at 2.50pm

Families are welcome to join us.

Infants Autumn Celebration

On Tuesday we were joined by 40 grandparents and senior members of our community to watch the infants perform their Autumn celebration. The children performed poems and told us about where our food comes from and how we should be grateful. They also told us about the collection for the Chelmsford Food Bank. Each class sang a song and showed us some of their art work. They all performed with confidence. Well done!



Afterwards the children in Year 6 served our guests drinks and cakes that they had baked the previous day. They then engaged our guests in conversation. Our visitors were very complimentary and we are very proud of the children's maturity and sensitivity.



We have received a big thank you from the Chelmsford Food bank. This year we collected 76.5kg of donations.

Parent Governor Election

We are pleased to announce that following the recent ballot for a new parent governor, Mr Paul Sutton was duly elected. The results were:

Nick Moore	49 votes
Paul Sutton	56 votes
Votes received after the ballot closed	2

Congratulations to Mr Sutton and we hope that he finds his work on the governing body both interesting and rewarding.

Keeping Safe!



With Firework Night fast approaching please take some time to remind yourselves and the children of the Firework Code.

Parent Survey

The governors are again conducting their Autumn Term survey of all parents to find out how well children have settled into their new classes.

Thank you to those parents who completed the paper version at parent consultations this week. If you did not have time, we have an online version via the link below.





<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7BJGCGV>

Please take just a few minutes to let us know your opinions as your views are important to us.

PE Kit

We have noticed that many of the children do not have the correct or full school uniform for PE and this is causing problems as the weather is getting colder and damper. Part of our PE curriculum involves outdoor games for all year groups and the children need to have a school track suit to wear.

The children should have :

-  **T- shirt in blue with logo in maroon,**
-  **Nylon maroon elasticated short,**
-  **Black or white plain trainers,**
-  **Navy blue tracksuit or jogging bottoms and sweatshirt.**

Additionally we request that **a pair of white ankle or trainer socks** be included with the kit. Please note that black plimsolls are no longer required, although for the infants these can be useful at times when shoes get unexpectedly wet.

PE kit should be kept in school in a **draw string PE bag** as we do not have room for rucksacks or sports bags.

Uniform is available from the One Stop Schoolgear shop at Unit 1 Beehive Business Centre, Beehive Lane, Chelmsford, CM2 9TE and online at www.onestopschoolgear.com , and also from My Clothing (previously supplier to Tesco) at <https://myclothing.com/danbury-park-community-primary-school/5625.school> .

Essex County Council has instructed schools that no jewellery, including earrings, may be worn in any P.E. lesson. This includes earrings that are covered in tape. Please ensure that on days when P.E. or sports based lesson or clubs take place, your child removes his/her earring(s) before school. Alternatively, if your child is able, they can remove the earrings themselves at school. We regret that the teachers are unable to replace any child's earrings after the P.E lesson.

As with all personal property, the school cannot and does not accept any responsibility for any lost earrings or other jewellery brought into school.

Safeguarding

We would like to make parents aware of free online safety guides from NOS. They cover a lot of topical matters and offer parents practical advice.

Last week's article:

What Parents Need to Know About Fortnite: Chapter 2

Fortnite, one of the biggest video games of all time, has received an update. Fortnite Chapter 2 has a whole host of new in-game features, is more visually appealing and has a brand-new map for players to explore. It's likely that your child will be spending hours on end getting to grips with the new updates. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what Fortnite is all about. Read on to get your free guide...

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/>

We are aware that Fortnite is aimed at young people aged 13+ but also that many parents allow their children access to the game, so please check out the information and stay one step ahead!

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Secondary School Applications for September 2020

Reminder for Year 6 Parents

The statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2020 is **31st October 2019**. Please make sure that you make your application by the deadline.

Applications can be made via the Essex County Council website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Get Active Promoter

We are looking for a Get Active Promoter to work on Monday and Friday lunchtimes organising and encouraging the junior children to take part in the Daily Mile Challenge. For more details please contact the school office.

Christmas Cards

You will have received your child's original Christmas card artwork which has been scanned and is now available to order via www.apfsorders.co.uk Please follow the instructions on the label on the back of the artwork.

Please support the school with this fundraising initiative if you can.

Orders must be placed on-line by **5th November**.

Parking

As you will be aware from the letter sent home this week, there have been ongoing problems in the car park at the front of the school with dangerous driving and inconsiderate parking since September.

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.

