



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

16th March 2018

Dear Parents,

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

Perteet G – **Emerald**

Brooke B - **Bronze**

Congratulations also to:

Ben C for achieving a Bronze medal in the recent Primary Maths Challenge bonus round competition and to **Nadrah A-Y** for taking part.

*Certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly
on Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 2.50pm*

KS2 Choir Competition



On Wednesday evening our KS2 choir comprising twenty-two eager children attended the first ever Inter-school Choir Competition organised by The Rotary Club of Chelmsford Phoenix. In total there were three heats and our heat took place at KEGS against four other schools. We sang two of our favourite songs: the upbeat *Groovy Grandma* and the more thoughtful *Whales – Swimming Free*. We were enthusiastically supported by parents and families but sadly we did not win.

The children did sing very well and we are very proud of them. They all received a certificate and these will be presented again in Celebration Assembly on Wednesday 21st March at 2.50pm. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Long for organising the event, teaching us the songs and accompanying us on the piano.

Jump Start!



We are pleased to inform you that on Thursday 22nd March the children at Danbury Park School are going to take part in a special *Jump Start!* event to raise funds for our school and for Sport Relief. The children will be participating in a series of personal challenges against the clock including how many goals they can score, how many star jumps they can perform and how many lengths of the playground they can skip in a set period. We intend to have lots of fun, whilst getting lots of exercise and fresh air.

As you may be aware over the past seven years we have systematically been renovating and remodelling the older classrooms in the school so that they are bright, modern learning environments. However, schools are facing increasing pressure on their budgets and sadly we have been unable to undertake the final stage of this long term project. We have one classroom and one teaching space left untouched and we would really like to do this. Class Eider, at the front of the school is trapped between Class Flamingo and Class Dove and the children need to walk through one of the other classrooms to get to the school hall or anywhere else in the main building. Additionally, the lower junior toilets are located within Class Dove. By creating a corridor to the side and the back of Class Dove into the ICT Suite, we can minimise interruptions in Class Dove considerably. To create this, we need to remove the water storage tanks above Class Dove, move the art sink under the window and replace the old wet flooring and then we want to redecorate to create a brighter learning space. At the same time, we would like to add an air conditioning unit in the ICT suite and replace the flooring and the old shelving at the back. Not only will the children in Class Dove and Class Eider benefit but so will all the children!

The DPSA has raised an amazing amount of money over the past few year and we are really grateful for the school equipment they have bought. Last year they completed the project to replace all the old interactive whiteboards in the classrooms with newer technology in the form of Clevertouch screens so now all the children benefit from the enhancements these screens bring to learning. The DPSA has also made a significant contribution of £10 000 to cover the school's commitment required by Essex County Council towards the project to sort out the drainage on site. This has freed up funds for school to spend on essential items. Without the tireless efforts of the DPSA and your support, the children would have been less well-provided for.

The DPSA will continue to organise all our favourite annual activities and raise funds predominantly to enhance our school provision and they are willing to support us in part with the bigger building project. We know that this is a long term project and this is the first special additional fundraising activity this academic year. The totaliser in our front reception area shows that we have so far raised around £3000 towards our target of £38 000. If you know of any other ways in which you could help or have any ideas for future events, please let us know.

We hope that you will support us with our *Jump Start!* event by collecting sponsors with your child on the attached form. If possible we also aim to collect Gift Aid so have included slips for you to ask sponsor to complete; these can be returned with the money collected. We are expecting that infant children will complete 5 activities and the junior children a maximum of 10. As we know that many of you will be catching up with grandparents and families over the Easter break, please keep the sponsor form at home in the hope of collecting as many sponsors as possible. On the day of the event the children will each be given a card on which to collect stickers and they will bring this home as proof of how many events they complete. As an incentive there will be prizes for the biggest fundraisers!

We are combining this event with Sport Relief and the school will be making a small donation to the charity.

We would like sponsor forms with money to be sent into school in a sealed envelope after the Easter break and by Friday 20th April.

KS2 Snack Shack - Breaking News!



