

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

29th June 2018

Dear Parents,

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

Sienna- Jayne H-**Topaz**
Harvey M – **Emerald**

Lucy R – **Bronze**
Maddison C – **Silver**
Fred H - **Emerald**

Liza A - **Diamond**
Freya F- **Silver**

*Certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly
on Wednesday 18th July 2018 at 2.50pm. Families are welcome to join us.*

Well done to Liza A who recently took part in the British Gymnastics Championship 2018. Liza took first place in both routines and became a **British Champion 2018** in her age group performing as a guest.

The Daily Mile

Our new lunchtime activities are now well underway and as well as the daily mile challenge we have introduced a competitive element through using stop watches to time how long it takes to run one complete lap. Mrs Burton and her Year 5 ambassadors are keeping track of the time to beat and the children are eager to surpass not only their own personal best time but also the current record.

Mrs Burton has now been joined by Mrs Butcher and Mrs Fox, both of whom have a keen interest in keeping fit and active. This week Mrs Fox was setting the children some additional challenges involving star jumps and burpees.



The children are all very keen!

Infant Parent lunches with Children



All parents in the infants have now had an opportunity to join their children for lunch and it was great to see how excited the children were to see their families and for parents and family members to experience the delicious food that our kitchen serve on a daily basis.

Thank you to everyone who completed the feedback form supplied. We will look very carefully at every suggestion but here are a few of the highlights:

- 87% of responses said that the meal was excellent and 13% good.
- 96% of responses said that the midday assistants were excellent and 4% good.
- 100% of responses said that the servery was excellent.
- 98% of responses said that the overall experience was excellent and 2% good.

“Very impressed how personalised it was to the children” *“Wonderful”*

“Very friendly staff and all the children very well behaved.” *“Lovely experience!”*

“Lovely, thank you for inviting us in.” *“Different from grandma’s school dinners!”*

“A lovely experience and how lovely the staff know all the children’s names.”

“Very impressed and very helpful.” *“Had a wonderful time; my daughter was thrilled.”*

*“The food was tasty and well made. Lots of clear plates all round.
Thank you for feeding my children so well!”*

“Great food, really lovely that all children get so much help.”

“Everyone is courteous. Food is good quality.” *“Delicious and lovely to share a bit of my son’s school day.”*

Suggestions for improvement were to extend the opportunity to the junior children or include siblings at lunch and to be able to join the children in the playground as in other years.



Our school dinners are always popular and it was good to hear the positive feedback from the parents who joined the infants for lunch this term. Mrs Hind, our cook, and her team try incredibly hard to keep costs down and quality high and they appreciate your kind comments.

Unfortunately with rising costs, we regret that from September 2018 we will have to increase our price to £2.20 per meal. You will find that this is still cheaper than many schools and does still represent very good value for money.

Football and Netball Kits

All football and netball matches have now been played for this year and what a successful year we have had. Thank you to all the parents who have helped transport the teams and supported the children along the way. WE couldn't do this without your help.

Please can you ensure that the kits are washed and returned to school by **Friday 6th July**.

We now have numbers to add to the football shirts and we would like to do this before the end of term.

Thank you!

Sports Survey

The governors are carrying out a survey to find out what parents think about PE and sports at Danbury Park School. Thank you to those who completed the questionnaire at the summer fayre on Saturday.

There is still time to tell us what you think and you can do this by completing the paper version available from the school office or online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GXK589G>

Your views and opinions are important to us.

Sally's 3rd Annual Coffee Morning

FRIDAY 13TH JULY 9.15 – 11.45AM

The Hall at The Griffin Pub, Danbury

Dear Parents and Friends of Danbury Park School,

Many of you will remember that we lost our dear friend Sally Baker very suddenly in Dec 2015 to Meningitis. We gathered at the end of the school year in 2016 and 2017 to remember her, while raising money for Meningitis Research through coffee, cake and raffle prizes. These two events and all the fundraising for this years' London Marathon, our local community has donated almost £6000 towards the Meningitis Research Foundation.

As an ongoing tribute to Sally, and as a chance for people to gather and chat over coffee and cake, I would be very pleased if you would join us again this year. The format will change slightly. The emphasis this year is on friendship and an opportunity for a get together with friends and not more fundraising, meaning donations to Meningitis will not be taken. We will charge a small amount for the tea, coffee and cake to cover costs. Any profit will be used to benefit both local schools, so if for example we make £100, £50 will each go to St John's and Danbury Park Primaries.

Anyone wishing to contribute a cake for the coffee morning, this will be very welcome. Please catch me at school or get in touch on 07919401428.

On behalf of myself and Sally's family, we thank you for your love and support and hope to see many of you there before we break for our summer holidays.

Very best wishes,

Yvonne Burton

Summer Events

We have lots of events for the second half of the summer term so please make sure you put dates which are at the end of this newsletter in your diaries.

