

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

26th January 2018

Dear Parents,

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

Danielle W – **Bronze** Ella H - **Diamond** Joe K – **Topaz** George B- **Silver**

Congratulations also to

Danielle W for passing her Grade 2 Ballet with Merit

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

Special Visitors



We are really pleased that the week beginning 5th February we will be joined by seventeen children and three teachers from China. The junior children and their teachers from a primary school in Beijing will be staying in the local area and we are delighted that they will be joining us for the four days before the half-term break.

On Monday 5th we will welcome our visitors to Danbury Park School in a special assembly where we will tell them all about us and they will tell us about their school. The children will also be performing a special tea ceremony for us. During the week the children and their teachers will then be joining Class Avocet and Class Budgerigar for their normal lessons so that they can experience life in an English school. Some of our children will be asked to act as buddies for the week so that our visitors have a point of contact and can build up a friendship.

We will end the week on Thursday 8th with a farewell assembly.

I am sure the children will have lots to tell you about this exciting venture and there will be lots to share with you in the newsletters after half-term.

Golden Time



Miss Chinery's dance group have certainly been enjoying their Golden Time learning lots of dances including Gangnam style

News from the School Council Tuck Shop Poster Competition

The Tuck Shop (Snack Shack) needs a new poster! There is a competition to design a new poster and we would love to see lots of you making posters for the tuck shop. The best poster (which we will choose) will win the competition. The closing date for the competition is on Monday the 19th February (after half term) and we will judge the posters on the 20th February. Good luck to you all! Please return your completed posters to the school council.

The School Council.

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!

Dropping Off Before School

We have noticed that an increasing number of children are being dropped off early to wait outside the school gate in the mornings. Please note that the gate opens at 8.50am and that before this time, the children are not supervised by school staff. We regret that children cannot wait in the front entrance lobby as the office is very busy first thing in the morning.

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.

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.**

Letters sent home this week:

 **Infant Music Festival Year 2**

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.



DPSA News



School disco – TONIGHT 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 £1 for sweets (average cost 10-20p a bag), crisps 30p, and glow sticks will be available at 20p each or 3 for 50p.

Please collect children from the KS1 disco using the school side door through the teacher's car park.

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, crisps 30p and glow sticks are 20p or 3 for 50p.

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

Eagles

The children at Eagles are very excited about the development of the bungalow. The children have been drawing pictures to put up on display. We will be operating Eagles from the bungalow after February half term.

We will be holding some open sessions during the half term week for our current families and any new families who wish to view Eagles in the bungalow.

The sessions are as follows:-

Wednesday 14th February 9.30-11.00am and 1.00pm-2.30pm;

Thursday 15th February 1.30-3.00pm;

Friday 16th February 9.30-11.00am.



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 29th January

Week 2 MONDAY	Pasta Carbonara or Vegetarian Carbonara (V)	Homemade Fresh Bread Mixed Vegetables Carrot Sticks Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cornflake Tart and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese or Quorn Bolognese (V)	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Giant Cookie with Fruit Wedge Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Local Butchers Roast Gammon served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheesy Stack Wrap (V)	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced carrots Whole Green Beans Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Strawberry Fruit Jelly Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Kentucky Chicken Drumsticks or Macaroni Cheese (v)	White and Wholegrain Rice Broccoli, Sweetcorn Green Salad Chips Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jam Tart and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Local Butchers Beefburger in a Floured Bap or Vegetable Burger in a Floured Bap (v)	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Rice Crispy Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 29th January 2018

Mon 29th Jan

Chinese Morning in Class Avocet

Tues 30th Jan
2.50 pm

Class Flamingo Assembly

Weds 31st Jan

Thurs 1st Feb
4.30pm

Governors' Curriculum Committee Meeting

Fri 2nd Feb
All Day

Chocolate By Design Class Flamingo and Goldfinch

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

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Spring Term 2018

Date	Time	Event
January		
29th	Am	Class A Chinese Morning
30th	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