

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

19th January 2018

Dear Parents,

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

Maddie D – **Topaz** Ava B – **Emerald**

*Certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly on Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 3.00pm
Families are welcome to join us.*

KS2 Golden Time

Following the pupil surveys we carried out last term, I am pleased to tell you that we are re-introducing Golden Time in Key Stage 2. At Danbury Park School this is a special time which takes place each Friday morning for 25 minutes to enrich our curriculum. The teachers, learning support assistants and Mrs Gooding are all involved in offering the children opportunities to try something completely different and to work with children from other year groups and classes. The children take part in the same activity for the half-term after which they change and try something else.

This term Mrs Gooding is busy gardening and working with her group of children to sort out our vegetable patches, put together some new cold frames and hopefully to start sowing seeds ready for the spring. Mrs Parkington and Mrs Babbs are engaging the children by creating a range of objects made from folding paper using the ancient Japanese art of origami, whilst Mrs Ireland and Mrs Jackson are up to their elbows in making clay models. Mrs Marsland and Mrs Backshall are offering the very popular drama activities, Miss Chinery and Mrs Barker are doing dancing and Mrs Booth and Mrs Anstee are playing a range of games including chess.

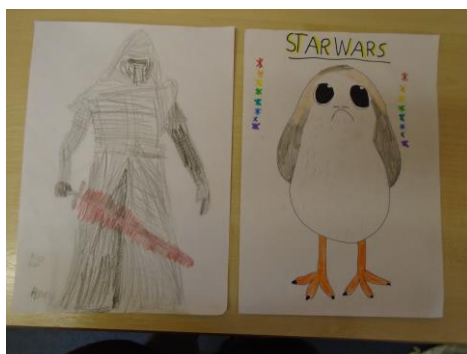


Over the next few weeks the children will be writing reports for the newsletter to give you more details about what they are doing and their views on the activities.

Star Wars Design a Poster Competition

The children and staff really enjoyed their special themed lunch yesterday especially the Princess Leia inspired cupcakes for dessert. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Hind, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Everard, Mrs Smith and Mrs Whitbread for all their hard work in the kitchen and for preparing such delicious meals.

The School Council met today and had the tricky job of selecting the winners of our Star Wars drawing competition. The winners were Emmy P and Henry C and they will be presented with a special Star War pencil case in assembly on Monday.



Well done and thank you to everyone who took part.

Term Dates 2018-19

In consultation with the local schools in our partnership, we have decided to change the dates of the Christmas holiday for 2018-19. We are aware that with split weeks as happened this past Christmas, families do not have enough time to travel and catch up with extended families and friends. School will now close for Christmas on Thursday 20th December and reopen on Monday 7th January, which will give families two full weeks. We are also planning on holding our Christmas plays during those last few days of term with a filmed dress rehearsal on the Monday, infant performances on the Tuesday, junior performances on the Wednesday and then we will have a day of Christmas activities and our traditional parties on the Thursday to end the term.

Please note that school will open as usual on Friday 29th October as the staff training day is moving to 21st December. A revised Term Dates document has been uploaded to the school website.

Staffing Updates

Sadly in July at the end of this academic year Mrs Parkington and Mrs Waring will be leaving Danbury Park School. Mrs Parkington will be following new ventures including spending more time with her grandchild whilst Mrs Waring will be broadening her experience and undertaking more specialised study and research. Mrs Parkington and Mrs Waring still have many months ahead with us and lots of exciting plans for not only Class Eider but also the School Council. We hope that they enjoy their last two terms with us.

The recruitment process has already begun so that we can ensure we secure the best teacher possible for our school. We will keep you updated with developments in due course.

Safeguarding - Keeping Safe

TV Advert

As you may be aware the NSPCC have been broadcasting a TV advert to raise awareness of how parents can help their younger children keep safe from child sexual abuse. If you've missed it, you can watch it here:

<https://youtu.be/nMIKUsZjirA>

Parents' Pack for PANTS message

The TV advert directs parents to the PANTS campaign, used in schools for many years. There is now a pack for parents to use, to encourage them to have a conversation that many might feel uncomfortable about having.

The link to the parents' PANTS pack is here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule>

Pantosaurus App for iOS and Android

The NSPCC have also teamed up with award-winning animators, Aardman to create a free app, for both android and iOS, featuring the Pantosaurus characters. There are four mini games where players test their skills against Pantosaurus. The app is great fun to use. You can get the app by going to the relevant App Store below:

Find on Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.org.nspcc.pantosaurus>

Find on the Apple App Store: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/playtime-with-pantosaurus/id1258635349?mt=8>

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



School disco – Friday 26th 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) know if you can help or post on Facebook. Thank you

Jumble Sale – £490 Profit

Thank you to everyone who gave up their time and helped at the school jumble sale last Saturday. We had a good turn out and were able to make a massive £490 profit all of which will go towards buying things for the school. All suitable left over jumble will be put to Bag2School next Wednesday.