Tuesday 17th July Sports Day



This year we will be using the same format for our Sports Day and Open Afternoon as last year. To save busy parents having to take two days off work we are combining the two events on the same day with the traditional picnic lunch in the middle. The provisional timetable for the day is:

9.15am	Front gates will be opened to visitors
9.30am	KS2 opening ceremony on the playground Sporting events for Key Stage 2 (Classes E, D, C, B & A)
10.30am	KS1 and Early Years opening ceremony on the playground Sporting events for Key Stage 1 and Early Years (Classes J, H, G & F)
11.30am	Whole school running events on the field
12.30pm	Awarding of cups and trophies followed by picnic lunch on the field
1.30pm	Children return to class to change out of PE kits and for registration
2.00pm	Open afternoon in classes with an opportunity to look at your child's work and then visit their new class for next year.
3.25pm	End

The events will start with a carousel of activities stationed around the field in which all the children participate. At 11.30am the whole school will come together for the races on the main race track. We are already holding practices and trials in school so that for these races the fastest boys and the fastest girls will compete against each other. In keeping with the Olympic legacy the children will be earning points for their houses so that in Key Stage 2 we will have a house winner for each year group and then an overall winner. In the infants we will pool the points and have one overall house winner.

We hope to offer a tea and coffee station for parents. Drinks will be charged at a nominal rate to cover costs. For your comfort if you would like to bring blankets, seats and even gazebos, you are most welcome

Please remember to send the children in with water bottles and caps and apply a high factor sunscreen. All pre-school children must be kept under your direct supervision at all times and please note that the climbing tower and galleon will be out of use.

In the event of adverse weather we will make a decision as early as possible on the day as to whether events can go ahead. Please check the school website home page, scrolling news for the latest information. Regardless we will still hold the lunch for families and we will picnic in the school building if needs be and hold the open afternoon.

Safeguarding - Keeping Safe Online Child Exploitation

It was great to see such a fantastic turnout for our information session the other week on e-safety. The two Johns, as our consultants are known, prefer the term “online child exploitation” and I think this is a much more comprehensive way of describing the theme for the evening.

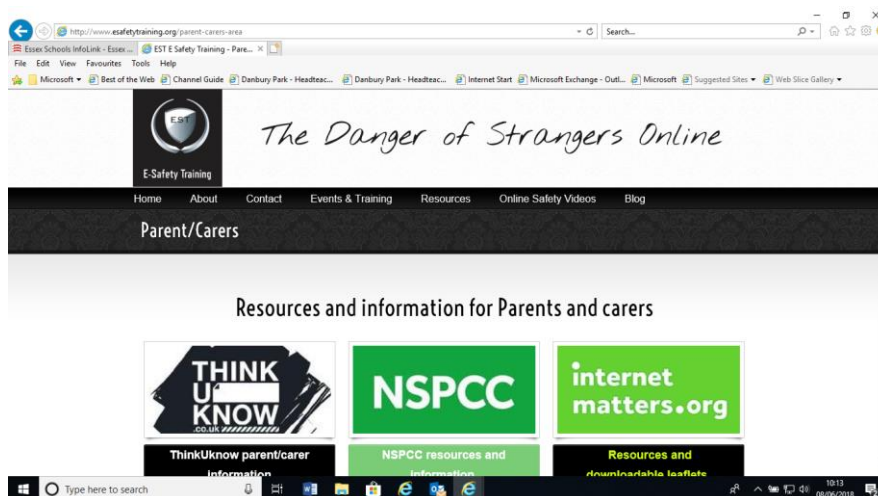
On the Wednesday afternoon the two Johns worked first with Classes Eider and Dove and then with Classes Cuckoo, Budgerigar and Avocet. This was a conscious decision as the content for the older children was a little more in-depth and harder hitting. The focus was very much the danger of apps and online games, which is what our children are interested in. Our children know an awful lot about the online world and they do know many of the answers when we question them about keeping safe but it is taking it to the next level and how they put this into practice and think about consequences.

After school, the two Johns went through the materials they had used with the children with the staff, adding in more background information and more explicit content so that we as adults could appreciate the risks. They then expanded on this for parents at the evening session. I know many of you are very technologically aware but it soon became apparent that the children know more about apps, gaming and the virtual world than adults. I know many of you were shocked and surprised to learn how easily children are being manipulated and exploited and the risks posed and how even if they do not play at home, they maybe at risk when visiting friends.

What was really useful were the strategies to support your children: i.e. **NOT** taking devices away or closing down apps, when things go wrong. The approach of talking to your children, exploring new apps together, talking through the dangers and helping them be part of this world is so much safer. Of course negotiating time spent online and establishing ground rules are also vitally important right from the start and this way you can help your child be part of something all their friends will be involved in, but in a safe way. This won't stop situations arising but we hope that the children will be able to talk to you (or us at school) should they encounter difficulties.

The analogy of the children being on a train journey when accessing the exciting digital world and how parents can choose to go along and help them interact with this new way of life or leave them to be exposed to risks and dangers on their own, was very apt.

There are many useful resources for parents on the two Johns' website and please remember they are a non-profit making organisation: <http://www.esafetytraining.org/>. Please take time to have a look.



If you couldn't make the meeting, find a friend who did and spend some time finding out more. As the two Johns suggested, why not have a drink and try out some of the apps that your children are using, yourself. Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Notices and Reminders

Year 6 School Lunch Money – A gentle reminder, as we approach the end of the academic year please could you ensure that all year 6 school meals are either paid for on the day or in advance.