Following on the back of the growing success of the Key Stage 2 **Snack Shack**, Mrs Waring received an exciting phone call on Wednesday morning. It was from Ben Fryer of BBC Essex's breakfast show. Regular listeners will be aware that presenters Ben and Sonia go 'out and about' after each morning show, visiting exciting things going on around the county. And, you have guessed it - they have heard about our **School Council Snack Shack** and want to come and see it in action! We do not have a date yet but we are hoping for a visit before the end of term. So keep bringing in your tuck money and you may make it on to the radio!

In related news, careful budgeting in the purchase of snacks has meant that we are going to drop the price of a daily snack from 40p to **30p** with immediate effect. So a week of snacks has just dropped in price from £2 to **only £1.50** - come and sample the range. This week we have offered mango, pineapple, water melon, raisins, easy peeler satsumas and juicy British apples.

Watch this space for the launch of our new logo after Easter....

Safeguarding - Keeping Safe

CSE Awareness Day Campaign – Online Child Sexual Abuse, including Youth Produced Sexual Imagery

Supporting National CSE Awareness Day, Essex Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB) will highlight messages about staying safe online and via technology, to parents, carers, children and young people during the week of Sunday 18 March 2018 – Saturday 24 March 2018.

There is a wealth of materials and resources, including videos, graphics and posters available on the ESCB website: escb@essex.gov.uk so please have a look!

Save the date: **Wednesday 6th June**

On Wednesday 6th June we will be holding special workshops with all children in Years 3 and 4 and in Years 5 and 6 about e-safety. These have been designed and will be led by a specialist team of professionals including ex police officers and teachers. Our aim is for the children to hear about how to keep themselves safe from experts! After school there will be training for all school staff which will be followed by an information session for parents. In the ever changing world of technology it is vitally important that parents understand what their children are involved in and the risks they face.

To help protect our children, we want as many parents of junior children present as possible. The teachers are organising a KS2 Film Night that evening so that the children have a special social event with their friends whilst parents attend the session. In order for the child to watch the film, a parent must stay and listen to the presentation. More information will follow soon but please keep this evening free in your diaries.

Let's work together to keep our children safe!

MOVIE NIGHT

Are you tired of travelling all the way to Chelmsford just to watch a movie? Well now you don't need to; Danbury Park School Council is bringing the Cinema to you for only £3 including a drink and a goody bag!

**KS1 Friday 23rd March
5:30 pm—7:30 pm**

Feel free to come in your pjs. To ensure you have a really cosy evening why not bring your pillow and sleeping bag!



**Please note that because we will not finish until 7.30pm
this film night is for the children in Years 1 and 2 only.**

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.

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.

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

We will be celebrating all the fundraising effort and support by having one last fun evening with PRIZES, DANCING and more.

This event will be one last push to reach the fundraising target and as a chance for me to say thank you for every bit of support. I hope to see many familiar faces.

There will be a small charge for this event – as it is for CHARITY!

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

Yvonne Burton

Midday Assistant Vacancies



We currently have vacancies within our midday team. Our Midday Assistants are vital to the smooth running of our lunchtimes supervising the children whilst they eat and play. If you enjoy working with children and have endless enthusiasm and patience, then you are the person we are looking for. We can be flexible on days worked. For more details and an application form, please contact the school office.

Emergency School Closures – SNOW!

As we experienced recently, snow can cause many problems and difficulties for schools. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly but there may be times when the site is unsafe or insufficient staff can get into the school and closure is unavoidable. We liaise with the other schools in the area and also take into account the available weather forecast. Unfortunately, these can change rapidly as happened the other week when the snow just kept falling!

Schools notify Essex County Council if they are closed and the information is available on their website at: <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

We also put messages out on *Parentmail*. Where possible we try to do this by 7.30am. If there is no message sent out or a notification on the ECC website, then we are open as usual.

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. Please can children remember to collect their phones **before** going to clubs.

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:

- **KS2 Spring Celebration**
- **KS1 Film Night**

Year 5 Sandon Tour Dates

All tours will take place on the following dates and will commence at 9.30am. They will last a maximum of 45 minutes and Parents/carers will need to arrive no earlier than 9.15am in order to register. **Please contact the Sandon School to book your tour in advance, via the Sandon School Reception after the Easter holidays.**

Tour Dates

Wednesday 6th June, Monday 11th June, Friday 15th June, Monday 18th June and Thursday 21st June.



