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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

8th November 2013

Dear Parents,

Class Cuckoo Assembly

We ended last half-term with a fantastic assembly from Class Cuckoo based on their topic of the Romans. The play re-enacting the siege of Colchester with a flamboyant Queen Boudica and a lively group of Iceni warriors was most entertaining and helped the children understand the series of historical events and their cause and effect, and the final song pulled their learning together. Interwoven were snippets of how they had applied the skills taught in other subjects using the topic as a stimulus: the use of a computing programme to design and model Roman buildings was most impressive. Well done Class Cuckoo.

Pre-School Activity Morning

On Wednesday we hosted an activities morning for the Reception children and visitors from the local pre-schools. Mrs White and her team worked hard to set up a variety of activities including roadways, dinosaurs, puzzles, dressing up and role play. They were assisted by volunteers from Year 6 and I'm still not sure who had the most fun – the younger children, the older children or the adults. These events are a great way for pre-school children to visit a “big” school and for us to strengthen our links with the pre-school providers.



Barnardos Concert

On Tuesday a group of thirty Year 6 children accompanied by Miss Leaver, Mrs Ireland and Mrs Babbs went to the Albert Hall to join together with other schools and participate in a concert supporting Barnardos. The children and adults have been practising hard in school learning the songs and learning to play the ocarina. They rehearsed during the day and then performed to families and friends in the evening. I am pleased that we received excellent reports about our children not only their behaviour but also their attitude, application and enthusiasm. The children were particularly pleased that they broke the record for the most ocarinas being played at the same time and now have an entry in the Guinness Book of Records! Well done and thank you to all the adults and parents who supported us!

Girls Football

I am pleased to inform you that girls' football training has resumed this week and will take place on Tuesday lunchtimes with Miss Quinn, our Sports coach over the coming weeks. The sessions are open to girls in Years 5 and 6 with the aim of putting together a team to play some matches against local schools after Christmas. The girls will be going into lunch at 12.15pm and need to make sure they have a track suit, shin pads and football boots.



Children in Need

On Friday, 15th November it is Children in Need Day. This year's theme is 'Superheroes' and again we hope to support the event.

On this day:

- Please come dressed to school as a Superhero, e.g. Batman, Super Ted, or make up one of your own ...Wonder girl!!

Please send in a donation of £1

- We will also be doing our copper coin collection.

This year each class will produce an outline of a superhero to be filled with pennies and 2ps. Please start collecting, ready to bring a bag of loose change to school on 15th November.

Thank you for helping to support this worthwhile event.

Reminders and Notices

Parent Governor Vacancies – the deadline for nominations is Monday 11th November, 4.00pm. If you would like more information please check the school website for our information leaflet or speak with one of our serving governors, who will be happy to help.

Cold Weather – Now the weather is turning colder, the children do need to bring in coats for playtimes and jogging bottoms for PE. We all need fresh air and so will be going outside as much as we can.

Vomiting/Diarrhoea - Please do not send your child to school for 48 hours after the last episode. This is a directive from Essex County Council to help reduce the spread of infection. Thank you.

Absences - If your child is absent from school please ensure that the office is informed by telephone on the first day of the absence by 9.15am. A letter of explanation must then be given to the class teacher upon your child's return to school.

Thank you.

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

We are holding an open morning on Tuesday 12th November from 9.30am to 11.30am for parents seeking a school place for the academic year starting September 2014. There is a second smaller event on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th November from 1.45pm to 2.45pm for those parents unable to make the first event. Mrs Gooding will be giving tours of the school and governors will be on hand to help answer questions. Please pass on the information to family and friends.

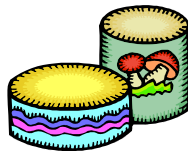
Thank you from Chelmsford Foodbank

The school has received a letter from the Chelmsford Foodbank thanking us for all our generous donations of tinned food. The school gave an amazing 88.4kg of food!

The charity wrote, *"We have been so humbled by the generosity of people over this period and we are so grateful for all that we have received. All the food will go to local people experiencing a crisis, whether that is the loss of an income, an unexpected bill on a low income, a relationship breakdown, debt or issues to do with benefits. It will ensure that less people go to bed hungry in our city."*

Sadly the number of people needing the help of Chelmsford Foodbank has significantly risen. From opening in July 2012 until the end of March this year, they fed 869 people. Since the 1st April they have fed 1057 mouths. The need is, unfortunately, growing, and without your support they would struggle to be able to meet it.

Thank-You



Lost Property

We have a large pile of lost property in the reception entrance. Whilst we have tried to return named items to their owners, we have many that are not labelled. If you have lost an item please check over the coming week, as any unclaimed items will be donated to the DPSA for their used uniform collection. Please ensure your child's clothing sent into school is labelled.



Thank you

DPSA News

Shopping On-line this Christmas?

So far we have raised an impressive £825.00 through easy fundraising just by people shopping online.

It's **free** to register and simple to use. Every time you make a purchase on line the retailer donates a percentage to our school. It doesn't cost you anything and is completely safe to use. You shop in your normal way and buy just as you usually would.

Shop with over 2,000 well known retailers including **Amazon, Tesco, Argos** and many more.

The more of us who use it the more we'll raise. If you're already registered please try to remember to use the site as every little helps.

Sign up to easyfundraising.org.uk/pta and search for Danbury Park to do your Christmas Shopping today!



Date for the diary



Christmas Fayre Saturday 7th December 12 – 2pm

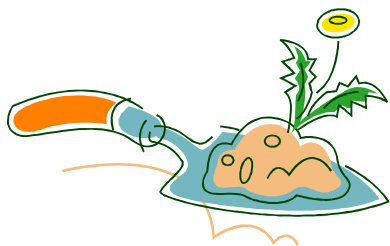
Make sure you have the date in your diary. Father Christmas is coming to Danbury Park School! Look out for the donation sheet which each child will be receiving very soon. On the sheet is listed 5 items we need for the Christmas Fayre – chocolate for the children's tombola, bottles/jars/gifts for the adult tombola, a promise of cakes for the cake stall, jars filled with sweets/small toys for the hoop-a-jar stall and toys/children's books/soft toys for the toy stall. Please bring the items to the school office and leave them in the boxes provided. When 3 items or more have been received colour in the sheet and it will be entered into a class prize draw. Thank you.

Nativity and Fancy Dress Costumes

The DPSA have a few new nativity costumes and second-hand fancy dress costumes for sale which will be available to buy after school today.

Morrison's Let's Get Growing

Please can all vouchers be handed into the office by Friday 15th November



SCHOOL MEALS

Week commencing: 11th November is Week 2

Half-term = £78; Full-term = £146

Parent View



Thank you for all your kind comments about the school. Ofsted are interested in what you think about Danbury Park so if you would like the opportunity to tell them please go to <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Birthday Assemblies Tuesdays at 3.05pm

Date

12th Nov
19th Nov
26th Nov
3rd Dec
10th Dec

WED 18th Dec

Birthdays

11th - 17th Nov
18th - 24th Nov
25th Nov - 1st Dec
2nd - 8th Dec
9th - 15th Dec
16th Dec - 5th Jan

Dates for the diary for next week.

Tues 12 th Nov 9.30-11.30am	Open morning for prospective parents
3.05pm	Birthday Assembly
Thurs 14 th Nov	Governors Curriculum Meeting
Fri 15 th Nov	Children in Need

Dates for the full Autumn Term are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding
Headteacher.