

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



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

**12<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Dear Parents,

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

Henry R – **Emerald**      Lizzie W – **Emerald**      Chloe P - **Silver**      Mirabelle R - **Ruby**

Well done also to:      Christopher W Classical Guitar – Grade 5 and Piano - Grade 5

Jessica M – Grade 1 Ballet with Distinction

Liza A - Standard 2 Ballet with Merit

*Certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
Families are welcome to join us.*

### Spring Term 2018

As you will have seen from last week's newsletter, there are lots of activities and events happening this term and we will be adding to the list as the weeks go by. In a few weeks' time we have the DPSA Spring Term discos. These are always well attended and the children really enjoy the chance to meet together for a fun time. In the Spring Term the EYFS children, who are now very familiar with the school, are welcome to join us. We are sorry but parents are not allowed to stay unless they are helping run the event.

Today the children in Years 1 to 6 should be bringing home their individual progress and target reports so that you have a brief summary of how well they are doing in English and Maths and their targets for the new term. In February just before half-term we have parent consultation meetings and the teachers will be able to provide an update. We regret that if families are on holiday during this week, teachers will not be able to provide alternative dates and times during the preceding weeks. They may have some limited availability when we come back to school after the half-term break and you should contact the class teachers then.

After half-term we have our Book Week and we will let you know more details about specific events nearer the time but these will include the traditional dressing up day and a poetry writing competition! We are looking forward to Brian Moses's visit and already some of the children have been watching him perform some of his poems via the internet.

The School Council is in the process of organising film nights and we also plan to hold a special sponsored sporting activity to raise money for our Class Dove and ICT Suite remodelling project and for Sport Relief.

So a very busy and exciting term ahead.

## Class Question Time

In every class on Wednesday afternoons we take some time to look at things in more detail and to explore some deep issues. In the Autumn term we all studied the same famous painting generating our own questions including ones about what we could see, what we couldn't see but thought might be happening, and then about more abstract notions. We all enjoyed investigating the *Mona Lisa* wondering if she was smiling and what about, and even contemplating the nature of beauty. This linked with our whole school and key stage assemblies about happiness and trying to understand more about our school motto: *Be wise, be **happy**, belong!*

Just before the Christmas break each class took a different visual stimulus and the children posed questions and explored different ideas which then led into each child producing a piece of writing. We wanted to link our question session to our shared priority of improving writing. The displays around the school reflect a small part of the work the classes have undertaken and they are most impressive.



We hope that when you visit the school you will spend some time reading our work and thinking about the questions we pose.

## Star Wars Design a Poster Competition

On **Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> January** we are having a special Star Wars themed lunch to encourage the children to try our school meals. This is a great opportunity for the children to try something different and to have some fun at meal times.

The school council would like to run a colouring competition which is open to all year groups. They would like the children to draw picture of their favourite character or scene from the Star Wars movies. All designs must be into the school office by the end of the school day on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January** where the kitchen staff will choose a winner from each class and the winners will be awarded house points. The pictures will be displayed in the school hall and the winners will be notified by the school council.

## Safeguarding - Keeping Safe

There has been a lot in the news this week about children struggling to cope with all the pressures of living in a digital age particularly when they move to secondary school. We are aware that this starts much earlier in Year 6 and even Year 5 usually when the children get their first mobile phones. As part of our PSHE programme we undertake work explaining about social media and how the children can keep themselves safe. We also include work on friendships and how saying something in a text or via a digital message should be viewed in the same way as saying something to each other in person.

Please take some time to read the report and sit down with your child and review how they can keep themselves safe and use how they can use these ways of communicating responsibly.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk>

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

## 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>

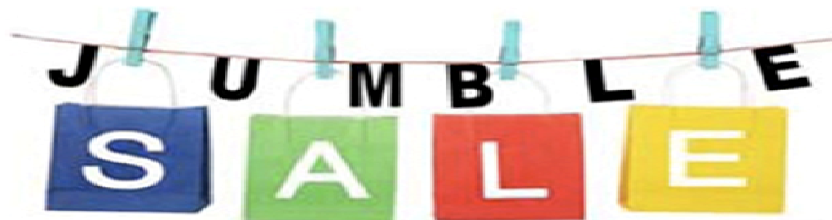
We will also put a message out on Parentmail. We aim to do this by 7.30am.

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.



