

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

14th September 2018

Dear Parents,

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

Freya E - Diamond

Congratulations also to

Danielle W who passed her modern Grade 2 dance exam with distinction and
Isla T , Nusaiba A , and Ava G who passed their entry level 3 exam in initial Piano and
Zachary C who has passed his Classical Guitar Step 2.

*Certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly
on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 2.50pm*

School Surveys

Last term the governors conducted a survey to find out what parents think about sport in school and we were very pleased that the of parents appreciate all the clubs and events that we are able to offer:

- 🦉 98% agreed sporting activities provided encourage good physical and mental health;
- 🦉 88% thought range of sporting activities offered ensured their child could participate in and enjoy physical activity;
- 🦉 84% thought range of out of hours activities manageable, well run and good value;
- 🦉 96% support Year 3 swimming programme and Daily Mile provision;
- 🦉 91% support School Sports Day;
- 🦉 100% liked the School entering outside competitions and the new kit;
- 🦉 Whilst 65% thought range of sporting activities offered adequate, 34% do not;
- 🦉 54% prefer sporting activities outside school (46% do not).

Additional Comments from parents were:

- 🦉 More regular sporting activities to be encouraged;
- 🦉 Disappointment expressed at cancellations of activities;
- 🦉 Daily mile and swimming to be available for all years;
- 🦉 More swimming from younger age;
- 🦉 Wider range of sports, including team, to be offered at younger age;
- 🦉 Multi-sports activities disadvantage smaller/younger children;
- 🦉 'I do not know what sports they do';
- 🦉 'Sport really important – keep it up'.

Your comments will be taken into consideration and as we strive to improve our provision and plan events for this academic year. Thank you to all those who completed the survey.

Contacting School on First Day of Absence And Keeping our Children Safe

There may be times during the year when your child is unable to attend school for a number of reasons. It is vital that you contact us promptly on the first day of absence and parents should always inform us of the reason. We have a dedicated answerphone on the school number so messages can be left at any time. We do ask that phone messages are followed up by a written note which can be handed in to the class teacher.

Over the summer holiday, the Department for Education has strengthened its regulations for keeping children safe and we are required to follow these. Our procedure is to check the registers every morning by 9.30am and if your child is absent, and we have not heard from you, we will phone you to establish why your child is not in school. Parents are required to provide at least two emergency contact numbers to the school, so we are able to communicate with someone if we need to. Later this term we will send out our data collection sheets so that you can check that the information we hold is still current and complete. In the meantime if there have been any changes, please let us know in writing.

Please note that where contact cannot be made, a referral may be made to another appropriate agency (Missing Education and Child Employment Service, Social Care or Police).

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Bags in School and Mobile Phones

As you may know over the past few years we have gradually been phasing out pupils bringing rucksacks into school. This is because we have so little storage space and because it is much easier for the children if they have just one bag to store their school essentials. The children should by now all have a school book bag which is available from the office and from One Stop, our uniform suppliers.

In the book bag children should have their reading book, their reading journal/diary and then any communications that need to go home or come back to school. Please ensure that lunch boxes and water bottles are carried separately as books are easily damaged by leaks and spills. We do understand that when the children are attending sporting clubs, they do need to transport their kit but we ask that this is in as small a bag as possible as these do take up space in the classrooms and cloakrooms.

We are a mobile free school and the children are not permitted to bring phones into the building. We appreciated that parents of Year 5 and 6 children who walk to school, may wish their children to have a mobile phone so that they can contact them in an emergency. In this case the children need to bring their phone to the school office at the start of the day for safe keeping and they can collect it as they leave the premises to go home.

If you give permission for your child to walk to and from school on their own and have not already done so, please write a letter for us to keep on file.

Parking

As we start the New Year, please remember to park with consideration and safety.

This is the message we received from a parent last year and we would like everyone to take heed:

“As you know child safety is crucial, therefore, please can all users of our car park be extra vigilant whilst driving and of course considerate of others, especially pedestrians.

This can be supported by ensuring both our school’s entrance, exit and vehicle pathways are kept clear at all times.

Individuals attempting to get in and out of their cars in dangerous areas like this are potentially putting their children and others at unnecessary risk.”

Please work together for the safety of our children!

Staff Vacancies

We are looking to recruit a midday assistant to work over lunchtimes on Mondays and Tuesday supporting the children whilst they eat their dinners and play.

If you are interested, please ask at the school office for an application form.

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff to share this commitment. This position will be subject to enhanced police checks.

Notices and Reminders

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.

We are in the process of updating class pages on the website and a class photo, topic letter and curriculum map will be added over the coming days.

