

# 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> October 2017**

Dear Parents,

### Tag Rugby Tournaments Year 5/6

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October Year Fives and Sixes went to a tag rugby tournament with a lot of two teamed schools. Teams A's line-up consisted of: Woody, Angus, Maite, Nadrah, Eden, Danielle and George. We were in Pool 3 with Birch A, Terling and Tollesbury.

#### Group Stage

Our first match was against Birch A. We played well by winning 4-2 but conceding a few. Meanwhile, Terling drew against Tollesbury which put us first in the group. After that we played Terling, unfortunately losing 3-2 to them with Angus and Nadrah scoring one try each which was alright because we were not lost.

Our final game was against Tollesbury. If we won this game, we might have had a chance of being best runner up and maybe have some hope to spare. We won the game 4-2 meaning we came 2<sup>nd</sup> and had hope to be the best runner-up and get into the top pool and have a chance of winning...The host of the tournament announced we were in for pool number 1.

Ours first of the 2<sup>nd</sup> pool fixtures was against Birch B. It was a tough result but luckily we won the game 2-1 with Angus and Woody scoring tries.

Our next game was against Terling from the last pool. Again after the game we lost 3-2 but knowing we still had a chance of winning the tournament.

Our final game...was against Purleigh, whilst Birch faced Terling. We were going from lacking of attack to lacking of defence but still won the game 4-3 and we needed Birch to draw or win against Terling to put us first. Unfortunately Terling had unpredictably pulled a win against Birch.

The final part of the day came and went. We were still celebrating about coming 2<sup>nd</sup> due to that win versus Purleigh and still confident that it was not much of a disappointment. We went to school with a smile on our faces. I really enjoyed the afternoon and hope for luck next year.

#### George B

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr White and Mrs Bennett who stepped in at the last minute to help transport the Year 5 and 6 teams when the coach company cancelled on us at the last minute. Without their help, we would not have been able to even attend the tournament let alone come 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A report from our Year 3 and 4 teams will follow next week.

## School Council



The school Council elections were held a few weeks ago and our new School Council is already getting down to work. They have been liaising with the old councillors in order to pick up the KS2 Healthy Tuck Shop project which they started last year.

The children carried out a full investigation into the feasibility of running their own tuck shop speaking with and visiting other local primary schools as well as contacting possible suppliers. They are now ready to launch the project after the half-term break.

In next week's newsletter they will explain how the tuck shop will work.

## Fundraising

Thanks to all our loyal supporters, the DPSA have received a cheque for £ 337.50 from the Chelmsford Star Co-operative Society. Every time you shop at the Co-op and use your Community Card, we receive a donation so please keep up the good work and if you haven't got a card, please or call into the school office or contact your class DPSA representative.



## House Points

Congratulations to Summer P and Imogen S who have won the competition to design the house point token for this year. This year we had some very striking and interesting ideas so it was hard to choose but all the children voted in Monday's assembly for their favourite.

Each week the Year 6 monitors total the house points collected the previous week from each class and then work out the average. In assembly we announce which house has collected the most point that week and we record this on our display in the hall using a token that represents our school



Well done to Summer and Imogen for their thoughtful, bold design.

## Reading

On Thursday Mrs Gooding, Miss Johnston and our three librarians, Chloe, Phoebe and Gabriel visited an old friend at Danbury Library.

Mrs Medcroft, who used to be one of our learning support assistants, now works at the library and she had been sorting out all the children's books. We looked through the books that the library no longer needs to see if there were any that we could use in school. They were all in excellent condition and we chose over 100 books for all the children in the school to enjoy. There were picture books, story books and exciting new authors. These will replenish our shelves and give us something new to read.

We gave a donation to the library of £20 and we hope to visit again soon.



Thank you to Mrs Medcroft and the librarians for all their help.



## 2017 Harvest Collection

This harvest we're again asking you to help local people by collecting tinned and dried food for the Chelmsford foodbank. The foodbank provides short term emergency food to people in crisis. Food is given as an intervention strategy which allows care professionals, such as Housing Support Officers, CAB advisers, Social Services, doctors etc, time to put longer term measures in place. People are given enough food for three days. Food is distributed from the foodbank centre based at the Trinity Methodist Church, Rainsford Road.

