

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

2nd February 2018

Dear Parents,

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

Isla T- **Bronze**

Emily W – **Bronze**

Holly B- **Diamond**

Congratulations also to **Nadrah - A. - Grade 2 Piano.**

*Certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly
on Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 2.50pm
Families are welcome to join us.*

Book Week

Next week is the last week of this half-term and we are looking forward to welcoming our visitors from China.

The first week back after the half-term break is our annual Book Week when we celebrate all things literary! Each class will be taking a book or collection of poems to study for the week and this will involve not only lots of reading and writing but also drama activities, music, art and design technology.

We have a programme for the week which will include:

Monday 19th Feb Classes will be pairing up and sharing and reading stories together.

Wednesday 21st Feb We will be joined by Brian Moses, a well-known children's author who will be leading a whole school assembly followed by workshops with all the infant children, with classes E, D and C and then with classes B and A.

Friday 23rd Feb Dressing up Day. We would like the children to dress up as a book character. Please remember, though they will still need sensible footwear, jumpers and coats as we will still be going outside at break and lunch times.

Adults in school will be offering a special story time when they will be reading an excerpt from their favourite book. The children will be able to choose from the selection which reading they want to attend.

We will be asking for donations on dressing up day to help cover the cost of Brian Moses's visit and also so that we can purchase some new reading books and books for the libraries. More details next week.

It is going to be a very busy and exciting week!

Boys Football team win away at Priory



Well done to the boys' team. We won 2-1 against Priory last week, which means that so far we have won 2 matches and lost 1.

Class Flamingo Assembly

Class Flamingo performed their assembly all about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on Tuesday 30th January. Their assembly was: musical, factual, mathematical and funny. They started by inviting all of the classes and adults into the hall with some beautiful music played by the children. Some played the guitar and others played the piano.

When everyone was seated they were ready to start their performance. They started with English; an acrostic poem spelling out the word chocolate. After that, one by one, they stood up and said their New Year's resolutions for school. One or two of the children had already achieved theirs and the others are still working towards them. As well as their resolutions for school, they also did it for home. Some were very thoughtful, but the others were quite funny!

Moving on, they then told everyone about Roald Dahl. Apparently his favourite colour was yellow, and his teacher said he wasn't very good at writing. (Even teachers get things wrong.)

Next was the chocolate song; all about chocolate of course. Conjunctions and explanation text quickly followed. Two children read their explanation about how to be hygienic.

The children then shared their maths game called Kings and Queens. This is where the humour came into the assembly. Mrs Buer, Class Flamingo's teacher, called out a multiplication question and whoever said the answer first won and remained standing. As the children were eager to answer, they poked their heads out and shouted causing great laughter throughout the audience. The game demonstrated their excellent multiplication knowledge and the fun that they had when learning. The children in Class Avocet are going to play it too!

The assembly closed with a song from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - The Candy Man and a prayer. As the children left, the musicians played their beautiful tunes once again.

Well done Class Flamingo!

By Amelia H, Class Avocet

Golden Time

Golden Time continues to be a great success. The children with Mrs Ireland and Mrs Jackson have made a variety of clay sculptures including pots with lids.



I really enjoy golden time and I am sure everyone else does too.

There are six activities to choose from: clay in Class Avocet; board games in class Budgerigar; drama (Shakespeare) in class Cuckoo; dance in Class Dove; origami in class Eider and gardening with Mrs Gooding. Golden time is on for twenty five minutes every Friday. In Class Avocet we get to choose our activity by earning star points; the higher the amount of points you have the greater opportunity you have of attending the activity of your choice.

Golden Time makes Fridays fun.

Ben J

Golden Time occurs every Friday from 11:55am to 12:20pm. This time is always the best twenty five minutes of the week because the entire Key Stage 2 swap classes to do different activities. The activities this term are: clay in Class Avocet; board games in class Budgerigar; drama (Shakespeare) in class Cuckoo; dance in Class Dove; origami in class Eider and gardening with Mrs Gooding. All choices are fun to do. I chose drama in Class Cuckoo.

