

# Danbury Pre-Schools

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## Newsletter

**September 2009**

Hello Everyone, and Welcome to all new starters and their families. We hope you all had a lovely Summer break.

### **Topics** (Dates are approximate)

Overall topic of Animals:

14th September - Arctic and Eid  
21st September - Sea  
28th September - Farm  
5th October - Pets  
12th October - Minibeasts and Diwali  
19th October - Dinosaurs

The pm sessions include a 'Show & Tell' time linked to the topic of the week. If any child brings in a topic related item into the morning session we do try to include a show and tell for them.

### **Summer Picnic**

We would like to thank everyone who managed to raise money at the summer picnic. Well done! We would like to give special mention to Harry Pallister who raised over £85! Many thanks also go to Maddie White who raised £32 and Honor Fletcher who raised £30.

Many thanks also to our sponsors: Co-op for all the food, and Britvic for the drink.

### **Race Night – Saturday October 17th**

Danbury Pre-schools are hosting a race night at the Danbury Village Hall on Saturday 17th October 2009. Everyone (over 18!) is welcome.

There will be a licensed bar available all night with music between races. The cost will be £10 per ticket. A fish and chip supper is included. All proceeds will go to Danbury Pre-schools.

Please come and support us and, most of all, enjoy!! If you would like to purchase tickets for this event, please call Emma Hayes: 01245 221272

### **Diary Dates**

Fri 18th December - Last day of term  
Saturday 17th October – Race Night  
Mon 26th October - Fri 30th October – Half Term  
Sat 26th September (to be confirmed) – Quiz night  
Tuesday 10th November – GANS (Good As New Sale). More information coming soon.  
Wednesday 11th November – INSET day

### **Inset Days**

The next Inset Day is scheduled for Wednesday November 11th. Please be aware that these sessions will still be charged for as per Pre-school policy. All policies are available to parents at each setting.

Inset days are an essential part of the function of the Pre-Schools. They allow for staff training to ensure your child gets the best attention and successful progression during their time with us.

### **Stone Photography**

Stone Photography will be visiting the pre-school again later this year on the following dates:

Busy Bees: Thursday 17th September - 9.30am + after school

First Friends: Friday 18th September - 9.30am

### **Do You Shop Online?**

You can shop for less and support us by visiting [www.buy.at/danburypreschools](http://www.buy.at/danburypreschools). This is a shopping portal that links to 100s of popular online shops including M&S, Tesco, Mothercare, Early Learning Centre, John Lewis, Play.com, cdwow!, Waterstones and Amazon.

If you complete an order via one of these shops through the link above, a commission of between 2% and 12% is paid to Danbury Pre-schools. We have already managed to raise £500 using this shopping portal, so it really is worthwhile.

### **Lunch Clubs**

We have recently changed the attendance policy for the Tuesday and Friday lunch clubs. It is now compulsory for all funded children to attend the full 3.5 hour session if they are present on those days. This is going really well and the children are enjoying eating a healthy lunch with all their friends. Due to parental demand we will now allow non-funded children to access the extended session if both parent and supervisor feel the child is developmentally ready. Please consult your supervisor if you want your non-funded child to stay for lunch club.

### **Sessions Available at Busy Bees**

We still have a few sessions available at Busy Bees if you would like to increase the days your child attends. If your child is funded the cut-off date to increase sessions will be the 17th of September.

### **Request for Urgent Return of Funding Forms**

If funding forms for your children have not been returned by the 17th of September you will potentially forfeit your council funding allowance and be liable for all fees.

### **Payment of Fees**

Please be aware that the pre-school is a charity and that every penny counts. Please make sure you pay your fees on time as this affects the financial stability of the pre-school. If you are all late with your payments it means we may have to be late paying our creditors. If parents continue to make late fee payments the pre-school may have to strongly enforce late fee payments to remain viable as a company.

### **School Leavers**

Please make sure that if your child has a school place for January or Easter 2010 that our administrator is aware that your child is leaving pre-school. A half term's notice is always required when a child leaves pre-school.

### **Naming of Clothes, Belongings and Lunch Bags**

May we remind parents/guardians that children's clothing, bags, plimsolls, shoes, lunch bags etc must be named.

### **Appropriate Clothing/Footwear**

Please ensure that your child has a coat, jumper, wellies, plimsolls, sun hat, sun screen (depending on the weather), to allow your child to be able to play outside.

### **Contact Numbers**

Please inform us of any changes in contact numbers so that we can contact you in an emergency. If you have changed your number since your child started pre-school or are unsure if we have your correct details, please feel free to check with your supervisor.

### **Changes in Circumstances**

For your child's benefit, we would like to know about any other changes in circumstances at home, for example; new births, parents separating, a new pet, family death, moving house. These things all effect the children and we may be able to support them and discreetly help them deal with their feelings during their sessions at pre-school.

### **Request for Parent/Carer/Grandparent Help**

Have you got an hour or two you could spare to help out at Pre-School? You don't have to commit to a full session, any help would be gratefully received. Grandparents are welcome, and (space permitting), so are mums with younger children, although children must be over two years of age for insurance purposes. Please see your supervisor.

### **How your child is progressing at pre-school?**

Your child's file may be viewed by you at any time. Working parents may take their child's file home. Please ask your supervisor if you like to do this.

We encourage you to book a consultation with your child's key worker to discuss your child. Your key worker will be able to liaise with you to find a mutually appropriate time.

### **Uniform**

Pre-School uniform orders will be being issued shortly. We have sweatshirts available for winter. Please ask your supervisor for an order form.

### **Appeal for Bicycle Helmets**

Do you have any unwanted bicycle helmets that you could donate to pre-school for the children to wear whilst on the bikes and scooters? If so, please let your supervisor know.

