

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



Website: [www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk](http://www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk)

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Dear Parents,

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

William H – Emerald Eleanor R – Emerald Max F – Ruby Lucy K – Diamond  
Ollie W – Bronze Quinlan S – Bronze Ethan H – Gold

***Our next Celebration Assembly is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am***

***Families are welcome to join us.***

### Caring Pupils

The other day as the children were coming out of school Zac and Harry were hurrying along as they had an important job to do. After school the two boys helped pack 100 rucksacks with useful items to aid the Friends of Essex and London Homeless charity.

It is so wonderful to see the boys giving up their time and they were proud to be doing this and supporting such a worthy cause. Well done!



### All-weather Track

This week the children have been able to use our brand new all-weather track on the field. This is a joint project with the DPSA and was constructed two weeks ago. The purpose of the track is to encourage the children to join in a range of physical activities and to give them variety and accessibility. It will enable the children to do their Daily Mile, whatever the weather, without getting covered in mud! After Christmas we are also aiming to include the infant children in this challenge.

The track will be multi-functional and will be used for our PE lessons and sports clubs as well as for Maths and Science lessons.

Photographs to come next week!

## Daily Mile Challenge

This week the junior classes have been competing against each other to compete the *Laps to Lapland*. They were challenged to work together to see which class could stack up an amazing 63 miles.

**Class B** were the winners and the children participating were:

**James, Ben, Eloise, Eva, Emily, Erin, Morgan, Harry, Thomas, Ben S, Quinn, Tom P, Ollie, Lucy, Caius, Darcy, George and Kardem.**

A festive treat is heading their way next week.!

## Class Avocet's Visit to Duxford



On the third of December, Class Avocet plus four adults went to Duxford Imperial War Museum. In the morning, I woke not knowing what I was doing that very-morning day, then it hit me skip-bang in the forehead, I'm going to Duxford on the school trip today, I can't wait.

The moment the clock struck 8:25 AM I was out of the house dashing to school with a smile slowly spreading around my face. By the time I got to the school gates, I could see all my friend waiting outside the school on this bitter cold December morning. I only had time to say a few words before the doors to the office opened and an entire Year six class rushed through, anticipating the day ahead.

After we checked that we had everyone, we chose who we were going to sit next to on the bus (I chose Freddie) then we walked out of the building and up the hill feeding onto the bus, then we set off.



After an hour of rock, paper, scissors, chatting and annoying the people behind us arrived at Duxford air museum. Our seatbelts came off, the doors unfolded and walked off into the morning sunlight and gathered into a huddle of children until the groups were announced. I was with Mrs Babbs' group.

Immediately after this we went into a bunker where we told that we would be making a documentary on the Battle of Britain, we had to be split into groups of three, and I was with Fin and Buddy. A few minutes later, we walked into a hanger that held planes, tanks and some other things to do with the battle.

After 45 minutes in the hanger, we had <sup>made</sup> a few documentaries and we went back to the bunker ~~where~~ we put back our equipment. On our way to another hanger, we saw a plane that was about to take off, so we went to watch it, but there was one problem, we misinterpreted the word eating up the time till lunch.

Eventually, the plane took off and as it was speeding through the air, we realized: IT WAS LUNCH!!! As we walked through ~~through~~ the hanger to the room, my stomach started to rumble, but as soon as I looked in front of me, I saw Mrs Enleigh with the door to the lunch room wide open. I set a sigh of relief.

After around half an hour of lunch we went back into the hanger and gradually cast our feet onto the steps of the fast passenger plane over: Concorde. As we walked through we marvelled at all buttons and features. When we walked out the other side some were glad because of how high it was but others still amazed.

As we left that hanger, we set off to another hanger on the other side of Duxford. Eventually, after ten minutes, we arrived at the third hanger that we had been to that day. It was filled with tanks and had 4 examples of trenches with realistic war-work people. It was a bit of a rush in that hanger because we wanted to see another hanger before we had to leave.

The last hanger was arguably the most impressive for it had a plane called the Blenheim which could travel faster than sound. When we finished in that building we dashed through the gift shop ready for the bus.

