

Danbury Pre-Schools

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Newsletter

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Here we are almost at the end of another academic year. Thanks to the hard work of all the committee and Emma Hayes (fundraising), we are finishing the year very successfully following a great summer picnic, held last Wednesday, and the family disco which was held at the weekend.

Many of our pre-schoolers are about to leave us to start school in September. We will miss them all and would like to wish them every success as they continue their education.

The Summer Picnic



Rhianna enjoys taking part in the show.

A huge thank you to Emma Hayes (Fundraising), for all her hard work in organising a great summer picnic which was held last Wednesday, July 8th.

The picnic raised over £700 for the Pre-Schools, and there is still some sponsorship money to be collected in,

Many pre-schoolers, friends and family members enjoyed the afternoon which featured events including hook the duck, beat the goalie, face painting, tattoos, a bouncy castle and a bean bag target game, a magician and a tombola among many others. The tombola stall was a great success and we would like to thank everyone who donated prizes for this. The quality of the prizes this year was outstanding and made this stall all the more successful.



A captivated audience watch the magician

Diary Dates

Mon September 7th - First day back

Fri 18th December (to be confirmed) - Last day of term

Mon 26th October - Fri 30th October – Half Term

Wed October 21st - INSET day

Sat 26th September (to be confirmed) – Quiz night

November (Date to be confirmed) – GANS (Good As New Sale)

The Summer Picnic (Continued)

Congratulations to Farne from First Friends who was the overall winner of the sponsored obstacle course. She managed to raise over £30 of sponsorship money for the Pre-Schools.

Thanks also go to all the staff and carers (and one dad in particular), who helped at this years picnic. This event would not have been possible without their support.

Please Join Our Committee!

We need volunteers to join the committee. Fundraising is hugely important for the Pre-Schools. Emma Hayes does an excellent job but really needs your help. If you could spare a little bit of your time and would like to help us ensure that Danbury Pre-Schools continue to grow and be successful, please make yourself known to your supervisor, or other committee member. Your input will directly effect your child's start in education. You may even learn new skills which could be viewed favourably by employers.

The Pre-School is a charity and could not possibly run without YOU giving up your time to ensure its success. Your help would be most valued by everyone at the pre-schools.

Family Disco



Children and carers enjoy the party

Our very first family disco took place on Saturday July 11th. It was very well attended by pre-schoolers and their families, and well supported by everyone in Danbury and the vicinity. The disco started at 17:30 with amazing music from a local DJ who had the children (and parents!!) dancing all evening. The children were also able to enjoy a tuck shop with plenty of food and drink on sale. In addition, there were temporary tattoos on sale for those who wished to try one.

The adults were able to test their general knowledge with a mini quiz which was won by the Jones Family, and a raffle with one prize being a barrow of booze. This was won by Debbie Hay. Congratulations to both winners!. We would also like to thank everyone who contributed the drink for the raffle which, in itself, raised over £120. We managed to raise over £500 in total for the Danbury Pre-Schools and would like to thank everyone who helped during the evening. The family disco would not have worked without you. We would also like to thank Emma Hayes once again for her time and commitment in organising this event.



A father shares a dance with his daughter

Stone Photography

Stone Photography will be visiting the pre-school again in September on the following dates:
Busy Bees: Thursday 17th September - 9.30am + after school
First Friends: Friday 18th September - 9.30am

Sponsored 100 Mile Bike Ride

This took place on Sunday June 7th. Ian Jackson (Dan's dad at Busy Bees), managed to raise £180 for the Danbury Pre-Schools. We would like to say a big thank you to Ian and to everyone who sponsored him. The money will go towards the Yellow Brick Road Project.

Child Illness

We would like to remind parents not to bring their children in to Pre-School for 48hrs after any bout of diarrhoea or stomach bug. Germs that cause these conditions are particularly virulent and are easily passed between young children because of the way they play. Staff do not wish to deal with its effects and we would not want any of them to become ill as a result. In addition, sick children want care from their carer in the comfort of their own homes. We maintain a high level of hygiene at the Pre-Schools, but as you will appreciate, we cannot prevent the exposure of other children to the spread of illness from another child. Please, please keep your child at home if they are ill.

Pre-School Places Available.

We have spaces on most days at Busy Bees for next term. Please contact Charlotte Jones (Administrator) over the holidays if you need to add sessions.

September Fees

May we remind you that fees for September are due by the 14th of August. The administration line will be open for some of the 6 weeks holidays. Charlotte Jones will return any queries as promptly as she can.

Naming of Clothes and Belongings

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

Inset Days

The next Inset Day is scheduled for Wednesday October 21st. 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.