Letters sent home this week:

-  **Chelmsford City Football Club**
-  **History of Toys Day classes H and J**
-  **Maldon Rugby Club Key stage 2**
-  **High Five Netball Club Years 5 and 6**

Clubs

We are in the process of getting our clubs and extra-curricular activities up and running with some starting next week. Our timetable so far is:

	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday		French with Mrs Croucher, La Jolie Ronde Catch up lessons	Netball Club with Miss Bridge 3.30pm to 4.15pm Year 5 & 6 Brownies 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Tuesday	Cheerleading with Premier Sport 8.00am – 8.45am Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	French with Mrs Croucher, La Jolie Ronde Years 3 & 4 Year 2	Football with Chelmsford City 3.30pm-4.30pm, Years 2, 3 & 4 Tennis with Danbury Tennis Club 3.30pm – 4.15pm, Years 3 & 4
Wednesday		Spanish Mrs Mason Years 1, 2 & 3	Multisports 3.25pm – 4.20pm Years 1- 6 Guides 7.00pm – 8:30pm
Thursday	Athletics with Premier Sport 8.00am – 8.45am Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	French with Mrs Croucher, La Jolie Ronde Year 1 Girls Football 12.30pm to 12.50pm, Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Boys Football 3.25pm to 4.20pm, Year 4, 5 & 6 Grundy Gym Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday		Spanish Mrs Mason Years 4,5 & 6	KS2 Tag Rugby with Maldon Rugby Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm Spanish Mrs Mason 3:30 pm – 4:14pm Years 5 & 6 Art Club with Mrs Butler 3.30pm to 4.30pm

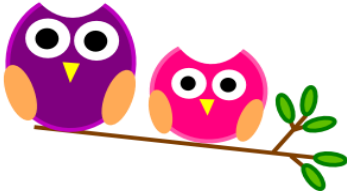
We are pleased with the variety and range of clubs that we are able to offer and we hope that you will take advantage of this.

School Lunches

Costs for Autumn Term 2018

1st Half Term – 5 September – 18 October = 32 Days at £2.20 = **£70.40**
2nd Half Term – 29 October – 20 December = 39 Days at £2.20 = **£85.80**

Total for Autumn Term £156.20



DPSA News



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Class Reps

The Class Reps act as a link between the DPSA, school and parents to improve communication. Class Reps are a great way of making sure you never miss important things like dress down days and discos. The Reps we have so far are:-

Class A	Kellie B	kellieberry@hotmail.co.uk
Class B	Louise E	louise.chandler@yahoo.com
Class C	Gemma P	gemma_cawley@yahoo.co.uk
Class D	Emily T	ecbailey@hotmail.co.uk
Class E	<u>VACANT</u>	
Class F	Michelle P	michelle@supplies4business.net
Class G	Helen C	heconway@yahoo.co.uk
	Ellie F	ellie.fraser@outlook.com
Class H	Susie C	susan.caulfield@hotmail.co.uk
Class J	Emma S	emmajands@hotmail.co.uk
	Lyndsay R	Lyndsay_boon7@hotmail.com

Please email sallyj@doctors.org.uk or message on Facebook if you'd like to volunteer for class E. Please do let your Rep have your contact information so they can add you to their contact list.

School disco – Friday 28th September (Years 1-6)

As always we are holding a 'back to school disco' to kick off the new term. We run a disco every term but restrict the Autumn term disco to years 1- 6. The disco can be quite daunting to the EYFS children but we look forward to welcoming them to their first disco in January.



KS1 (years 1+2) 6.00 – 7.00pm (£2)
KS2 7.15 - 8.30pm (£2.50)

We need lots of helpers for both discos so please let Sally

Pain (sallyj@doctors.org.uk) know if you can help or post on Facebook. Thank you.

Jumble Sale – Saturday 29th September 1.30pm Danbury Village Hall



We need donations of adult and childrens clothes, shoes, bags, bric-a-brac, toys, books, bedding, small electrical and household items, in fact anything that we can sell on. Please deliver items to the village hall from 9am on the day.

Helpers needed on the day morning (9 -12 noon) or afternoon (1.15 – 3pm). Please let Sally know if you can help on sallyj@doctors.org.uk or post on Facebook.

Adventure Island Wrist Bands

Adventure Island is open every weekend until 17th November and all through half term

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 £3.75 on the internet price and up to £10 on the 'on the day price'

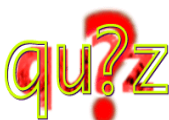
To buy wristband vouchers (valid until the end of the year) contact Nicky at nickythomason@me.com who will arrange to get them to you. Payments need to be in cash or a cheque made payable to The DPSA. Family and friends are welcome to buy too!

Other events for this term

Ice Cream Fridays while the weather remains fair we will still be selling ice creams after school on Fridays starting today. All ice creams cost £1



We have **Bag2school** on **Monday 1st October 9am**, bags will go out soon. We collect re-usable clothes, paired shoes, hats, bags, scarves, gloves, belts and soft toys.