I really enjoyed the trip and if I could have I would have stayed for a few hours more than we did.

Last week the children in Class Avocet visited the Imperial War Museum at Duxford to consolidate their topic work about World War II.

They learned a great deal and had an enjoyable time.

## Christmas Events



### Christmas Plays

**Infants – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December; Juniors – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

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! 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 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Cards

There are a few days left to post Christmas cards. Please do not let your children put sweets in their cards as many of them fall out and some children suffer from allergies. Thank you for your help.

## Safeguarding

The bbc website has some excellent material to support children and families with keeping safe on the internet and when using electronic devices. We would urge parents to have a look and spend some time with their children looking at a relevant section in some detail. They cover online gaming, what to do if you see something online you don't like and bullying.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit>

### Save the date – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

More details will follow nearer the time but please spread the word and save the date!

**Let's work together to keep the children safe!**

## 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

#### Piano Lessons

Mrs Long will make up the missed piano lessons from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the mornings.

#### Guitar and Recorder/Woodwind Lessons

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

## School Lunches - Costs for Autumn Term 2019

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: 4<sup>th</sup> November – 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 **15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

Full information is available on the Essex County Council website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).  
The application round opens on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Premier Sports Christmas Party Camp – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Details of this holiday club are available on their website. To book visit [premier-education.com](http://premier-education.com) or call 01953 499040



# DPSA News

## Children's Christmas Performance DVD

The DPSA has once again arranged to have the Christmas performances recorded by a professional company (the recordings will take place at the dress rehearsal). The DVD will include both the KS1 and KS2 performances and will be professionally edited and recorded with the use of microphones to ensure little voices are heard and you can sit back and enjoy the show.

DVDs will be available at **£16 each** (£3 of which goes to DPSA funds). In order to receive your **DVD before the end of term** orders/payment will need to be received by **Monday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**December**. Orders placed after this date will not be available until the New Year. To reserve your copy please complete the form which was sent out in book bags this week. Spare forms are available from the school office or your class rep.



## Christmas Fayre Final Profit

**We raised £3,738,28 which is a fantastic result, thank you for all your help and support.**

## 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](http://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.

## Dates for the diary



January  
February  
March  
June

Fri 24<sup>th</sup>  
Sat 8<sup>th</sup>  
Sat 21<sup>st</sup>  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sat 20<sup>th</sup>

School Disco  
Quiz Night  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Digital Safe-guarding evening  
Summer Fayre

**\*\*\*See our page on the Danbury Park School Website (under 'school community') for other ways to help raise money for the school\*\*\***

**Have a lovely weekend, The DPSA.**





# Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

<b>Week 1</b> <b>MONDAY</b>	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
TUESDAY	Local Butcher's Pork sausage or Vegetarian Quorn sausage (v)	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans Peas/Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Sponge served with chocolate sauce 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	Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet	Chips Baked Beans / Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Variety of desserts
FRIDAY			<b>Happy Christmas</b>	

## Dates for the Diary Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup>** Filming of the school Christmas plays

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup>**  
2.15pm EYFS & KS1 Christmas Play  
6.00pm EYFS & KS1 Christmas Play

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup>**  
1.45pm KS2 Christmas Play  
6.30pm KS2 Christmas Play

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>**  
9.10am Celebration Assembly  
1.30pm Christmas Parties  
3.25pm Break up for the Christmas holidays

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
<b>December</b>		
16 <sup>th</sup>	tbc	Filming of Christmas plays
17 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm & 6.00pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance
18 <sup>th</sup>	1.45pm & 6.30pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
19 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Celebration Assembly
	Pm	Christmas Party
		End of Term

**Spring Term starts on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

<b>Spring Term 2020</b>		
11 <sup>th</sup> February	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
13 <sup>th</sup> February	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Am	NSPCC Assemblies and workshops  <b><u>Assembly x 2 – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> KS2 = 9:05-9:35am KS1 = 10:50-11:10am  <b><u>Year 5/6 workshops x 2 – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> Workshop 1 = 9:35-10:30am Workshop 2 = 11:20-12:20pm

**A full list of dates will be published after the Christmas break.**