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

Data Collection Sheets – We apologise for the software error which changed many of the pupils' medical practitioner details to "Witham". Capita have now rectified the glitch and reset the information.

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.

Sports Kits – Please ensure that the children have their PE kits in school at all times.

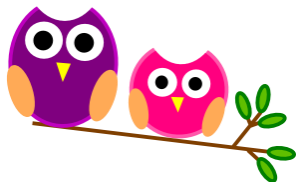
Year 7 entry for September 2020 – Please check the secondary school websites for dates of their open days.

Photos – Last week your child should have brought home their school photo pack. Orders can now only be made on-line.

Christmas Cards – Order deadline Tuesday 5th November, all orders to be placed on-line

Letters sent home this week

 Parking



DPSA News

Jumble Sale and Bag2school Thanks



Thank you to everyone who donated jumble and gave up their time to help on the day. We were able to raise an amazing **£493** from the jumble sale and had a great number of bags to send on to Bag2school on Monday

Adventure Island Wrist Bands – a great day out for half term!



Adventure Island, Southend is open every day over the October half term with a family friendly Halloween themed event and then every weekend until 16th November.

Discounted wristband vouchers are still available to purchase from The DPSA
Blue Bands (over 1.2m height) **DPSA cost £18** - saving £4.50 on the internet price and £12 on the 'on the day'

Green Bands (1.0 -1.2m height) / **Red Bands** (under 1m height) **DPSA cost £15** – saving up to £3.75 on the internet price and up to £10 on the 'on the day price'

If you'd like to buy wristband vouchers, which are valid until the end of 2019, please contact Nicky at nickythomason@me.com who will arrange to get them to you. Payments can be in cash, cheque (made payable to 'The DPSA') or we can take credit and debit cards. Family and friends are welcome to buy too!

Christmas Wreath Making – only 6 spaces left for 5th Dec



Learn how to make an amazing Christmas door wreath under the supervision of a professional florist. The cost is £35 per person payable on booking. All materials will be provided and you will have a lovely door wreath for Christmas to take home at the end of the evening. Forms went home in book bags. Spare forms are available from the school office,

Christmas Fayre Saturday 30th November 2 - 4pm



What we need you to do – after half term we will be asking for donations for our Christmas Fayre.

We will 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.

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

Also Class Xmas Hamper Items – a list will go out via class reps of items

needed for our popular class hamper raffle, items need to be taken directly into class

Cake Bakers – if you would be happy to help by baking a cake for the refreshments please let Sally know on sallyj@doctors.org.uk

Other Dates for the diary



November

Thurs 28th

Xmas Wreath Making Evening (FULL)

December

Sat 30th

Christmas Fayre 2-4pm

January

Thurs 5th

Xmas Wreath Making Workshop

February

Fri 24th

School Disco

March

Sat 8th

Quiz Night

June

Sat 21st

Easter Egg Hunt

Sat 20th

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 4th 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
BONFIRE MENU TUESDAY	Bangers and Mashed potato (pork sausage) or Catherine Wheel (Cheddar Whirl) (V)	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans Peas/ Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Sparkle Cake 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 4th November 2019

Mon 4th

**Year 6 Bikeability
Barnardo's Concert
CSPS Tag Rugby Tournament**

Pm

Tues 5th

**Weds 6th
9.30am &
10.30am**

**Class Budgerigar visit to Chelmsford Museum
Tours for prospective parents - these need to be booked in advance**

Thurs 7th

**Year 6 Bikeability
Class Eider visit to Maldon**

Fri 8th

**9.30am
2.50pm
3.30pm**

**Pre-school Activity Morning
Class Dove Assembly
Girls' Football Match v St Anne's (home)**

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

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

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Dates for Autumn Term 2019

Date	Time	Event
25 th		School closed for staff training
28th Oct – 1st Nov		Half-term
November		
4 th	Pm	CSSP Tag Rugby Tournament at Writtle
6 th	9.30 -11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
	9.30am-3.25pm	Class Budgerigar Chelmsford Museum Visit
7 th	9.15am-3.25pm	Class Eider Visit to Maldon
8 th	Am	Pre-school Activity Morning
	2.50pm	Class D Assembly
	3.30pm	Girls' Football Match v St Anne's (home)
12 th	1.45pm	Open afternoon for prospective parents
14 th	6.30pm	Resources Committee meeting
15 th	2.50pm	Class E Assembly
15 th tbc		Children in Need
19 th	9.30 -11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
20 th	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
Week beg 25 th Nov		End of Term Assessment Week
30 th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre
December		
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