Quiz night is back on **Saturday 13th October 8pm School Hall**. Get together teams of up to 8 people, entry is £5 per person. Entry forms have gone out in book bags this week.

£190 raised - Thank you!

A big thank you to Mrs Yvonne B for organising a fund-raising coffee morning and cake sale for The DPSA last term which raised an amazing **£190**. The weather was fabulous and we all had a great time.



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!

Have a good weekend! The DPSA

Woodland Montessori



Mrs Lynne Bage has sent us the following update on how she is settling into the school bungalow:

After an extremely busy summer, we're happy to announce that the Woodland Montessori Pre-school and Out of School Club is now officially open for business!

We provide care for children aged 2½ - 11 years in a child-focussed environment following the Montessori philosophy where play is the work of the child. Our Pre-school sessions are open to all children in the local community. Our out of school sessions serve the children of Danbury Park School, but our Holiday club is open for all the local community.

We've got lots planned; from ranger-led forest school sessions (both preschool and out of school), art in nature sessions, cookery school and gardening club.

We have an "open door" policy, so you are always welcome to pop in to take a look around. Taster sessions are also available.

We've now opened the diary for bookings for our half-term holiday club – give me a call on 07432 424625, pop in or visit our Facebook page (search Woodland Montessori18) to find out more.

I look forward to hearing from you.



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 17th September

Week 3 MONDAY	Chicken and Tomato Pasta or Quorn Tomato Pasta	Garlic Bread Peas Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Brownie Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Minced Beef Wrap or Roasted Vegetable Wrap	New Potato Salad Mixed Vegetables Carrot sticks Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Tutti Fruitti Flapjack Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Roast Turkey served with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy or Roasted Quorn Fillet served with Yorkshire pudding and Gravy	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced Carrots Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Strawberry Fruit Jelly Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh
THURSDAY	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or Vegetarian Quorn Balls in tomato sauce	White and Wholegrain pasta Cauliflower Florets Broccoli Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Oven Baked Young's Omega 3 Fish Fingers	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Smiley Cookies Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 17th September 2018

Mon 17th

Tues 18th

Chelmsford Co-op to present loyalty card cheque to school

Weds 19th

Thurs 20th

7.00pm

Full governing body meeting

Fri 21st

Full term dates for this academic year 2018-19
and for next, 2019-20 are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

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Dates for Autumn Term 2018

Date	Time	Event
September		
5 th	8.50am	School reopens to pupils
	10.10am	Whole school assembly
11 th	All day	Class Cuckoo to visit Colchester Castle
	7.00 – 9.00pm	Governor Training
13 th	2.45pm	New Parents Reading Meeting
14 th	All day	Class Dove to visit Sutton Hoo
15 th		CCHS 11+
17 th	9.15am	Annual Review (C)
20 th	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
22 nd		11+
26 th	All day	Classes Goldfinch & Flamingo to visit Castle Hedingham
27 th	7.00pm	Welcome to Year 6 and School Journey meeting for parents
28 th	6.00pm	DPSA KS1 Disco
	7.15pm	DPSA KS2 Disco
October		
3 rd	8.30am	School Photos (individual)
	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
4 th	4.30pm	Governors' Curriculum Meeting
5 th	2.50pm	Class A Assembly
8 th	6.30pm	Governors' Pay meeting
	7.00pm	Governors' Personnel meeting
12 th	2.50pm	Class Cuckoo Assembly
13 th	Eve	DPSA Quiz Night
16 th	10.00am	EYFS & KS1 Autumn Celebration to KS2 & Visitors
	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
18 th	2.45pm	EYFS & KS1 Autumn Celebration to parents
	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
19 th		School closed for staff training
22 nd – 26 th		Half-term
Oct		
31 st	All day	Classes Jay & Hummingbird Toy Day
November		
1 st	6.30pm	Governors' Resources Meeting
2 nd	9.30 – 11.30	Pre-school activity morning
	2.50pm	Class Budgerigar Assembly
7 th	9.30 -11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
9 th	2.50pm	Class Dove Assembly
	All day	Remembrance Day activities in classes
13 th	9.30 -11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
16 th tbc		Children in Need
16 th	2.50pm	Class Eider Assembly
20 th	1.45 – 2.45pm	Open Afternoon for prospective parents
21 st	3.05pm	Celebration Assembly
Week beg 26 th Nov		End of Term Assessment Week
1 st	12.00 – 2.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre
6 th		Flu Immunisation
12 th		Christmas Lunch
14 th	Tbc	Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsals

17 th	Tbc	Filming of Christmas plays
18 th	2.15pm & 6.00pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance
19 th	1.45pm & 6.30pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
20 th	9.10am	Celebration Assembly
	Pm	Christmas Parties for all classes
		Last day of term for pupils

Spring Term 2018		
12 th February	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
14 th February	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations – all classes