At the foodbank centre people also have access to information about other services and support organisations. It is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00am to 12:30pm. All food given out by the foodbank is donated by generous members of the public. Everyday people experience crisis in our community for a variety of reasons from redundancy to ill health to an unexpected bill on a low income. Some simply struggle to make ends meet.

### Harvest Shopping List

#### FOOD ITEMS

Cartons Instant Custard  
Tinned rice pudding  
Tinned meat pies  
Bottled squash  
Tea bags (boxes of 40)  
Tinned vegetables  
Cartons of long life milk  
Biscuits  
Pasta Sauce

Packets Instant Custard  
Instant mash potato  
Tinned potatoes  
Tinned meat  
Cartons of long life fruit juice  
Coffee (small jars)  
Tinned sponge puddings  
Jam  
Tinned tomatoes

#### NON FOOD ITEMS

Men's and ladies toiletries  
Handwash

Shampoo

#### FOR USE IN THE WAREHOUSE

Permanent markers (all colours)

Sellotape (easy tear)

We want to help our local foodbank feed people in need. Please join with us by donating food so that those less fortunate don't go hungry.

N.B Please make sure all food is packaged, in date and undamaged. Thank you!

All donations of food can be brought into school between **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

***If you have a car and are able to volunteer to deliver the food to please let the office know.***

Thank you

## Safeguarding Keeping Safe – E-safety

Tips to help you to keep your children safe online:

- 🔒 Set up your computer in a shared area at home so that you can see the sites they are accessing;
- 🔒 Set your security levels so that you can limit access to sites and time spent on electronic devices;
- 🔒 Talk to your child about what they are doing online and check their search histories and communication logs frequently;
- 🔒 Talk to your child about keeping their personal information private.

There are some excellent resources available and we would like to suggest the following sites which provide more detailed information:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/How-to-guides/>

[http://old.kidsmart.org.uk/downloads/cn\\_parentleafletV2.pdf](http://old.kidsmart.org.uk/downloads/cn_parentleafletV2.pdf)

## Notices and Reminders

**PE Kits** – It is essential that the children participate in their PE lessons and therefore have their full kits in school at all times as we do not hold large stocks of spare uniform.

**Earrings have to be removed for all PE lessons and we are not allowed to cover pupils' ears with tape.**

**Coats** - Our weather is so unpredictable and with autumn firmly upon us, all children must bring a coat into school every day. The children need fresh air so even if it is drizzling, they need to get outside at break and lunchtimes but can only do so if they have a waterproof coat.

**Letters sent home this week:**

- 🔒 **Class H & J visit to Marsh Farm**
- 🔒 **Christmas card order form. Return by 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

## Eagles Breakfast and After School Club

This week at Eagles the children have been creative using paper plates. They have found different ways to make interesting animal masks, spiders and birds using the plates. We have been leaf printing for a display in our classroom. The children wanted to make play-dough, they worked as a group to choose which colour play-dough they would like and took turns to mix all the ingredients. Once the play-dough was made they had a competition for who could make the biggest play-dough building.

We still have spaces available for the Autumn Term-please call 01245 221333 for more information, alternatively Laura-Eagles, Manager will be available to talk to at our parent consultation meetings on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th October, if you are considering registering for Eagles.



# DPSA news



## TOMORROW **Jumble Sale Danbury Village Hall** **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 1.30 - 3pm** Donations of jumble needed

Please bring all jumble - adult and childrens clothes, shoes, bags, household linen, bric-a-brac, small electrical items, books, toys (in fact anything at all except large items of furniture) to Danbury Village Hall tomorrow morning from 9am – 12 noon and come along to buy from 1.30pm.

**All profit from the jumble sale goes towards buying things for the school so your support is needed and much appreciated.**

## **Bag2school – Monday 16th October 9am**



Collection bags have already gone out in book bags. If you need more they can be collected from the school office or just use plain black bin bags. Please donate unwanted clothes (adult and child), paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, belts, ties and soft toys. We can no longer collect curtains, cushions and bedding. Please bring to school **on the day only** and leave by the gate by 9am. If it is raining please put the bags in the cycle shelter.

## **DPSA AGM**

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the DPSA AGM on Tuesday evening in the school hall. We were able to review the past year and make plans for the next.

Last year the DPSA made an overall profit of **£13,542.30** which is an amazing result and would not have been possible without the continued hard work of the DPSA committee and its associates, along with the support of the teaching staff, parents and families of the school.

