

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

8th November 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Isabelle C - Diamond

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

Families are welcome to join us.

Tag Rugby Tournament

On Monday afternoon a group of nine Year 5 and 6 pupils attended the tag rugby tournament organised by the Chelmsford School Sports Partnership. We played a total of eight games against a wide range of local schools and we had some very tough matches.



Sadly we came 14th but we enjoyed the event and everyone tried their best.

Thank you to Mrs Ambor and Mrs Rush who helped transport the children and supported them.

Talented Pupils



Congratulations to Liza A on her results in the International Competitions in Russia. She took second place which was an excellent result for Liza in the first competition of the year.



Friday 15th November

Friday 15th November is Children in Need day and we are inviting the children to come to school in non-uniform wearing something spotty or stripy if possible in return for a donation (suggestion £1) to the charity. **On this occasion we are not doing wacky hair or make-up** – that will come in the Spring Term when we dress up for World Book Day!

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!

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, which will close next Friday.

<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, (these are essential)**
-  **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.

Children will not be able to do PE lessons without the correct kit.

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 will be sent out by letter next week.

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



The first draw will be this Saturday (9th November) so there is still time for families and friends to buy their tickets. There are local cash prizes every week and 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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

Remembrance – On Monday 11th November at 10.50am all Year 6 children will be participating in a short service at the War Memorial together with children from St John's Primary School and Heathcote. Families are welcome to join us.

Letters sent home this week

-  DPSA Christmas Donation Collection Sheet
-  Class A visit to Duxford
-  School Photos

Emergency School Closures – SNOW!

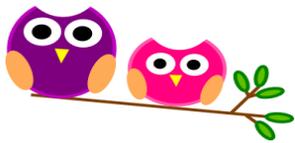
As we approach the time of year when inclement weather and snow is more likely, we would like to advise you of the school's emergency closure procedure. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly but there may be rare times when the site is unsafe or insufficient staff can get into the school 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 Saturday 30th November 2 - 4pm

What happens at the Christmas Fayre? Virtually the whole school is filled with stalls. Each class will have their own stall selling Christmas craft produced and sold by the children. There will be a new Santa's grotto, various Christmas stalls for the children, a tombola, a Christmas hamper raffle, the Grand raffle with a 1st prize of £100 cash (raffle tickets will go out very soon for you to kindly try to sell to friends and family) and winter warming food.



What we need you to do – we are asking for donations for our Christmas Fayre. Children will bring home very soon 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 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 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 will go 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

Christmas Wreath Making – only 4 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,

Bag2school Thanks



Thank you to everyone who donated bags for the Bag2school before half term. We were able to raise an amazing **£168.**

Other Dates for the diary



November
December
January
February
March
June

Sat 30th
Thurs 5th
Fri 24th
Sat 8th
Sat 21st
Sat 20th

Christmas Fayre 2-4pm
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 11th November

Week 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 Bolognese or Quorn Bolognese (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 Pie with puff pastry top or Quorn Vegetarian Pie with puff pastry top (V)	Creamy Mashed Potato 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 11th November

**Mon 11th
10.50am**

**Year 6 Bikeability
Year 6 Remembrance Day Service at the War memorial
Whole school Remembrance Assembly for all other pupils**

**Tues 12th
1.45pm**

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

Weds 13th

**Thurs 14th
6.30pm**

**Year 6 Bikeability
Governors' Resources Meeting**

**Fri 15th
2.50pm**

**Children in Need - Non-uniform Day
Class Eider Assembly**

**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		
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		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		
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