

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



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

**29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Dear Parents,

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

**Angus B – Gold**

**Amber B - Topaz**

**Congratulations** also to all those children below who have passed their piano exams:

Quinlan S, Kayla B, Brooke B, Lucy R and Maisy L.

***Certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly  
on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 2.50pm***

### Spring Celebrations

The Key Stage 2 Spring Celebration took place today and ended the term on a thoughtful and hopeful note. The children retold the Easter story with each class taking a section and putting forward different viewpoints. As ever the singing was lovely and thank you to Mrs Long for teaching us the songs and accompanying us on the piano.

The children in the infants have been busy making Easter cards and Class Jay even carried out their traditional egg rolling activity despite the heavy rain on Thursday. The children said, "It was the best fun, ever!"



**We hope that you have a good Easter break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April ready for the Summer Term ahead!**

### Class Jay's Assembly



On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March the children in Class Jay presented their first assembly to the school and parents. They were very excited and keen to tell us all about their topic of *Once Upon a Time*. They shared with us their wishes and where they would like to visit if they had a magic carpet. They even shared with us some wonderful writing where they had taken a traditional tale and changed parts of it to create a new story.

### Class Goldfinch's Assembly



Last Friday the children in Class Goldfinch concluded our series of Spring Term assemblies. They shared with us their learning from their topic. Their moving pictures made in DT and their dance were delightful and they should be proud of their achievements. The children were confident and assured in their delivery and have obviously been enjoying their topic this term.

The next round of class assemblies will start after the Easter break. Please remember that although pre-school children are welcome to join us, they must be kept quiet otherwise we cannot hear what the children presenting the assembly are saying and they become easily distracted. If your child should start to make a noise, please leave the hall as unobtrusively as possible and stand in the corridor where you may be able to watch through the window of the door. Please also remember that food and drink should not be brought into school for toddlers to consume during the assembly, as we have to protect children and staff with potentially life-threatening allergies.

### Talented Pupils

Last week Liza passed her Grade 4 exam and took first place in the rope routine and second place overall in the National England Competitions.

Well done, Liza!



## Class Eider Pirate Day

As I woke up on my birthday the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018, I was excited for two reasons. One because it was my birthday and two because it was our school trip to Danbury Country Park.

Once we were all ready to be on our way, we walked on the sloppy mud on the junior playground we came to a gate. As we walked through the gate to the country park, we trudged into the forest and I thought what are we going to build? Then Captain Holly spotted us and walked over. After that she introduced herself. Now we really were going into the forest so off we went.

"We are now in the forest," Captain Holly said we were going to make a galleon out of logs. A few minutes later we started making our galleon. We had built the outside of the boat now we needed to put in the seats.

Our next activity was to make a scary mud face. When Ava and I first made our mud face, it fell off the tree. We then washed our hands in the stream. After that we went to get out lunch.

After lunch we followed a course where we had to put our hands in a little bag (although I refused to do it). A little while later we built a little raft to see if our boat could float. I thought it would but unfortunately it didn't.

A little while later we played some games. With the day almost finished we drew SOS in the middle of the field so people in aeroplanes could save our souls.

Finally we stomped back across the field, happy but exhausted. When we reached the school I was so tired that I could fall asleep. So was my mum but I was so so happy I could explode.

So it wasn't such a bad day after all. Legs aching, me and my mum trudged back home really happy.

*Emma H, Class Eider*



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June.**

## KS2 Snack Shack News!

Danbury Park's *Snack Shack* Makes it onto BBC Essex Radio!

On Wednesday morning three school councillors had the amazing opportunity to speak to BBC Radio Essex presenters Ben and Sonia who had heard about our Snack Shack and wanted to find out more.

They interviewed Lucy R and George B (both from Class Cuckoo) and Brandon B (Class Avocet) to find out what about the driving force behind the success of our Key Stage 2 initiative. The interview will be aired on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April between 6am and 7am and then possibly again around 8:40am. If you can't listen to the broadcast, the whole BBC Essex Breakfast Show is available on BBC iPlayer after 9am for 30 days.

We are very proud of our councillors who spoke eloquently in front of the microphone. Come and be a part of our growing Snack Shack - summer weather will bring summer fruit! Councillors are already discussing new ideas for next term!