A big thank you was said to Lucy B who has stepped down as vice-chair after 4 years. She has been a massive part of the DPSA over the past 7 years writing the newsletter entries, organising the summer fayre brochures and helping to set up and manage at all events and will be greatly missed. Welcome to Galina C who has taken on the vice-chair role.

Thanks also went to Jen T for all her support over the years as she has stepped down from the committee.

If you are interested in joining the DPSA committee or would be willing to take on a role without the need to come to evening meetings please get in touch at [sallyj@doctors.org.uk](mailto:sallyj@doctors.org.uk) or contact your class rep. All help is greatly appreciated.

## Dates for the diary

Christmas Fayre      Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December    2 – 4pm

## Class Reps

Thank you to our volunteers for this year. Please don't forget to email your rep so that she has your contact information.

Class	Name	Child	Email
A	Kellie	Joe B	kellieberry@hotmail.co.uk
B	Nicola	Gabriel N	nicolanathan01@gmail.com
C	Michelle	Finley M	michelle@supplies4business.net
D	Sarah	Ava G	tandsgreenway@icloud.com
E	Sarah	Lizzie W	sarahwatley@talktalk.net
F	Emma	Josh A	theambors@gmail.com
G	Archana	Avy S	archsingh@gmail.com
H	Gemma	Leo P	gemma_cawley@yahoo.co.uk
J	Helen	Olivia C	heconway@yahoo.co.uk

## Did you know we have a DPSA Facebook page?

Like us on Facebook and make sure you know what's happening when. Our page is constantly updated so you never forget things important things like non-uniform day and cake sales!!

**Have a good weekend!**





## Owl's Barn School Meals

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

<b>Week 1 MONDAY</b>	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Salmon Puff	Pasta Twists Coleslaw Sweetcorn Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Local Butchers pork sausage or Vegetarian Quorn Sausage	Creamy Mashed Potato Fresh Sliced Carrots & Peas/ Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Marble Cake Served with Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Local Butchers Roast Beef served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheesy Stack Wrap	Roast Potatoes Cauliflower florets Fresh carrots Green salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Pot Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
<b>THURSDAY Harvest Celebration</b>	Homemade Sausage Plait Or Vegetarian Sausage plait (V)	Potato Wedges Corn on the Cob Cucumber Homemade Bread Roll	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Harvest Cake decorated with White Chocolate Mice

When we return to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October our winter menu comes into effect.

### Dates for the Diary

#### Week beginning 16th October 2017

<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Bag2School Collection</b>
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>EYFS and KS1 Harvest Celebration for KS2 and senior citizens</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parent Consultations</b>
<b>3.40 – 6.10pm</b>	
<b>Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Harvest Lunch</b>
<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Parent Consultations</b>
<b>6.00 – 8.30pm</b>	
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>School Closed for Staff Training</b>

**Half-term Break –school reopens on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Full term dates for the next academic year 2017-18  
and for 2018-19 are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding  
Headteacher



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## Dates for Autumn Term 2017

Date	Time	Event
<b>October</b>		
17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	EYFS & KS1 Autumn Celebration to KS2 & Visitors
	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
19 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	EYFS & KS1 Autumn Celebration to parents
	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
20 <sup>th</sup>		School closed for staff training
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Half-term</b>
<b>Oct</b>		
31 <sup>st</sup>	All Day	Class D Maldon Heritage Trip
<b>November</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	All day	Barnardo's Concert – Year 5 & 6 Choir
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.50pm	Class C Assembly
3 <sup>rd</sup>	All Day	Class H and J Marsh Farm Trip
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 -11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
10 <sup>th</sup>	2.50pm	Class D Assembly
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 -11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
15 <sup>th</sup>	2.50pm	Class E Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup>		Children in Need
21 <sup>st</sup>		Flu Immunisation
	1.45 – 2.45pm	Open Afternoon for prospective parents
22 <sup>nd</sup>	3.05pm	Celebration Assembly
<b>December</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00 – 4.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre
11 <sup>th</sup>	tbc	Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsals
12 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm & 6.00pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance
14 <sup>th</sup>	1.45pm & 6.30pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
18 <sup>th</sup>	Pm	Classes C, D & E Party
19 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
	Pm	EYFS & KS1 Party
20 <sup>th</sup>		Last day of term
	9.10am	Celebration Assembly
	Pm	Classes A & B party