# DPSA News



## Tomorrow Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1.30pm

**Danbury Village Hall (Donations of jumble and help needed)**

Please bring all jumble - adult and children's 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 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January from 9am – 12 noon. Come along to buy from 1.30 - 3pm. Any unsold items that are suitable will be put through to the next Bag2school collection on the 24<sup>th</sup> January.

**We still need helpers** on the day to sort donations in the morning 9am -12 noon and people to run stalls in the afternoon 1.15 – 3pm. If you can help at all please email [sallyj@doctors.org.uk](mailto:sallyj@doctors.org.uk) as soon as possible.

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

## **Bag2school – Wednesday 24th January 9am**



Collection bags will go out in book bags shortly. 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.

## **School Tea Towels – down to our last few!**

We have a few of the school tea towels left so orders can still be taken for both designs - EYF/KS1 and KS2. Order forms are available from the school office. The tea-towels cost £4 per towel for one or £3.50 per towel if more than one towel is bought. Cheques payable to The DPSA.

# School disco – Friday 29th January with our new DJ



## **EYF + KS1**

**6.00 – 7.00pm is £2** (payable on entry)

Drinks are provided. Sweets will be on sale. We suggest you give your child no more than 50p for sweets (average cost 10-20p a bag). Glow sticks will be available at 20p each or 3 for 50p

## **KS2**

**7.15 – 8.30pm is £2.50** (payable on entry)

Drinks will be provided. Sweets, bottled drinks, crisps and glow sticks will be on sale. There is also a children's raffle. Please note the DPSA and parent helpers cannot be responsible for what children choose to spend their money on. It is therefore recommended that parents check how much money children are bringing to the disco. Raffle tickets will be 20p each, sweets approximately 10-20p each, glow sticks are 20p or 3 for 50p.

**Helpers needed for both discos so please let Sally Pain ([sallyj@doctors.org.uk](mailto:sallyj@doctors.org.uk)) know if you can help or post on Facebook. Thank you**

## Dates for the diary 2018



### **March**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

### **June**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Summer Fayre**

## 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!

**Thank you for your support  
The DPSA**



## Sporting Achievements

Below is a report from Henry R in Class Eider, who is so enthusiastic about his new sporting venture:

Last Sunday I ran 2 KM at the Maldon Park Run for the first time. There were 80 people and sometimes there are even more. I came 15th which I am really proud but of with a time of 10:39. James S in class A came 1st with the time of 8:46. There were also some other children from school running including the whole Reavill family!!

I can't wait for Sunday to come again so I can see if I can beat my time. I loved doing it.



## London Marathon 2018

Dear Parents and Carers of Danbury Park,

I am running in this year's **London Marathon** in memory of our dear friend Sally Baker who, you will remember, sadly passed away from the deadly effects of Meningitis in Dec 2015. I am hoping to raise lots of money and awareness for the Meningitis Research Foundation and hope that you will support me in this. Previous fundraising efforts in her honour have included 2 well attended Coffee Mornings where we have together raised over £2500 so far. In order to involve the children on this occasion, I am organising a Children's Disco to be held at the Danbury Sports and Social Centre on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

Entry will be **£4**, with refreshments, sweets and raffle tickets available to buy at a very reasonable price at the event.

### Details...

Where: **Danbury Sports and Social Centre**

When: **2pm until 4pm**

Date: **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb** (inset day, ideal for those that want something to do in the afternoon)

Please email [Yvonne.burton@live.co.uk](mailto:Yvonne.burton@live.co.uk) or text/call 07919401428 for any other details and questions.

An idea of attendance numbers in advance would be helpful but everyone is still very welcome to turn up on the day.

Please visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/yvonne-burton](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/yvonne-burton) if you would like to pay for your place in advance or to donate to this very worthwhile cause.

As always, thank you to everyone for their wonderful support.

Yvonne Burton

## Notices and Reminders

**Parking** – Last term there were issues again with the safe and considerate use of the Danbury Outdoors carpark and Well Lane. We were informed of a parent who had parked on the yellow zig-zag lines causing an obstruction for vehicles and a danger to pedestrians.

**Please think about the safety of our children before there is an incident where someone is seriously hurt.**











**School office opening hours** – The school office opens to parents and pupils at 8.30am and closes at 3.45pm. We are sorry but after this time the office are unable to take payments and the shutters will be closed.