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 – Please would parents prevent their children climbing on the wooden gates and on the brick wall at the entrance to the school and from going on the play equipment and behind the PE sheds by the playground. This is for their own safety

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

Lyme Disease – We have been asked to bring to your attention this infection. Most tick bites are harmless but a small number of ticks are infected with the bacteria that cause Lyme disease. A tick bite can only cause Lyme disease in humans if the tick has already bitten an infected animal.

Please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/> for more details.

Letters sent home this week:

-  **Sports Day**
-  **District Sports Classes A - E**
-  **Willow weaving selected pupils year 4 and 5**
-  **Class G Head lice.**
-  **Year 6 Leavers Lunch**
-  **Change4Life Train like a Jedi summer activity pack**

School Vacancies

Catering Assistant

We are currently seeking to recruit a catering assistant to work in the school kitchen for 8 hours a week from Monday to Friday. We are very proud of the quality of the meals provided by Mrs Hind and her catering team and you would be playing an important role within the team. The position predominantly entails ensuring all catering equipment, including plates and cutlery, is carefully and thoroughly cleaned so that service can run smoothly throughout the lunch hour.

If you are interested, please speak with Ms Edwards in the School Office for more details.

Music Lessons with Mrs Long

Piano lessons with Mrs Long on Tuesday 10th July will be a catch-up session for those who missed a lesson on Friday 25th May, as all Tuesday lessons finish on Tuesday 3rd July.

Friday 13th July will be a day for Monday students who missed a lesson due to the May bank holiday and would only have had 9 lessons. Having a lesson on Friday 13th July will make the 10th lesson of this term.

Monday 16th July will also be a catch-up day, after the year 6 presentation, for lessons that have been missed due to school trips.



DPSA News



Summer Fayre Thanks

Thank you to everybody who helped with all the preparations in the months beforehand, the local businesses who supported the fayre brochure, the people who helped set up and run the stalls on the day, donated raffle prizes and items for stalls and of course everybody who supported us by coming along. We had fantastic weather and we were able to make an amazing **£4250 profit**. Particular thanks go to Riffhams Donkeys who gave rides all afternoon.

School disco – Friday 6th July with our new DJ



EYF + KS1

6.00 – 7.00pm is £2 (payable on entry)

Drinks are provided. Sweets will be on sale. We suggest you give your child no more than 50p for sweets (average cost 10-20p a bag). Glow sticks will be available at 20p each or 3 for 50p

KS2

7.15 – 8.30pm is £2.50 (payable on entry)

Drinks will be provided. Sweets, bottled drinks, crisps and glow sticks will be on sale. There is also a children's raffle. Please note the DPSA and parent helpers cannot be responsible for what children choose to spend their money on. It is therefore recommended that parents check how much money children are bringing to the disco. Raffle tickets will be 20p each, sweets approximately 10-20p each, glow sticks are 20p or 3 for 50p.

Helpers needed for both discos so please let Sally Pain (sallyj@doctors.org.uk) know if you can help or post on Facebook. Thank you

Dates for the diary 2018

June
July

Friday 29th
Friday 6th and 13th
Friday 6th

Ice Creams
Ice Creams
School Disco

Thank you for your continued support. The DPSA

Thank you to everyone who supported the DPSA Summer Fayre last Saturday. The sun shone and we had an enjoyable afternoon. Everyone worked incredibly hard to put this together and it was a huge success.

Without your help and support, we would not have been able to raise such a fantastic sum and this will go towards resources for the children, which we could not otherwise provide.

Thank you!
Mrs Gooding and Mrs Wray



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 2nd July

Week 2 MONDAY	Portion of Fish with Shredded Lettuce and Mayonnaise in a Brioche Bun	New Potatoes Peas Carrot Sticks Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jam Sponge with Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese or Vegetarian Quorn Bolognese	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Bakewell Crumble Slice Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Local Butchers Roast Gammon served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheddar Whirl	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced carrots Whole Green Beans Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	100% Fruit Iced Lolly Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Popcorn Chicken served with Tomato or BBQ sauce or Macaroni Cheese	White and Wholegrain Rice , Broccoli Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Melting Moment with Fruit Wedge Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Local Butchers Sausage in a roll or Quorn Sausage in a roll	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Cracknell Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 2nd July 2018

Mon 2nd July

Invited Year 5 to William De Ferrers Techno Games.

**Tues 3rd July
Am**

Invited Year 5 William De Ferrers Techno Games
Invited KS2 pupils to Willow Weaving at Sandon School
District Sports (field)

Weds 4th July

**Thurs 5th July
Pm**

Able writer's St Johns
District Sports (track)

Fri 6th July

9.30am

New Entrants and meet your new teacher session

2.50pm

Class 6 Assembly

6.00pm

EYFS & KS1 DPSA Disco

7.15pm

KS2 DPSA Disco

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
June		
Week beg		
3 rd	Am	Sandon School art group – willow weaving activity
	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	EYFS & KS1 DPSA Disco
	7.15pm	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
	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
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