

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

7th September 2018

Dear Parents,

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

Lydia A – Emerald

Congratulations also to **Abigail M** who passed her modern Grade 1 Exam with distinction

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

Welcome Back!

We hope that you all had a good summer holiday and made the most of the sunny days.

The new academic year has started well with the new children in the Reception year group joining us this week. This is a big step for them but they are settling in well and making many new friends. We have also been joined by children in other year groups throughout the school. We are proud of our wonderful school and pleased that parents have chosen to join us and we hope that they will all be very happy at Danbury Park.

This term we have been joined by Mr Brown, who is teaching Class Budgerigar, Miss Caves who is a new member of our learning support assistant team and Mrs Packham in the school office. Sadly this week we said goodbye to Ms Edwards, our Office Manager, as she moves on to take on a new challenge and we will be joined by Mrs Jacki Brooke later this term to take over the reins leading the office team. During this transition period when we will be short staffed in the office, we do ask for your understanding and patience and we will endeavour to do our best in dealing with your enquiries.

We have also had some changes of roles within the school and teachers have swapped year groups with Mrs Eveleigh and Mrs Booth taking over Class Avocet, Mrs Ireland teaching Class Dove and Miss Chinery taking on Class Eider. Some of our class learning support assistants have also moved classes and year groups with Mrs Babbs in Class Avocet, Mrs Rackliff in Class Dove, Mrs Barker in Class Eider and Mrs Rush in Class Goldfinch. We hope that they will all be very happy in their new roles.

We would like to say congratulations to Caroline Foster in the office who celebrated her wedding this summer and is now Mrs Stubbs.

We have started to compile a list of dates for this term so that you have advanced warning of activities and events. A list is included at the end of this newsletter and more information and details will follow as each date approaches. As ever the Autumn term promises to be very busy.

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.

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

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!

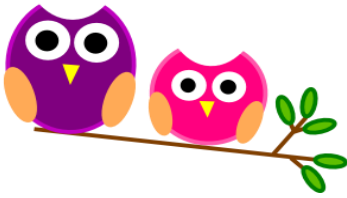
Clubs

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 |
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| 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 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 |

Letters have already been sent home and most clubs will be up and running by next week. We are awaiting confirmation from Chelmsford City Football and Maldon Rugby Club so please check with the office next week.

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.



DPSA News



Class Reps

A big thank you to all our Class Reps from last year. The Class Reps act as a link between the DPSA, school and parents to hopefully improve communication. Class Reps are a great way of making sure you never miss important things like dress down days and disco!

The Reps we have so far are:-

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| 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 | VACANT | |
| Class E | VACANT | |
| Class F | Michelle P | michelle@supplies4business.net |
| Class G | Helen C | heconway@yahoo.co.uk |
| | Ellie F | ellie.fraser@outlook.com |
| Class H | VACANT | |
| Class J | Emma Sands | emmajsands@hotmail.co.uk |

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

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

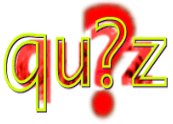


Jumble sale at Danbury Village Hall **Saturday 29th September**. We need adult and childrens clothes, shoes, bags, bric-a-brac, toys, books, bedding, small electrical and household items, in fact anything that we can sell on.

Please deliver items to the village hall from 9am on the day. If you can help on the day morning or afternoon please let Sally know on sallyj@doctors.org.uk



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



Quiz night is back on **Saturday 13th October**. Get together teams of up to 8 people, entry is £5 per person. Entry forms will go out next week.

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



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.

Letters sent home this week:

-  **High Five Netball Club**
-  **Premier sports clubs**
-  **Class Dove visit to Sutton Hoo**



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 10th September

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| 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 10th September 2018

Mon 10th

Tues 11th
7.00pm

Class Cuckoo to visit Colchester Castle
Governor Training

Weds 12th

Thurs 13th
2.45pm

Reading meeting for EYFS parents/carers

Fri 14th

Class Dove to Sutton Hoo

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

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Autumn Term 2018

| Date | Time | Event |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
| 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 |
| 2 nd tbc | 12.00 – 2.00pm | DPSA Christmas Fayre |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |