

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

4th May 2018

Dear Parents,

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

Oscar N – Emerald Freya E – Ruby Ben H - Diamond

Congratulations to the following children who passed their Entry Level Award in Initial Piano

Maisy L , Quinlan S , Lucy R , Kayla B and Brooke B who achieved Grade 1 Piano.

*Certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly
on Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 2.50pm. Families are welcome to join us.*

Weather for Ducks

This week has seen some dreadful rain and I am sure you will have noticed the large puddles on the playgrounds and the school field. We were even viewed by ducks as a potential new home!



As many of you will know the drainage on the school site has been a huge problem for many years. The good news is that last year Essex County Council finally acknowledged that because the rain water was taking so long to drain away, it was having an adverse effect on the children's ability to get active at playtimes and was curtailing outside PE lessons. The council have been investigating the situation and have a plan to install underground reservoirs to prevent water building up on the surface; the water will then be pumped into nearby ditches. This plan has also had to involve the Environment Agency so has taken a long time. Whilst ECC are paying for most of the work, school is required to contribute some £10 000 towards the project which is a considerable sum for a school this size. However, thanks to the support of the DPSA who have given school a donation to cover this additional expenditure, there will be no negative impact on our provision in this respect.

A lot of preparatory work has already been undertaken during school holidays and we are hoping that the final larger scale and heavy work will be completed during the summer break ready for the new academic year.

Summer Term Reminders

Please remember that the weather is still very changeable so watch the forecasts. On chillier and drizzly days, the children will need their coats as we still go outside at break and lunch times for fresh air. On clearer days please apply a long lasting sunscreen first thing in the morning and send in a hat.

Please could you ensure that all of your child's clothing is clearly named as it makes returning jumpers and cardigans to the right child much easier. We have a large pile of lost property at the front of the school including a new coat. On fine days we will put them out on a table at the front so please come and have a look. Anything not named or claimed by 11th May will be given to charity or sent for recycling.

The children also need a water bottle in school every day. We are endeavouring to repair or replace the broken water fountains so it is really important that the children have their own water bottle in school. These can be filled up during the school day from taps within the school.

School Lunch Costs for the Summer Term 2018



1st Half Term – 16th April – 25th May = 29 Days at £2.10 = £60.90

2nd Half Term – 5th June – 20th July = 34 Days at £2.10 = £ 71.40

Total Term £132.30
Meal Costs per day £2.10

**Please could all meals be paid for in advance and where possible for the half-term ahead.
Any credits will be carried forward to the next half-term. Thank you.**

Safeguarding - Keeping Safe

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.

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!

Let's work together to keep our children safe!

Get Active Promoters



We are looking to launch the Daily Mile at Danbury Park School to get the children more involved in physical activities at lunchtime so are looking for two enthusiastic adults to lead the way.

The Daily Mile is a popular initiative in many schools now and involves the children trying to walk a mile around the school grounds each day. With the arrival of drier weather, we want to get the project to involve the children in walking as well as participating in more physical games and activities under way so that the good habits will continue into the Autumn and then throughout the following academic year.

We are really pleased that Mrs Yvonne Burton has accepted the challenge to become one of our Get Active Promoters and we are looking for someone to work alongside her to run and organise these activities. If you have a passion for being active and like taking the initiative, then this project is for you as there is scope to take it in many directions and your opinions and ideas will be most welcome. You will be working directly with Carol Gooding who will support you in getting the project underway.

We feel that the best time to engage the children is during the lunchtime period so the hours are every day from 12.00pm to 1.30pm.

The project will initially run round to the end of Summer 2019 as it is linked directly to, and is dependent on, the Sports Grant that is given to schools and has now been confirmed for the academic year 2018-19. Although being part of the lunchtime team, our Get Active Promoters are only expected to organise and supervise the physical activities.

If you have any questions or are interested, please ask the school office for an application form by **Friday 27th April**.



Notices and Reminders

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.

Staying Safe – Members of our community have expressed their concerns about the safety of children at the end of the school day where the children are being allowed to climb trees on the grassed area by the path down from Well Lane. The branches on these trees may not be strong enough to support even a child's weight and we are concerned that children may fall and injure themselves. Similarly, we would ask that parents prevent their children climbing on the wooden gates and on the brick wall at the entrance to the school and from going behind the PE sheds by the playground.

11+ Registration – The registration for the 11+ tests with CSSE for admission in September 2019 opens on 5th June. The deadline is 20th July 2018. Please see their website for full details: www.csse.org.uk

Letters sent home this week:

-  **Year 1 and 2 Country Dancing Club**
-  **Royal Wedding Celebration Lunch**

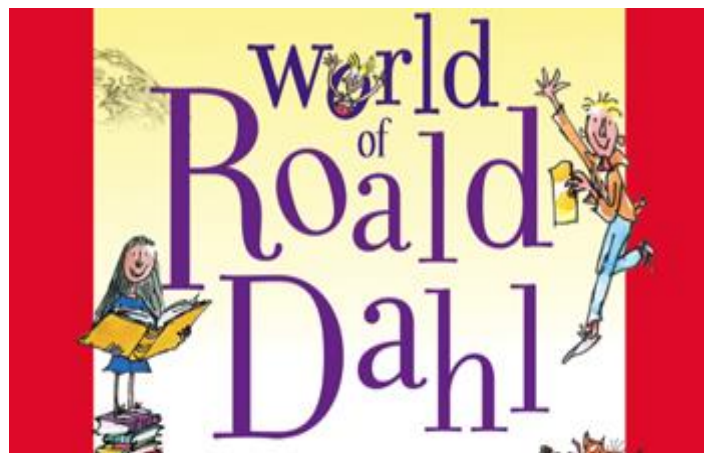
Curriculum Maps for each class have been added to the school website.



DPSA News

Tea/Coffee and Cake In The Bungalow Friday May 18th 2pm

Please come and join us for tea or coffee and cake the newly refurbished 'Bungalow' at the front of the school. It's a great chance to have a look around see what's been done to the old caretaker's residence and at the same time have a catch up with friends before school pick up. Pre-schoolers are welcome to come along too. If you're willing to bake a cake for the event please let me know sallyj@doctors.org.uk (no nuts please). All money raised will go towards buying items for the school.



Summer Fayre Saturday 23rd June

12-3pm

Please save the date!

The countdown is on to the Summer Fayre. This year the Summer Fayre will take on a

Roald Dahl theme including **George's Marvellous Medicine Mad Science Shows, donkey rides, bouncy castles, stalls, BBQ, Pimms tent and children's competition.** Please make sure the date is in your diary so as many families can join us on the day. It takes months of planning and is a big fundraiser for the school so it is great to have your support.

Dates for the diary 2018



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| May | Friday 18 th | Tea/coffee and cake 2pm |
| June | Wednesday 6 th | Bag2school |
| | Saturday 23 rd | Summer Fayre |
| July | Friday 6 th | School Disco |

**Thank you for your continued support.
The DPSA**

Talented Pupils

Well done to Liza A, who has achieved amazing results in her gymnastics. Based on her high score on the National Grades Finals and British Qualification Test Results she was selected this year to perform in the British Championships which will take place in Telford on the 22nd of June. Only two girls from Great Britain in this age group were selected for the British Championships among 30 gymnasts competing.

Well done Liza!

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.



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Tuesday 8th May

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

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 7th May 2018

Mon 7th May **BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tues 8th May
Pm **Year 3 Swimming**

Weds 9th May
10.50am **Year 4 Bodycare**
12.30pm **School Council Meeting**
2.50pm **Celebration Assembly**
3.25pm **Netball Match v St John's**

Thurs 10th May

Fri 11th May
2.50pm **Class Dove Assembly**
3.15pm **Girls' Football Match v St Anne's (home)**