The School Councillors would like to remind the children in KS2 that at break times they should only be bringing into school a healthy snack which should be some fruit or vegetables. We have noticed that some children are bringing in crisps and biscuits. We agreed that Mondays would be our treat day and we are pleased that healthy treats are now available from the Tuck Shop.

Because the Tuck Shop is proving to be so popular, the price of a daily snack has now dropped from 40p to **30p**. 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....





## Governors' Newsletter Spring Term 2018

After a very wintry start to the term, it looks as though Spring might really be arriving at last. The governors were very appreciative of the efforts made by the staff to keep the school open and functioning for your children during the bad weather and closure was a last resort due to the severe conditions.

The governors have been continuing their monitoring role of the curriculum, safeguarding and health and safety and the three committees have also undertaken the following:

### **Curriculum Committee – Mr.Ian Scott, chair**

- 🐼 Monitored the continuing utilisation of the Pupil Premium and Sports Grant and was pleased to note the benefits which have been achieved;
- 🐼 Reviewed and agreed the arrangements for the Year 6 trip which will take place this year;
- 🐼 Reviewed and approved a number of key policies including those relating to Languages, SEND and Maths;
- 🐼 Received and reviewed reports relating to the School Improvement Plan to ensure that actions are progressing satisfactorily;
- 🐼 The Committee also received and discussed progress reports concerning English and Maths from the subject leaders;
- 🐼 Discussed Safeguarding issues with the Headteacher in the light of recent reports in the media.

### **Resources Committee – Mr.Rak Rehal, chair**

- 🐼 Worked on the preparation of the Budget for 2018/19;
- 🐼 Bungalow project completed in time for commencement of Spring term but drainage project will continue by ECC;
- 🐼 Health and Safety termly check of premises completed.

### **Personnel Committee – Mr.Peter Irvine, chair**

- 🐼 Appointment made of full time teacher from September 2018.

We wish you all an enjoyable Easter holiday.

Brenda Wray, Chair of Governors

## 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.

## Safeguarding - Keeping Safe

### Save the date: **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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. There is a wealth of materials and resources, including videos, graphics and posters available on the ESCB website: [escb@essex.gov.uk](mailto:escb@essex.gov.uk) so please have a look!

**Let's work together to keep our children safe!**

## Notices and Reminders

**Music Lessons** – Any piano lessons with Mrs Long that the children may have missed this week because of the KS2 Spring Celebration will be made up after the Easter break.

**Jump Start!** – Please collect sponsor money during the Easter holidays and send into school by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April**. Thank you.

**Parking** – Please think about the safety of our children and park with care and consideration 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:**



## News

# DPSA



# Easter Egg Hunt

We made in excess of

## £1200 profit!

Thank you to everyone who helped at and supported the Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday. We had a good turn out and everybody seemed to be enjoying themselves. Congratulations to our lucky prize winners below:-

### Egg Decorating competition winners

|     |                           |                      |
|-----|---------------------------|----------------------|
| KS1 | 1 <sup>st</sup> place     | Abbi G               |
|     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> place     | Oscar R              |
| KS2 | 1 <sup>st</sup> place     | Ella H               |
|     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> place tie | Emily W and Joseph P |

### Name the Bunny

Serena D  
Lydia G  
Kirsten D

### Hamper Winners

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Fletcher class J | Mrs Fielding  |
| Ms Negrila       | Poppy class E |
| Mrs Bage         | Mrs Greenway  |
| Mrs Tyler        | Elena class H |

### Marble Mayhem Winners

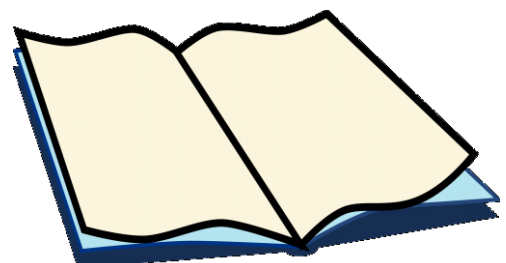
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| KS1 | Sam H   |
| KS2 | Alice B |

### Number of Sweets in the Jar

Natasha R

## 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 and support the school at the same time. 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](mailto:dpsa2018@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Summer Fayre Grand Raffle Prizes

We are in the process of collecting together prizes for our summer fayre grand raffle. If you own, or know somebody who owns, a business and would like to sponsor or donate a raffle prize please let your Class Rep know or contact us at [sallyj@doctors.org.uk](mailto:sallyj@doctors.org.uk).

