

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

15th November 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Josh A – Ruby Fern D – Diamond Emily B – Diamond Eve R – Diamond Henry C – Topaz Grace M - Topaz

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

Families are welcome to join us.

Remembrance



On Monday 11th November the children in Year 6 met together with children from St John's Primary School and Heathcote School for a special service of remembrance. This is now a firm annual tradition and each school led a different part of the service with Danbury Park reading a prayer. This was based on work the children had been studying in music around *The Lark Ascending* by Vaughan Williams. Our prayer was based on a poem that Tilly H wrote:

*Every time I think of my country
I think of home.
I always worry
When I am alone.
My heart keeps beating faster.
Oh when I just think
Of the laughter
And England at its brink.
For my beautiful country I will fight
Always for my freedom.*

The children acknowledged the two minutes' silence and laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

Back in school all the children and staff took part in a special assembly led by Miss Johnston, our Deputy Headteacher.

Class Eider's Visit to Maldon



On Thursday 7th November 2019 Class Eider and seven adults went on a school trip to Maldon. We all went because the Vikings and the Anglo-Saxons had a big battle there, and we are learning about the Battle of Maldon.

When we got to school we sat down to be called to our group. Then we got on the coach. On the way there I sat with Elena. It took about 15 minutes on the journey. *Ophelia*

When we got there we looked to see if everyone was there and I did the register for my group. I did the register (which everyone thought was funny and so did I). Then we started walking away from the coach to BRITHNOTH.

When we got to his statue on the promenade, we sketched him. After that we started sketching the view and the boats. We walked back to the gates of the park and we sketched some more. I sketched a swan and walked a bit more. Then we had a snack and then we kept on walking. *Sam*



Then we all went to the Maeldune Heritage Centre. Half of the group went inside to listen to a lady called Jill talk about the Maldon Embroidery made for the millennium of the Battle of Maldon. The people who were outside were sketching gravestones. They learned about the fat man of Maldon called Edward Bright who weighed 44 stone when he died.

After that we had lunch on some stairs in Promenade Park and had playtime.

Then we walked on the muddy path to Northey Island. The mud was very squelchy and sticky mid. I got very muddy and I nearly fell over. *Ellie*

Luckily I didn't get muddy except when people splashed mud at me. When we got to the causeway, we pretended to be Anglo-Saxons looking for Vikings on the other side. We then walked across to Northey Island to see the beautiful view of where the battle took place. It was so fun when we ran across the causeway to the other end.

After all that we had to go back so back we went through the mud. *Abbie*

I got completely covered in mud. The mud was really really gooey and I nearly fell over. Emily fell over two times.

We went on the special viewing area and had a rest. Soon we got out of the mud and played on the pirate ship. I played with Toby, Ophelia, Khrisha, Eli and Bella. It was really fun.

After we went back to the coach and then back to school. I told my mum about everything.

My favourite part was the battlefield because it was so muddy. *Josh*

Talented Pupils

Well done to **Libby M** who was successful in her district football trials. She will be representing Danbury Park School for the Mid Essex District in the London Cup against Wokingham District on Saturday. Good luck!

Well done to **Mirabelle R** who took part in a recent Cross County event representing Danbury Park School and came 7th out of 100 girls. That is a fantastic effort. Well done!

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

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

We have also organised a visit from **The Book Bus** on **Monday 18th November** when parents and children will have an opportunity to buy books which will support the school fundraising. The bus will be in the car park all day. Further information was sent out by letter this week.

Please remember that for safety reasons the car park will be closed to parents and families all day except those with Disabled Badges, staff and visitors to Danbury Outdoors and Woodland Montessori.



Every 20 minutes, someone is killed or seriously injured on a British road and each of these tragedies is preventable.

This Road Safety Week (18-24 November) we want everyone to “Step up for Safe Streets” and learn about, shout about and celebrate the amazing design-led solutions that will allow us all to get around in safe and healthy ways, every day.

Safe journeys happen when we design our road transport network so that human error doesn't result in death or serious injury. This approach of safety by design is known as safe systems and the great news is that the solutions are known and available to us now! From safety technology in vehicles, to speed limits that reflect the safety of the roads, we can all step up to learn about, shout about and celebrate these proven solutions.

Healthy journeys are important to help keep us healthy, fit and happy. We need to make sure that choosing to walk or cycle doesn't put us at increased risk and that the air we breathe on our journeys is clean. We know the solutions here too – we need policy-makers to step up and prioritise safe spaces for travel on foot and by bike and ensure that the vehicles that remain on our roads use ultra-low emission technology.