**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 Summer Term 2018

| Date | Time | Event |
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| May | | |
| 8 th | Pm | Year 3 swimming |
| 9 th | 2.50pm | Celebration Assembly |
| | 3.25pm | Netball Match v St John's |
| 11 th | 2.50pm | Class D Assembly |
| | 3.15pm | Girls' Football Match v St Anne's (home) |
| Week beg 14 th | | KS2 SATS Week |
| 15 th | Pm | Year 3 Swimming |
| 17 th | | School Census Day |
| 17 th | 12.00pm-1.00pm | Royal Wedding Celebration Lunch |
| Week beg 21 st | | Year 6 School Journey to Iron Bridge World Cup themed week for rest of school |
| | 7.00pm | Personnel Committee Meeting |
| 22 nd | | Year 5 Day at Danbury Outdoors |
| 22 nd | 12.00pm- 1.00pm | Class J and H Lunch with Parent |
| 24 th | 12.00pm-1.00pm | Class J and H lunch with Parent |
| 28 th May 1 st June | | Half-term |
| June | | |
| 4 th | | School closed for staff training |
| 5 th | All day | Classes F & G to Tower of London |
| 6 th | Pm | Safeguarding workshops for Year 3 & 4 and Years 5&6 |
| | 7.00pm | Meeting for parents and film night for children |
| 7 th | Am | Year 2 Mini-Games |
| 8 th | 2.50pm | Class C Assembly |
| Week beg 11 th | | Years 1, 3, 4, 5 Assessment Week |
| 12 th | 12.00pm-1.00pm | Class G Lunch with Parent |
| 14 th | 10.00am – 2.30pm | Reading Gladiator Challenge at Woodville Primary |
| 14 th | 12.00pm-1.00pm | Class G Lunch With Parent |
| | 4.30pm | Governors' Curriculum Meeting |
| 15 th | | Class Eider to visit Colchester Zoo |
| | 2.50pm | Class B (Year 5) Assembly |
| 19 th | 12.00pm-1.00pm | Class F lunch with Parent |
| 20 th | 9.45am – 11.45am | Year 6 Crucial Crew |
| | 2.50pm | Celebration Assembly |
| 21 st | 2.45pm | Year 2 Assembly to rest of school |
| 21 st | 12.00pm-1.00pm | Class F Lunch with Parent |
| | 6.30pm | Governors' Resources meeting with site walk |
| 22 nd | | Year 5 taster day at Sandon School |
| | 2.50pm | Year 2 Assembly to parents |
| 23 rd | | DPSA Summer Fayre |
| 25 th | 1.00pm | New entrant in for lunch and meet your new teacher |
| 26 th | | Year 6 Induction Day at Sandon |
| 28 th | 6.30pm | World Cup Screening England v Belgium |
| 29 th | 2.50pm | Class H Assembly |
| 3 rd | Am | Sandon School art group – willow weaving activity |

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| | 4.30pm | District Sports |
| 5 th | 1.00pm | District Sports |
| 6 th | 9.30am | New entrants in and meet your new teacher |
| | 2.50pm | Class G (Year 1) Assembly |
| | 6.00pm 7.15pm | EYFS & KS1 DPSA Disco KS2 DPSA Disco |
| 10 th | Pm | Governors to meet with Year 6 for pupil questionnaire |
| 11 th | 1.15 – 2.45pm | Pre-school Activity Afternoon |
| | 2.50pm | Celebration Assembly |
| 12 th | 7.00pm | Full governing body meeting |
| 13 th | | Year 4 Immersive Day at Sandon School |
| | 2.50pm | Class Jay Assembly |
| 16 th | 9.30am | Year 6 Presentation to school |
| | Eve | Year 6 Presentation and Celebration to parents |
| 17 th | | Sports Day Picnic Lunch Open afternoon |
| 18 th | | Year 6 Leavers' Activities |
| 19 th | 12.00pm | Year 6 Leavers' Lunch |
| | Pm | DPS's got Talent |
| 20 th | 9.15am | Leavers' assembly |
| | 3.25pm | School closes for summer |

KS2 SATS

Week beginning 14th May 2018

| Date & Time | Test | Location |
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| Monday 14th | | |
| 9.15 – 10.00am | English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 – short answer (45 minutes) | Hall and Class A |
| 10.15 – 10.30am | Paper 2 – spelling (approx. 15 minutes) | Hall and Class A |
| 10.30 – 10.45am BREAK | | |
| Tuesday 15th | | |
| 9.20 – 10.20am | English Reading (1 hour) | Hall and Class A |
| 10.30 – 10.45am BREAK | | |
| Wednesday 16th | | |
| 9.30 – 10.00am | Maths Paper 1 - Arithmetic (30 minutes) | Hall and Class A |
| 10.30 – 10.45am BREAK | | |
| 10.55 – 11.35am | Maths Paper 2 – Reasoning (40 minutes) | Hall and Class A |
| Thursday 17th | | |
| 9.20 – 10.00am | Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning (40 minutes) | Hall and Class A |
| 10.30 – 10.45am BREAK | | |
| Friday 18th | | |
| 9.15am – 10.00am | Science Test A (internal test) | Hall and Class A |
| 10.30 – 10.45am BREAK | | |
| 11.00– 11.45am | Science Test B (internal test) | Hall and Class A |