

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

4th October 2019

Dear Parents,

Our First Celebration Assembly of the year is on Wednesday 9th October at 2.50pm

Families are welcome to join us.

Harvest Lunch

Our special Harvest Lunch on Thursday was a great success. The children and adults enjoyed their sausage rolls and fresh vegetables as well as the chocolate cake and fruit for dessert. Mrs Hind, Mrs Everard, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Whitbread, Mrs Laird and Miss Bond all work very hard producing over 200 meals every day and they take great pleasure in organising special themed days.

For the Harvest Lunch they ran a competition for the children to colour in a picture of a scarecrow. We had so many entries this year it was hard to choose the winners:

Infants: 1st Paul D Class F

2nd Harriet T Class J

3rd Phoebe M Class G

Juniors: 1st Thomas C-S Class C

2nd Fern D Class D

3rd Harvey D-T class E



They each receive a prize which will be presented in **Wednesday's Celebration Assembly**. Well done!



House Points



Well done to Holly and Amber, both in Year 6, who designed our token for representing the winning house each week in the house point competition. Each week the Year 6 monitors count up the total number of house points earned for each house from the previous week, divide it by the total number of children in the house to find an average and then Mrs Gooding announces the winner in Monday's assembly. We record who wins each week by adding a token to the display in the hall.

Holly's and Amber's design has the school owl with a world at the centre and included the four elements from our four houses: Air, Earth, Fire and Water. Well done girls!

Macmillan Fundraising Event



Last Friday the children in Year 6 helped organise and run our fundraising event for the MacMillan Cancer charity. They supervised the younger children, getting them to line up in an orderly fashion, handover their donation and then serve them with a cake and a drink.

Altogether we raised £211.30 for this worthy charity.

Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Cards

Once again the children have been busy designing their own Christmas cards for parents to purchase. We are using a different company this time as there were unfortunately a few problems last year. Their designs should arrive back in school in the next few weeks, so please look out for them. Full details of how to place orders will be included in the packs.

Aldi Kit for Schools

So far we have 130 stickers towards our 300 goal. We would really like to get enough stickers for a new football kit for the girls' football team so please keep shopping and asking for your stickers. We would then even have a chance of winning the amazing £20,000 cash prize!

All we need to do, is keep collecting Team GB stickers!

The poster is on display in the main hall.

Please support us!

Fundraising

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents who have kindly donated money to each class. We would like to reassure parents that any donation is voluntary and that the teachers appreciate your concern and support. We would like to reassure you that although our school budget is tight, we are still able to supply all the necessary equipment for the children to enjoy their learning. We are always resourceful and creative and, although teachers do from time-to-time purchase special items for their own classrooms from their own pockets, this is because they want to and not because they need to. We are encouraging everyone to be extra careful to avoid waste or extravagance and that's a good lesson in life.

Danbury Park School Lottery



Last week saw the launch of the Danbury Park School Lottery.

The first draw will be on Saturday 9th November so this gives us plenty of time to rally support and for families and friends to buy their tickets. Already we have 20 supporters! There are local cash prizes every week, extra cash prizes this term as well as a chance to win a £25 000 jackpot.

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. We have e-mailed out a direct link to the website via Parentmail. Anyone can take part but supporters must be 16 years of age or older and we do ask that you gamble responsibly.

Wanted!

Now that the children are back in school and you have time to tidy up the house and perhaps have a clear-out for the village jumble sale, we would just like to remind you to think about what toys might be useful to school.

We are particularly in need of Lego and Duplo as well as Playmobil and balance bikes and small bikes with stabilisers. If in doubt please ask, as we would hate to miss out.



2019 Harvest Collection

This harvest we're again asking you to help local people by collecting tinned and dried food for the Chelmsford foodbank. The foodbank provides short term emergency food to people in crisis. Food is given as an intervention strategy which allows care professionals, such as Housing Support Officers, CAB advisers, Social Services, doctors etc, time to put longer term measures in place. People are given enough food for three days. Food is distributed from the foodbank centre based at the Trinity Methodist Church, Rainsford Road.

At the foodbank centre people also have access to information about other services and support organisations. It is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00am to 12:30pm. All food given out by the foodbank is donated by generous members of the public. Everyday people experience crisis in our community for a variety of reasons from redundancy to ill health to an unexpected bill on a low income. Some simply struggle to make ends meet.

Harvest Shopping List

Tinned food

Fish
Fruit
Meat
Custard
Potatoes
Spaghetti
Tomatoes
Rice Puddings

Sachets

Mash
Soup
Pasta
Custard

Packets

Rice
Biscuits
Sponge Puddings

Other

Fruit Squash
Long life Milk
Chocolate Treats
Long life Fruit Juice
Jam/Honey/Spreads

Non-Food stuff

Shampoo
Handwash
Shower Gel
Deodorants
Tin Openers
Tooth Brushes
Washing up Liquid
Washing powder & liquid

Additional items

Printing paper
Permanent markers
Ball point/gel pens

We want to help our local foodbank feed people in need. Please join with us by donating food so that those less fortunate don't go hungry.

N.B Please make sure all food is packaged, in date and undamaged. Thank you!

All donations of food can be brought into school between **Monday 30th Sept and Friday 11th October 2019.**

If you have a car and are able to volunteer to deliver the food to Chelmsford please let the office know.

Thank you

Parking

We are aware that last Friday there were problems in the car park at the front of the school. We understand that this was caused by parents parking along the access road off Well Lane down into the carpark. A coach leaving Danbury Outdoors was unable to leave the premises because these cars were causing an obstruction.

The car park is under the management of Danbury Outdoors and they kindly allow our parents to use the car park. Unfortunately we had similar problems with parents obstructing access in and out of Danbury Outdoors on Sports Day in the summer and this morning we have been informed of careless driving.

In the summer it was noted by members of the emergency services that parents are blocking access to the two sites and this would 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.

Safeguarding

At Danbury Park School we take e-safety seriously. At the beginning of every school year, as part of our computing curriculum, our pupils are taught about e-safety. This is then re-visited every term to reinforce the message of personal safety. The elements of computing are embedded across all subjects in the curriculum and our pupils regularly use the internet as part of their learning. In school, we use a filtering system to protect children from accessing inappropriate sites, but we also teach them what they should do if they should access unsuitable material which could happen when using networks at home or at a friend's.

In the past we have organised parent information workshops to help you keep abreast of the new technology with the aim of helping you keep your children safe at home and we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some tips to help you to keep your children safe online:

-  Set up your computer in a shared area at home so that you can see the sites they are accessing;
-  Set your security levels so that you can limit access to sites and time spent on electronic devices;
-  Talk to your child about what they are doing online and check their search histories and communication logs frequently;
-  Talk to your child about keeping their personal information private.

There are some excellent resources available and we would like to suggest the following sites which provide more detailed information:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/How-to-guides/>

http://old.kidsmart.org.uk/downloads/cn_parentleafletV2.pdf

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

School Lunches - Costs for Autumn Term 2019

1st Half Term: 4th September – 24th October = 37 days at £2.20 = **£81.40**
2nd Half Term: 4th November – 19th December = 34 days at £2.20 = **£74.80**
Total for Autumn Term £156.20

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 request 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.

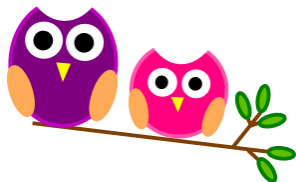
Sports Kits – Please ensure that the children have their PE kits in school at all times.

Art club – Mrs Butler has a few spaces if anyone would like to join Art club. Please ask in the office for her contact details.

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

Letters sent home this week

-  Parent Governor Election
-  Class B Chelmsford Museum Visit
-  Class E Maldon Visit



DPSA News



School Jumble Sale

Saturday 19th October 1.30pm Danbury Village Hall



Donations of jumble and help needed

Please collect together and bring all jumble - adult and children's clothes, shoes, bags, household linen, bric-a-brac, small electrical items, books, toys (in fact anything at all except large items of furniture) - to Danbury Village Hall on the morning of Saturday 19th October from 9am – 12 noon. Come along to buy from 1.30 - 3pm. Any unsold items that are suitable will be put through to the next Bag2school collection on the 22nd October.

We need helpers on the day 10 helpers to sort donations in the morning 9am -12 noon and another 12 people to run stalls in the afternoon 1.15 – 3pm. If you can help on the day please email sallyj@doctors.org.uk as soon as possible.

All profit from the jumble sale goes towards buying things for the school so your support is needed and much appreciated.



Bag2school – Tuesday 22nd October 9am

Collection bags will go out in book bags shortly. If you need more they can be collected from the school office or just use plain black bin bags. Please donate unwanted clothes (adult and child), paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, belts, ties and soft toys, and **also now household linen, duvet covers, pillow cases, towels and curtains**. We can no longer collect cushions, duvets, pillows or blankets. Please bring to school **on the day only** and leave by the gate by **9am**. If it is raining please put the bags in the cycle shelter.

School Disco Thanks

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the school disco last Friday it was a tremendous success.



A special thanks to all of the parents who helped out on the night. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we were able to raise an amazing **£561**.

The next school disco will be on Friday 24th January. All years welcome.

DPSA AGM

The DPSA AGM will be on **Tuesday 15th October at 7.30pm** in the school hall. Please do come along and hear about how much was raised last year and what the money has been spent on. Let us know what you thought and share any new ideas you might have. New parents are always welcome to join the DPSA committee. A DPSA committee meeting will follow the AGM where we will be planning the Christmas Fayre. Please do come and join us.

Dates for the diary 2019



October

Tues 15th

AGM

Sat 19th

Jumble Sale

Tues 22nd

Bag2school

November

Thurs 28th

Xmas Wreath Making Evening

Sat 30th

Christmas Fayre 2-4pm

December

Thurs 5th

Xmas Wreath Making Workshop

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 7th October

Week 3 MONDAY	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Or Salmon & Broccoli Bake	Garlic Bread Peas Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Brownie Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Minced Beef Wrap or Roasted Vegetable Wrap	New Potato Salad Mixed Vegetables Carrot sticks Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Coconut & Cranberry Cookie 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	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced Carrots Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Strawberry Fruit Jelly Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh
THURSDAY	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or Vegetarian Quorn Balls in tomato sauce	White and Wholegrain pasta Cauliflower Florets Broccoli 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	Iced Sponge Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 7th October 2019

Mon 7th

6.30pm

Governors' Pay Committee Meeting

7.00pm

Governors' Personnel Committee Meeting

Tues 8th

Weds 9th

2.50pm

Classes Goldfinch and Flamingo Chocolate Day

Celebration Assembly

Thurs 10th

6.30pm

Welcome to Year 6 meeting for parents

Fri 11th

Am

Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Tournament

Pm

Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Tournament

**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
October		
7 th	6.30pm 7.00pm	Pay Committee meeting Personnel Committee meeting
9 th	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
10 th	6.30pm	Welcome to Year 6 meeting for parents
11 th		Yr 3/4 and 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournaments
15 th	7.30pm	DPSA AGM
17 th		Classes Jay and Hummingbird to Barleylands
18 th	2.50pm	Class C Assembly
21 st		Flu Vaccination
22 nd	10.00am	EYFS & KS1 Autumn Celebration to KS2 & Visitors
	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
24 th	2.45pm	EYFS & KS1 Autumn Celebration to parents
	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
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
6 th	9.30am-3.25pm	Class Budgerigar Chelmsford Museum Visit
7 th	9.15am-3.25pm	Class Eider Maldon Visit
8 th	Am	Pre-school Activity Morning
	2.50pm	Class D Assembly
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