**Adults coming into school** - A gentle reminder that parent's wishing to come into the school **must come to the main office sign in and be given a visitors badge regardless of their reason to enter the building. This is part of our safeguarding policy in keeping our children safe.**

**PE Kits** – Please remember that earrings have to be removed for all PE lessons and we are not allowed to cover pupils' ears with tape.

**Coats** – We are now feeling the chill of winter, so it is vital that all children bring a coat into school every day. The children need fresh air, so even if it is drizzling or cold, they need to get outside at break and lunchtimes but can only do so if they have a warm, waterproof coat.

### Letters sent home this week:

-  **Class F Teacher Cover**
-  **Star Wars meal Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**
-  **Individual Pupil Targets for children in Years 1 to 6**
-  **Parent Consultations**
-  **Foundation Topic letter**
-  **Class Goldfinch Spring Term Letter**
-  **Class Jay Spring Term Letter**
-  **Class Dove Spring Term Letter**
-  **Class Flamingo Spring Term Letter**
-  **Class Avocet Chinese morning**

This week Topic Webs for the Spring Term have been added to the class pages of the school website, so please read these so that you know what the children will be learning this term.



## Owl's Barn School Meals

### Week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January

<b>Week 3</b> MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake or Salmon Puff (V)	Garlic Bread Peas Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sponge Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Minced Beef Pie or Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheese (V)	Creamy Mashed Potato Carrots Mixed Vegetables Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Homemade Shortbread Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Roast Turkey served with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy or Roasted Quorn Fillet served with Yorkshire pudding and Gravy (V)	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced Carrots Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Homemade Creamy Rice Pudding and Jam Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
<b>STAR WARS MEAL THURSDAY</b>	<b>Jabba The Hutt Dog</b>  (Sausage in a roll or a Quorn sausage in a roll)	<b>Wookie Wedges (Potato wedges)</b> <b>Vader Veg (Sweetcorn)</b> <b>Light Sabre's (Carrot Sticks)</b> Sky Walker (Salad)	<b>Not Available</b>	<b>Princess Leia Cup Cake</b> <b>Obi- Wan Kenobi's (Fruit Kebab)</b> <b>Solo Yoghurt</b> <b>Yoda Soda</b>
FRIDAY	Oven baked Youngs Omega 3 Fish Fingers	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Red Velvet Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

### Dates for the Diary

#### Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Jan

Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Am

First Aid Training for midday assistants and learning support assistants

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Jan

Star Wars Special theme lunch for the whole school

7.00pm

Full governing body meeting

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan

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

Carol Gooding

Headteacher

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## Dates for Spring Term 2018

Date	Time	Event
<b>January</b>		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Am	First Aid Training for midday assistants
18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
18 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch	Special Star Wars theme lunch
25 <sup>th</sup>	2.50pm	Boys Football Match v Priory (away)
	6.00pm 7.15pm	DPSA Discos
29 <sup>th</sup>	Am	Class A Chinese Morning
30 <sup>th</sup>	2.50pm	Class Flamingo Assembly
<b>February</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	4.30pm	Curriculum Committee meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup>	All day	Classes Flamingo and Goldfinch Chocolate by Design Workshops
5 <sup>th</sup>		Class Cuckoo to the Royal Observatory
6 <sup>th</sup>	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations
8 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations
9 <sup>th</sup>		School Closed for staff training
<b>12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Half-term break</b>	
Week beg 19 <sup>th</sup>		Book Week
21 <sup>st</sup>	All day	Brain Moses, poet to visit
28 <sup>th</sup>	2.50pm	Class Hummingbird Assembly
<b>March</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		Mike Dodsworth, story teller to visit classes Hummingbird and Jay
	3.15pm	Girls Football Match v Cathedral (away)
9 <sup>th</sup>	2.50pm	Class Goldfinch Assembly
12 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Pay Committee Meeting
	7.00pm	Personnel Committee meeting
16 <sup>th</sup>	2.50pm	Class Jay Assembly
	3.30pm	Girls Football Match v St Anne's (home)
17 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Sport Relief Activities
23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am - 11.30 am	Pre School morning
24 <sup>th</sup>	tbc	DPSA Easter Egg Hunt
27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Spring Celebration for guests & infants
29 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm	End of term lunch for staff and governors
29 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Spring Celebration for parents
		Break up for Easter holidays