How do we choose in Class Avocet what activity we do? To reward hard work we go by the amount of star points we have achieved during the term. Whoever has the most points picks first and whoever has the least points has to go last. This is not really a problem as all activities are enjoyable.

Maite M

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 16 th February	9.30- 11.00am.

Safeguarding - Keeping Safe

Absences from School

It is so important that you let school know if your children will not be coming into school for whatever reason.

Our procedures are that the teachers take the registers promptly first thing in the morning and again straight after lunch and these are then checked by the office staff to establish which children are not in school and why. We have a designated option to report pupil absence on our telephone system so that you can leave messages at any time. Please do not contact us by e-mail as we receive so many in one day and your message may get lost. In the mornings we aim to complete these tasks by 9.30am and at that point, if we do not know why a child is not in school, we start phoning the contacts on the list supplied by you when the children joined Danbury Park School. We always start with our Year 6 and Year 5 children as they are the ones, who with your permission, may be walking to school and therefore at greater risk.

If you have applied for a leave of absence, this will be recorded in the registers and you do not need to remind us. If your child has been sent home from school unwell or you have notified us that your child is unwell, you do not need to contact us every day that they are absent. However, if we have not heard from you for two days and the illness is not one, for which we would expect your child to be away from school for a prolonged period, or we are in anyway concerned, we will phone to check. We do need a letter when your child returns to school confirming why they were absent.

Please note that should we not be able to make contact with you and we are concerned for the safety of the children, we would contact the police.

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.

Notices and Reminders

Story CDs – if you have any CDs with stories that your children no longer need, we can make good use of them in our library area and in class.

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:



Parent consultation appointment times



Class A and B Chinese visitors to school

Prospective student tours of King Edward V1 Grammar School

King Edward V1 Grammar School will be holding tours for boys in year 5 and their parents who will be starting secondary school in September 2019.

The Sessions are:

Monday 12th March –Morning

Tuesday 13th March –Morning

Wednesday 14th March – Morning

Thursday 15th March – Afternoon

Friday 16th March – Afternoon

Monday 19th March – Morning

For the morning sessions families should arrive for 9.30 am for a 9.45 am start.

For the afternoon sessions families should arrive for 1.30pm for a 1.45pm start.

Please allow 2 hours for your visit.

Booking is essential. Go to the link on the school website to book a place. www.kegs.org.uk



DPSA News



School Disco Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped at the school disco making it a great success. We



were able to raise a massive **£600** which will go towards buying more things for school.

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

If you book or shop online go via 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.

The Big Book Collection

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.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday 24th March 2-4pm



Make sure the date is in the diary. They'll be an Easter Egg hunt around the school grounds with prizes, cakes & refreshments, Easter crafts and games, and of course an Easter Egg tombola.

Dates for the diary 2018

Saturday
June



Saturday 23rd
Friday 29th

March
Easter Egg Hunt

Summer Fayre
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 do in the afternoon)

Its 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. I have a GUESS MY TIME sheet with £3 for a guess or 2 guesses for £5.

JUST ANNOUNCED –

The LONDON MARATHON After Party at The Bell, Danbury on Friday 27th April 8pm til late.

We will be celebrating all the fundraising effort and support by having one last fun evening with raffles and more... I won't be holding anymore events but will use this evening as a last push and as a big thank you to all of you. I hope to see many familiar faces. There will be a small charge for this event. Details to follow in the next newsletter but please save the date!

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

Yvonne Burton



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 5th February

Week 3 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
THURSDAY	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or Vegetarian Quorn Balls in tomato sauce (V)	White and Wholegrain pasta Cauliflower Florets Sweet Corn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 5th February 2018

Visitors from China in school all week

Mon 5th Feb Class Cuckoo to visit the Royal Observatory, London

Tues 6th Feb
11.50am-3.15pm Year 4 Superstars at Melbourne Stadium
3.40pm-6.10pm Parent Consultations

Weds 7th Feb
2.50pm Celebration Assembly

Thurs 8th Feb
6.00pm-8.30pm Parent Consultations
Last day of half-term for pupils.

Fri 9th Feb School closed for staff training

Monday 12th to Friday 16th Feb Half-term break

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
February		
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