

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

29th November 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Hema M - Emerald Khrisha J - Emerald Tom B - Emerald Zac C - Ruby Max S - Ruby

Our next Celebration Assembly is on Thursday 19th December at 9.10am

Families are welcome to join us.

Our Displays

This half-term we have changed the displays around the school to reflect the topics and cross-curricular work taking place across the school. They are, of course, just a small selection from each class but show very well how we link our learning for the children so that their understanding grows over time and builds.



As you visit the school over the coming weeks, please take some time to look at and appreciate the children's work.

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

Well done to Holly B who hosted a bake sale on Sunday 17th November to raise money for a charity called Big Love Charity who help people in Romania. 40 people came and 45 people donated so it was very successful and £248 was raised.

Congratulations to Lisa who was performing at the British Open Championship 2019 in the under 12 category. She took 2nd place on the free routine among 30 gymnasts and 17th place with her hoop routine among 45 gymnasts of different ages.



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

We earned a fantastic £235.16 in commission from the Book Bus visit. We will use this to top up our selection of reading books throughout the school. Thank you for your support!

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 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.

Thank you, we now have the 50 tickets sold for the prize to stay at £20 each week!

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

 Music Lesson Invoices

Piano Lessons

Mrs Long will make up the missed piano lessons from Monday 25th November on Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December in the mornings and the lessons from Tuesday 26th November will be made up on Tuesday 10th December in the afternoon.

Guitar and Recorder/Woodwind Lessons

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

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.

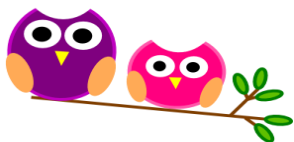
Schools will notify Essex County Council and the information will be available on their website at:

<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 Tomorrow Saturday 30th November 2 - 4pm

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our festive Christmas Fayre. We have lots of exciting things going on - an all new Santa's Grotto, Class Enterprise stalls, Secrets Room, Adult tombola, Chocolate and Sweet tombola, Lucky dip, Hoop-a-jar, Soft toy snowballs, Pre-loved toys and books, Name the Dog, Christmas Photo Booth, Lolly Island, Santa's Coin Rolling, Class Hamper raffle, Christmas Craft, Grand raffle and children's raffle, Kellybronze will be selling turkey baps and there will also be mulled wine, hot drinks, cakes and crisps available.

We are raising much needed funds for the all-weather path around the school field and also new children's dictionaries and thesauruses for all the class rooms. All children will benefit from these so please do support us on the day if you possibly can.



Thank you so much for all your generous donations. Items can still be dropped off to the school hall from 9am tomorrow morning if necessary.

Raffle Tickets and Prizes

Please bring raffle tickets to the fayre if you have forgotten to hand them in. 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
Luxury Christmas Hamper – donated by Woodlands Montessori
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
Creative Touch Beauty back, shoulder+neck massage voucher
Creative Touch Beauty Gel Nails voucher
Trebor photography voucher
Barratt and Coe photography - family session +photo vouchers x3
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 2nd December

Week 2 MONDAY	Macaroni Cheese or Tomato Pasta Bake (V)	Homemade Fresh Bread Mixed Vegetables Carrot Sticks Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cornflake Tart and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognaise or Quorn Bolognaise (V)	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Giant Cookie with Fruit Wedge Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Local Butchers Roast Gammon served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheesy Stack Wrap (V)	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced carrots Whole Green Beans Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Strawberry Fruit Jelly Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Homemade Chicken Goujons or Quorn Dippers (v) Both with tomato sauce or mayonnaise	New Potatoes Broccoli, Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jam Tart and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Local Butchers Beefburger in a Floured Bap or Vegetable Burger in a Floured Bap (v)	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Rice Crispy Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 2nd December

Mon 2nd

Tues 3rd

Class Avocet visit to Duxford

Weds 4th

Thurs 5th

Fri 6th

Co-op to present fundraising cheque to the school

**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
November		
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