

### Dear Parents,

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

Jack H – Ruby Imogen C – Emerald Bailey T – Emerald Grace M - Emerald

*Certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 2.50pm. Families are welcome to join us.* 

### World Cup Week 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

During the last week before the half-term break, whilst the Year 6 pupils were away at Ironbridge, the children in all the other classes were given a different country to investigate and explore. Over the next two weeks, we will feature reports from each class, so that you can find out more about what they were learning.

The children have agreed to follow the fortunes of their given country in the World Cup over the next few weeks. We wonder who will win!

### Class Goldfinch Portugal

During our World Cup Week Class Goldfinch were learning more about Portugal. The children had to find the country on a world map and identify which continent it was on. We also read a Portuguese version of Jack and the Beanstalk. They had great fun designing and making a Rooster of Barcelos out of clay. The children are looking forwarding to painting them after the half term holiday.

A final treat will be to taste the Portuguese Custard Tart known as Pasteis de Nata!



### **Class Dove's Panama Week**

Before half term in Class Dove, we learnt about Panama as our country in the World Cup. Panama is a fairly new country and was created in 1903. Did you know that the population in Panama is 3,864,000 people and Spanish is their first language?

You may not know many facts about Panama but Miss Chinery chose Panama as this is their first time competing in the world cup.

We researched the country, learning where the country was in the world and drew freehand maps of the world showing Panama. We learnt that Panama is the only country where the sun rises on the Atlantic side and sets on the Pacific side.

We researched different landmarks in Panama creating our own tourist guide style Panama leaflets. We looked at the Panama Canal which is a man-made canal connecting the Pacific and the Atlantic oceans and is used as a short cut through north and South America.

We looked at the Panama flag and recreated the flag using oil pastels. During the week we read a famous Panama folk tale called Conejito and used our English lessons to create our own stories in groups. Our finished tales were written up into story books for all to read.

#### By Emma and Chloe





### Safeguarding - Keeping Safe Online Child Exploitation

It was great to see such a fantastic turnout for our information session this 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.

In the 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 indepth 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: <u>http://www.esafetytraining.org/</u>. 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!

### The Daily Mile







Next week I am pleased to announce that we will be launching the Daily Mile at Danbury Park School.

On Monday afternoon, Mrs Burton and I will be working with Ricky Graves from the Sports Partnership and the children in Year 5 to get us underway. We will then be in a position to start our daily walk. Initially this will be with the KS2 children but we do hope to involve the infants in due course.

More information will follow in next week's newsletter.

We are still looking for someone to work alongside Mrs Burton. 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. If you have any questions or are interested, please ask the school office for an application form.

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> June. The deadline is 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Please see their website for full details: <u>www.csse.org.uk</u>

#### Letters sent home this week:

- Class E visit to Colchester Zoo
- Able Writers' Project Class A
- DPSA Summer Fayre Donation Sheet
- Class E Head Lice Information

#### **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.

The children also need a water bottle in school every day. The broken water fountains are being replaced shortly but in the meantime 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.





# Summer Fayre Saturday 23rd June12-3pm

The Summer Fayre this year will take on a Roald Dahl theme including **George's Marvellous** Medicine <u>Mad Science Shows</u> at 1pm and 3pm, donkey rides, bouncy castles, stalls, BBQ, Pimms tent, children's competition and much more. Please do come along and support us.

**DPSA News** 

We will be sending out a <u>donation sheet</u> this week asking for donations of **filled jars**, **bottles**, **soft toys**, **games and books and a promise of cakes**. Donate 3 items, have them signed off and then hand it to the office via the class teacher for a chance to win a class prize.

<u>**Raffle tickets**</u> will shortly go on sale for our Grand raffle with fabulous main prizes of a family ticket to a Premier League Football Match, £100 cash and a family ticket to the Roald Dahl museums. Look out for the raffle ticket books in your child's book bag. Please do sell as many as you can to family, friends and work colleagues.

The <u>Summer Fayre competition</u> sheet has gone out which is to **decorate or create a Mr Twit's beard** to parade at the Fayre. Use the template on the sheet (or make your own creation

from scratch) of a beard filled with things Mr Twit may have dropped into it while eating. There will be a parade of beards at 12.15pm at the Summer Fayre and the best two beards from KS1 and KS2 will win fantastic Roald Dahl Prizes.

We will also need <u>helpers</u> on the day to set-up, run stalls and tidy away at the end. If you can help please let us know on <u>sallyj@doctors.org.uk</u>

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Adventure Island Wrist Bands

The DPSA have teamed up with Adventure Island in Southend to offer discounted wristbands for their theme park.

