

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



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

**5th January 2018**

Dear Parents,

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

Zak S – Emerald

Christopher C – Emerald

Maisy L – Diamond

Amber B – Diamond

Summer P – Topaz

Joseph P - Silver

**Well done!**

*Certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018*

*Families are welcome to join us.*

### Welcome back

I hope that you all had a good Christmas and that the New Year has started well. The Spring Term always gets underway very quickly as it is such a short term overall and we have so many exciting events and activities to fit in.

This term we will celebrate our annual Book Week and this year we are delighted that we will be visited by the poet Brian Moses. Throughout the school the children read his poetry so I know they will be eager to meet him and work with him. Classes Hummingbird and Jay are also busy arranging a visit from Mike Dodsworth who has been to Danbury Park several times and he will be busy telling stories in his own inimitable and enthralling way. The other classes are also in the midst of arranging educational visits and events including a Chinese day in Class Avocet, Class Cuckoo's visit to the National Observatory in London and the traditional Pirate Day for Class Eider at Danbury Country Park.

We will also have the traditional range of events such as the DPSA discos and Easter Egg Hunt as well as the infant class assemblies and the KS2 Spring Celebration.

A list of dates for your diary are included at the end of this newsletter to help you plan ahead and we hope to see you at many of these events.

## School Bungalow

Over the Christmas holiday the builders completed the renovation work on the school bungalow and we are really pleased that it is now ready for us to start moving into and using.

The bungalow will give us additional space for activities and lessons where we need more room and where the school hall is already in use. We are planning to use it for drama activities, for design and technology and for small group teaching. We have removed the old bathroom and installed three toilet cubicles including a disabled one and there is now a kitchen servery area for refreshments.

As well as using the bungalow during lesson time, it will also be used for staff training and this month our team of midday assistants will be the first to use it for their first aid training. Eagles, Little Owls' before and after school childcare club, will be moving in as soon as they can once their formalities with Ofsted have been completed.

Once we have moved in, we will hold an open afternoon for parents to see the new facilities.



## 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!**



# DPSA News



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

Danbury Village Hall (Donations of jumble and help needed)

Please collect together and bring all jumble - adult and childrens 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 on the morning of 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 need helpers on the day 10 helpers to sort donations in the morning 9am -12 noon and another 12 people to run stalls in the afternoon 1.15 – 3pm. If you can help on the day 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 lovely school tea towels left so orders can still be taken for both designs - EYF/KS1 and KS2. Spare 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.

## Children's Christmas Performance DVD

If in the run up to Christmas you forgot to order a DVD of the school Christmas performance don't despair as we still have a few available at **£15.00 each** with £3 from each purchase going to the DPSA to raise funds for the school. Just fill out an order form (available from the Class Reps or the school office) and return it to the school office with the correct money.

## Booking a holiday or shopping online? Don't forget to use easyfundraising

If you book or shop online go via [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and you can raise money for the school at no cost to yourself at all. Simply register on the easyfundraising website (you just need an email address and a password) and search for Danbury Park School. Select from a list of hundreds of well-known retailers you'd like to shop with and you'll be directed to the retailers' web site as usual but any purchases you make will earn the school commission. Travel companies, car hire companies, holiday insurance and airport parking pay up to 10% of your purchase price.

## Dates for the diary 2018



### January

Saturday 13th Jumble Sale

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Bag2school

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> School Disco

### 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**





## 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.**

**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 beginning to feel the chill of the encroaching 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 and G Chocolate by Design**

 **Premier Sports**



## Owl's Barn School Meals

### Week commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

<b>Week 2 MONDAY</b>	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	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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**1.45pm**

**Tour for prospective parents**

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**Fri 12<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>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	School opens for the Spring Term
17 <sup>th</sup>	Am	First Aid Training for midday assistants
18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
25 <sup>th</sup>	2.50pm	Boys Football Match v Priory (away)
	6.00pm 7.15pm	DPSA Discos
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
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