## Dates for the diary 2018



June

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

Bag2school  
Summer Fayre  
School Disco

**Thank you for your continued support it really does make a massive difference to the school.**

**Have a lovely Easter Holidays**

**The DPSA**





## London Marathon 2018 Update

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.

I wanted to say thank you to the army of helpers and supporters who helped to set up, manage, and dismantle the children's charity disco last month. I could not have done it without you – especially Sarah R and Odette S, who stepped in as last minute DJ's. This added about £350 to our total.

Also, please may I take this opportunity to thank all of you who have donated to the funds, every £5, £10 and £20 alongside the events run by Vicki H, Odette S, Sarah R and Nicky B has grown into nearly £1600 so far with the promise of more to come. Sally would be delighted.

**If anyone else does wish to contribute, please visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/yvonne-burton](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/yvonne-burton) to donate to this very worthwhile cause, or you can guess my finishing time on marathon day. There is the potential to win £50. I have a GUESS MY TIME sheet with £3 for one guess or 2 guesses for £5.**

I have decided to postpone the after party at The Bell next month. I am concentrating on the marathon run now with the idea that the 'party' can be held later in the year – perhaps in place of the usual coffee morning? I'm sure the Meningitis Research Foundation will appreciate the additional donation at any time of the year. Please watch this space for information.

A huge big thanks to you all for your kind words and encouragement. I will let you know how it went in about 3 weeks' time.

With grateful thanks,  
Yvonne Burton

## Summer Term Clubs

Chelmsford City Starts Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Netball Starts 16<sup>th</sup> April -14<sup>th</sup> May (23wrd no club match only) and 11<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> July

Rugby Starts 20<sup>th</sup> April- 25<sup>th</sup> May and 15<sup>th</sup> June -13<sup>th</sup> July

Multisport Starts 25<sup>th</sup> April- 11<sup>th</sup> July

Athletics Starts 26<sup>th</sup> April- 12<sup>th</sup> July

Girls and Boys football as Athletics dates

Spanish Starts 18<sup>th</sup> April – 11<sup>th</sup> July

French Starts 16<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> May

Art Starts 20<sup>th</sup> April -13<sup>th</sup> July (no art 25<sup>th</sup> May)

Tennis- Coach will contact existing attendees.



## Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

|                          |  |   |  |  |
|--------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| <b>Week 1<br/>MONDAY</b> | Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza<br>or Salmon Puff                                     | Pasta Twists<br>Coleslaw<br>Sweetcorn<br>Cucumber                     | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit<br>Organic Fruit Yoghurt<br>Selection of Fresh Fruit   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>           | Local Butchers pork sausage or Vegetarian Quorn Sausage                                | Creamy Mashed Potato<br>Fresh Sliced Carrots & Peas/ Green Salad      | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Marble Cake Served with Custard<br>Organic Fruit Yoghurt<br>Selection of Fresh Fruit |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>         | Local Butchers Roast Beef served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheesy Stack Wrap | Roast Potatoes<br>Cauliflower florets<br>Fresh carrots<br>Green salad | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Ice Cream Pot<br>Organic Fruit Yoghurt<br>Selection of Fresh Fruit                   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>          | Chicken in Homemade Rustic Tomato Sauce or Quorn pieces in Rustic Tomato Sauce         | White and Wholegrain Rice<br>Garlic Bread<br>Sweetcorn / Cucumber     | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Apple Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit             |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>            | Bubble crumb Fish Fillet   | Chips<br>Baked Beans / Peas<br>Green Salad                            | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Flapjack<br>Organic Fruit Yoghurt<br>Selection of Fresh Fruit                        |

## Dates for the Diary Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Pm**

**Year 3 Swimming**

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
**7.00pm,**

**Governors Resources Meeting (Budget Setting)**

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
**3.25pm**

**Girls' Football Match v Cathedral School (away)**

**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

**Dates for the Summer Term will be published after the Easter break**