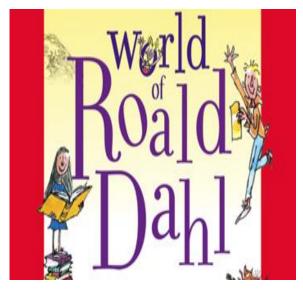
Blue Bands (over 1.2m height) DPSA cost £18 - saving £4.50 on the internet price and £12 on the `on the day'

**Green Bands** (1.0 -1.2m height) /**Red Bands** (under 1m height) **DPSA cost £15** – saving up to  $\pounds$ 3.75 on the internet price and up to  $\pounds$ 10 on the `on the day price'



If you'd like to buy wristband vouchers, which are valid until the end of the year, please contact Nicky at <u>nickythomason@me.com</u> who will arrange to get them to you. We will also be selling them after school on Fridays next to the ice creams.

Payments need to be in cash or a cheque made payable to The DPSA. Family and friends are welcome to buy too!



# **Name Labels**



A leaflet was sent home in the school bags last month about another new fund-raising venture for the DPSA which is name labels for clothes and school equipment. It's a great way to ensure items are never lost again and they are very easy to use as they just stick in. The same label can be used for clothes, shoes, water bottles, etc. Visit the website <u>www.stikins.co.uk</u> to order and use the code **5641** at the checkout and we will automatically receive a donation for our funds.

# **Ice Cream Fridays**



We will be selling ice creams and lollipops outside school every Friday afternoon until the end of the summer term. They all cost £1 each and all the money raised goes towards buying items for school.

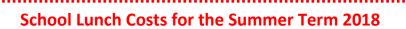
## Dates for the diary 2018

June July Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Friday 6th Summer Fayre School Disco

## Thank you for your support.

The DPSA





 $2^{nd}$  Half Term –  $5^{th}$  June –  $20^{th}$  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.



### **Owl's Barn School Meals**

#### Week commencing Monday I I<sup>th</sup> June

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 Bolognaise or Vegetarian Quorn Bolognaise	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 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> June 3.25pm 3.25pm	Netball Match v E Hanningfield (home) Country Dancing
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> June	
12.00pm	Class Goldfinch's parents in for lunch
3.00pm	School Council Meeting
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> June	
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> June	
10.00am	Reading Gladiators Challenge Day ay Woodville School
12.00pm	Class Goldfinch's parents in for lunch
4.30pm	Governors' Curriculum Meeting
7.00pm	Meeting for parents of new entrants for September 2018
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Eider to visit Colchester Zoo
2.50pm	Class Budgerigar (Year 5) Assembly
	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		Years 1, 3, 4, 5 Assessment Week	
11 <sup>th</sup>			
12th	12.00pm	Class G Lunch with Parent	
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am – 2.30pm	Reading Gladiator Challenge at Woodville Primary	
14th	12.00pm	Class G Lunch With Parent	
	4.30pm	Governors' Curriculum Meeting	
15 <sup>th</sup>	•	Class Eider to visit Colchester Zoo	
	2.50pm	Class B (Year 5) Assembly	
19 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm	Class F lunch with Parent	
20 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am – 11.45am	Year 6 Crucial Crew	
	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly	
21 <sup>st</sup>	2.45pm	Year 2 Assembly to rest of school	
21st	12.00pm	Class F Lunch with Parent	
	6.30pm	Governors' Resources meeting with site walk	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	•	Year 5 taster day at Sandon School	
	2.50pm	Year 2 Assembly to parents	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	•	DPSA Summer Fayre	
25 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	New entrant in for lunch and meet your new teacher	
26 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 Induction Day at Sandon	
28 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	World Cup Screening England v Belgium	
29 <sup>th</sup>	2.50pm	Class H Assembly	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Am	Sandon School art group – willow weaving activity	
	4.30pm	District Sports	
5 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	District Sports	
6 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Pm	Governors to meet with Year 6 for pupil questionnaire	
11 <sup>th</sup>	1.15 – 2.45pm	Pre-school Activity Afternoon	
	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly	
12 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting	
13 <sup>th</sup>		Year 4 Immersive Day at Sandon School	
	2.50pm	Class Jay Assembly	
16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Year 6 Presentation to school	
	Eve	Year 6 Presentation and Celebration to parents	
17 <sup>th</sup>		Sports Day	
		Picnic Lunch	
		Open afternoon	
18 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 Leavers' Activities	
19 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' Lunch	
	Pm	DPS's got Talent	
20 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Leavers' assembly	
	3.25pm	School closes for summer	