Bag2school – Wednesday 24th January 9am



Collection bags have 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 make sure the bags are tied up tightly and left by the school gate **by 9am on the day only**. If it is raining please put the bags in the cycle shelter.

Christmas DVD

Thank you to everyone for supporting the school by purchasing the DVDs of the Children's Christmas Performance. With your help we were able to raise **£255** for the school. If you would like to purchase a copy they are still available at £15 each. Order forms are available from your class rep or the school office.

The Big Book Collection is back

The Big Book Collection of donated children's books in the summer and autumn terms of last year was able to add **over 150 books** to the school library. The collection box is back to continue this term. If you have any good quality books your children no longer read or have outgrown please leave them in the box by the school office. We are looking for all types of books in good condition from Early Years Foundation up to year 6 - fiction, poetry, non-fiction. Thank you.

Dates for the diary 2018



March

Saturday 24th **Easter Egg Hunt**

June

Saturday 23rd **Summer Fayre**
Friday 29th **School Disco**

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



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 9th February. Entry will be **£4**, with refreshments, sweets and raffle tickets available to buy at the event. We have secured the services of a great DJ and there will be prizes for the best dancers.

Where: **Danbury Sports and Social Centre**

When: **1.30pm to 3.30pm**

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

It's first come, first served. Book your place online or by contacting me directly. We will be issuing tickets because of hall capacity and those will be available at the school gate next week.

Please email yvonne.burton@live.co.uk or text/call 07919401428 for any other details and questions.

Please visit 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.

If anyone wants to guess my finishing time on marathon day, there is the potential to win £50. Please contact me for further information.

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:



The Royal Observatory Class C



Superstars Festival Year 4



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 22nd January

Week 1 MONDAY	Homemade Pepperoni or Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)	White and Wholegrain Pasta Coleslaw Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cranberry Flapjack with Yoghurt Drizzle Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Local Butchers pork sausage or Vegetarian Quorn Sausage (V)	Creamy Mashed Potato Fresh Sliced Carrots & Peas/ Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Local Butchers Roast Beef served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheddar Whirl (V)	Roast Potatoes Cauliflower florets Fresh carrots Green salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice cream Arctic Roll Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Homemade Chicken Korma or Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma (V)	White and Wholegrain Rice Naan Bread Sweetcorn, Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Bubble Crumb Fish Fillet	Chips Baked Beans / Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Viennese Biscuits Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 22nd January 2018

Mon 22nd Jan

Tues 23rd Jan

Weds 24th Jan

Thurs 25th Jan

Boys' Football match v Priory School (away)

Fri 26th Jan

6.00pm

7.15pm

EYFS & KS1 DPSA Disco

KS2 DPSA Disco

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

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

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Dates for Spring Term 2018

Date	Time	Event
January		
25 th	2.50pm	Boys' Football Match v Priory (away)
26 th	6.00pm 7.15pm	DPSA Discos
29 th	Am	Class A Chinese Morning
30 th	2.50pm	Class Flamingo Assembly
February		
1 st	4.30pm	Curriculum Committee meeting
2 nd	All day	Classes Flamingo and Goldfinch Chocolate by Design Workshops
5 th		Class Cuckoo to the Royal Observatory
6 th	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations
8 th	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations
9 th		School Closed for staff training
12th to 16th	Half-term break	
Week beg 19 th		Book Week
21 st	All day	Brain Moses, poet to visit
28 th	2.50pm	Class Hummingbird Assembly
March		
2 nd		Mike Dodsworth, story teller to visit classes Hummingbird and Jay
	3.15pm	Girls Football Match v Cathedral (away)
9 th	2.50pm	Class Goldfinch Assembly
12 th	6.30pm	Pay Committee Meeting
	7.00pm	Personnel Committee meeting
16 th	2.50pm	Class Jay Assembly
	3.30pm	Girls Football Match v St Anne's (home)
17 th to 23 rd		Sport Relief Activities
23 rd	9.30am - 11.30 am	Pre School morning
24 th	2.00 – 4.00pm	DPSA Easter Egg Hunt
27 th	10.00am	Spring Celebration for guests & infants
29 th	12.00pm	End of term lunch for staff and governors
29 th	2.30pm	Spring Celebration for parents
		Break up for Easter holidays