Step up We can all step up and play a part in the celebration of safe system solutions and the creation of a safe and healthy future:

- Individuals can step up by pledging to use roads safely, minimise vehicle use and shout out for safe system solutions.
- Schools can help young people step up and learn how to create a safe and healthy future and shout out for change.
- Organisations can step up their policies and procedures to ensure they choose safe systems solutions.
- Emergency service professionals can step up to highlight their vital role in helping keep us safe.
- Policy-makers can step up by developing and mandating safe systems solutions.

Every death or serious injury on our roads is a tragedy and each one is preventable. Step up for Safe Streets and do your bit for a safe and healthy future.

Link to the website <http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/action-pack>

Relief Caretaker

Sadly Mr Lawday, our caretaker, is unwell so we are looking for a relief caretaker to work for 2 hours every morning unlocking the school, taking care of deliveries and undertaking some general outdoor tidying and maintenance jobs.

If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the school office for more details.

Hall Stage

Mrs Gooding would be grateful for some help in putting up the school stage ready for the DPSA Christmas Fayre and the school plays. She is planning on doing this on the afternoon of **Friday 22nd November** at 2.30pm. If you can help, please let the school office know.

Danbury Park School Lottery

Exciting news!

This half-term supporters could win a family ticket to the Warner Bros Harry Potter Studio.



your school lottery

WIN
Wizards, Wands
& Witchcraft!

Buy your lottery ticket this term and you could WIN a family ticket to Warner Bros Harry Potter Studio Tour

- A fun way to support our school
- Join our lottery from just £1 per week
- WIN a family tour of the Warner Bros Harry Potter Tour
- Guaranteed winner every week

To start supporting, visit:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for:
Danbury Park Community Primary School

The first draw took place last weekend and congratulations to Mr Baker 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 11 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

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. Please return your sheets as soon as possible so that we have up to date details.

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

 Book Bus Visit



Friday 15th November

Thank you very much for all the donations for Children in Need day, we raised a magnificent £273.00!

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.

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.

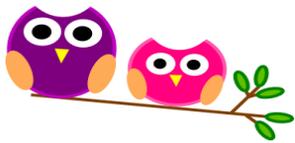
If the weather and traffic are bad, please take care and get to school safely. We will understand if you delay your journey and arrive later than the usual time.

If you have not yet joined *Parentmail*, please ask at the office.

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.



DPSA News

Christmas Fayre Saturday 30th November 2 - 4pm

What we need you to do – we are asking for donations for our Christmas Fayre. Children have brought home a Christmas picture with the items on that we are asking for. Each time you donate anything listed the office staff will sign it and the donation goes into the box by the office. Once you receive 3 signatures the children are asked to colour in the picture and return it to the school office (via their teacher) for the chance to win a prize.



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

Cake Bakers – if you would be happy to help by baking a cake (no nuts please) for the refreshments please let us know on sallyj@doctors.org.uk

Helpers on the day – if you can help set up in the morning, run a stall at the fayre 2-3pm or 3-4pm, or help tidy away at the end please let us know on sallyj@doctors.org.uk

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 Westhorp**
- Five Guys family meal voucher
- Marsh Farm Family Tickets x2 (4 people per voucher)
- Winter Wonderland Santa’s Grotto, Tyndall’s Garden Centre,
- Nazeing voucher (2 adults and 2 children)
- 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 studio session voucher x2
- Chelmsford Equestrian Centre - child’s riding lesson
- Danbury Sports and Social gym membership voucher 1 month
- Stikins Name labels voucher x3



Other Dates for the diary



November	Sat 30th
Christmas Fayre	2-4pm
December	Thurs 5th
February	Sat 8th
March	Sat 21st
June	Sat 20th

Xmas Wreath Making Workshop (4 spaces left)
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 18th November

Week 3 MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake or Salmon Puff (V)	Garlic Bread Peas Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Lumpy Bumpy Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Minced Beef Wrap or Roasted Vegetable Wrap (V)	White and Wholegrain Rice Carrot Sticks Mixed Vegetables Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Homemade Shortbread 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 Gravy (V)	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced Carrots Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Homemade Creamy Rice Pudding and Jam Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or Vegetarian Quorn Balls in tomato sauce (V)	White and Wholegrain pasta Cauliflower Florets Sweet Corn 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 Or Vegetable Fingers	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Red Velvet Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 18th November

Mon 18th

Book People Book Bus

Tues 19th

9.30am

10.30am

Tours for prospective parents (please phone the school office to book a place)

Weds 20th

2.50pm

Celebration Assembly

Thurs 21st

7.00pm

Governors Training

Fri 22nd

2.30pm

Stage up in the hall ready for Christmas - volunteers help needed!

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		
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		
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