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday 24th March 2 - 4 p.m.

Donations for Children's Easter Egg Tombola and Hamper Raffle

- If you can provide an Easter egg, chocolate bunny or similar for the tombola please leave it in the box under the office counter by **Friday 23rd March**. We are also organising an Easter Hamper raffle so look out for a list of suggested items from your class Rep. The list includes things such as tea bags, coffee, jam, scones, hotcross buns, wine, sparkling fruit juice, Easter confectionary, Simnel cake, Easter-themed napkins and cupcake cases, Easter craft, Easter childrens book, seeds, childrens gardening gloves. Easter hamper items can be left in the collecting buckets in your child's class room. Thank you.



Tickets – Letters, with order forms attached, have gone out in book bags. Take advantage of our advance ticket price by filling in the order form and returning it to the school office via your class teacher by **Thursday 22th March** - it's only **£2.50 per child for tickets in advance**, but **£3.00 per child on the day**.

Easter Egg Colouring Competition - use your imagination to produce a fantastic picture based on the outline of an egg (attached to the advance ticket form). The pictures will be judged on the day by everyone who attends and there will be prizes for KS1 and KS2.

Don't forget that your decorated works of art must be handed to the school office by Friday 23rd March.

Helpers Needed - if you can help to run a stall on the day 2-3pm or 3-4pm, or come and help set up on Saturday morning please let us know on sallyj@doctors.org.uk or contact your class rep. **We still need at least 12 helpers for the first half and 12 for the second half so please do help if you can.**

Dates for the diary 2018



Saturday 24th

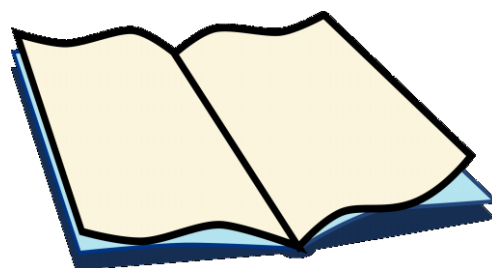
Easter Egg Hunt

June

**Wednesday 6th
Saturday 23rd
Friday 29th**

**Bag2school
Summer Fayre
School Disco**

Summer Fayre Brochure Advertising



Do you own a business or work for a firm that would like to advertise in our School Summer Fayre Brochure? We are in the process of putting this together and can offer advertising space of a quarter, half or full page. The brochure is professionally printed in colour and is given to all adults attending the school summer fayre. It is a great way to spread the word locally about your business. All proceeds raised go to the DPSA to spend on items for the school. If you are interested please contact Jo at dpsa2018@yahoo.com for more information.

Second-hand Uniform Help Needed



We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to take over the organising of the donated second-hand school uniform. The job involves collecting the uniform from the donation box at the school office and sorting it out into the storage boxes in the school shed. Any help putting it out at school events and maybe other times as well would be great. If you think you would like to help or need more information please contact me at sallyj@doctors.org.uk

Thank you

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!



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.

Thank you for your continued support. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 19th March

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	Ice Cream 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 19th March 2018

Mon 19th March	Year 6 Bikeability
Tues 20th March	Year 6 Height and Weight Check
Weds 21st March 11.00am 2.50pm	Year 6 Spanish Session with Sandon School Celebration Assembly
Thurs 22nd March 12.30pm	Jump Start! Fundraising Event Year 6 Bikeability
Fri 23rd March Am 12.30pm 2.50pm 5.30pm	Pre-school Activity Morning School Council Meeting Class Goldfinch Assembly KS1 Film Night

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
March		
22 nd		Jump Start! Sponsored fundraising event
23 rd	9.30am - 11.30 am	Pre School morning
23 rd	2.50pm	Class Goldfinch Assembly
	5.30pm	KS1 Film Night
24 th	2.00 – 4.00pm	DPSA Easter Egg Hunt
27 th	10.00am	KS2 Spring Celebration for guests & infants
29 th	12.00pm	End of term lunch for staff and governors
29 th	2.30pm	KS2 Spring Celebration for KS2 parents
		Break up for Easter holidays