

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

11th January 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Olivia H – Emerald Lucy K – Emerald Daisy P – Emerald Poppy R – Emerald Grace M – Ruby
Ollie W – Diamond Quinlan S – Diamond Erin P – Book Trail Reading Challenge

Congratulations also to Christopher W on passing his Classical Guitar – Grade 6

***Our next Celebration Assembly is
on Wednesday 6th February 2019 at 2.50pm.
Families are welcome to join us.***

Welcome Back! Happy New Year!

I hope that you all had a good Christmas and that the New Year has started well. The Spring Term always gets underway very quickly as it is such a short term overall and we have so many exciting events and activities to fit in.

This term we will celebrate our annual Book Week and this year we are linking our love of reading and writing with Maths. Each class is choosing a book with a mathematical link to build their work around and of course, we will have our traditional dressing up day. We also have the Young Voices Concert, the Year 4 Superstars and the Year 2 Infant Music Festival to look forward to. Sadly our visitors from China will not be coming this year as they have struggled to put together a large enough party to make the visit viable. We hope that they will return next year.

The classes are in the midst of arranging educational visits and events including Class Cuckoo's visit to the National Observatory in London, a visit from the owls and birds of prey for Classes Jay and Hummingbird, a Chinese day in Class Avocet, and a Victorian day for Class Budgerigar. More information and details will follow in due course.

We will also have the traditional range of events such as the DPSA discos and Easter Egg Hunt as well as the infant class assemblies and the KS2 Spring Celebration.

Next week we will be sending out information about the annual RCCE competition to design and grow a healthy lunch box. This is always popular and the school traditionally achieves very well – Ava B won lots of gardening equipment and the opportunity to plant her ingredients and watch them grow two years ago. Let's see if we can do it again!

A list of dates for your diary are included at the end of this newsletter to help you plan ahead and we hope to see you at many of these events.

School Clubs

Our timetable for the Spring Term is below:

	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
Tuesday	Cheerleading with Premier Sport 8.00am – 8.45am Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 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 with Mrs Mason Years 1,2 & 3	Multisports 3.25pm – 4.20pm Years 1- 6
Thursday	Athletics with Premier Sport 8.00am – 8.45am Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	French with Mrs Croucher, La Jolie Ronde Year 1 Girls Football 12.20pm to 12.50pm, Year 4, 5 & 6	Boys Football 3.25pm to 4.30pm, Years 5 & 6 Grundy Gym Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday		Spanish with Mrs Mason Years 4,5 & 6	KS2 Tag Rugby with Maldon Rugby Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm Art Club with Mrs Butler 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Should you require any further information, please contact the school office or the clubs directly for details.

All clubs started the week beginning 7th January 2018 and finish the week beginning 1st April, apart from Netball, French and Spanish, which start the week commencing 14th January

TT Rockstars



Before Christmas the children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 should have brought home a letter all about TT Rockstars. This is an online resource, similar to Mathletics, to which the school has recently purchased a subscription. It is specially designed to help children learn and practise their multiplication tables in a fun and interactive way. The government will be introducing an online Multiplication test for pupils in Year 4 so we want to ensure that the children have every opportunity to learn their tables thoroughly.

We will be using the resource in school and we hope that you will make some time to explore the website with your child.

Emergency School Closures – SNOW!

As we approach the time of year when inclement weather and snow is more likely, we would like to advise you of the school's emergency closure procedure. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly but there may be rare times when the site is unsafe or insufficient staff can get into the school and closure is unavoidable.

Please note that the local radio stations no longer give out announcements.

Schools will notify Essex County Council and the information will be available on their website at:

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

We will also put a message out on Parentmail. We aim to do this by 7.30am.

Please let the office know if you are not receiving Parentmail messages.

If the weather and traffic are bad, please take care and get to school safely. We will understand if you delay your journey and arrive later than the usual time.

If you have not yet joined *Parentmail*, please ask at the office.

Wet weather clothing

As the weather gets wetter and colder we are often asked for tights and socks so that the children can change if they get muddy or wet when playing outside. If you have any spare tights or socks for any age it would be really helpful if you could send them into the office.

If your child comes home in spare clothes we would be grateful if you could wash and return them as soon as possible.

Thank you

Safeguarding Keeping Safe

At the beginning of each term we remind the children about using the internet safely, so now is a good time for you to sit down with your child and reinforce the messages about online safety.

There has been a lot in the news recently about children struggling to cope with all the pressures of living in a digital age particularly when they move to secondary school. We are aware that this starts much earlier in Year 6 and even Year 5 usually when the children get their first mobile phones. As part of our PSHE programme we undertake work explaining about social media and how the children can keep themselves safe. We also include work on friendships and how saying something in a text or via a digital message should be viewed in the same way as saying something to each other in person.

There are excellent reports and resources for parents to use, including on the link below. Please take some time to read them and sit down with your child and review how they can keep themselves safe and use how they can use these ways of communicating responsibly.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk>

CENSUS DAY - THURSDAY 17TH JANUARY

Calling all Infants

Please encourage your child to have a tasty free school meal on Thursday 17th January as our funding is calculated based on the numbers having lunches on that day. The menu for that day is Kentucky Chicken Drumsticks or Macaroni Cheese, Jam Tart & custard or Yoghurt. Jacket potatoes & fillings are also available.

Thank you for your support.

School Lunches Costs for Spring Term 2019

1st Half Term: 7th January – 14th February = 29 days at £2.20 = **£63.80**

2nd Half Term: 25th February – 5th April = 30 Days at £2.20 = **£66.00**

Full Term Total = £129.80

Please send monies in with your child via the book bags in a named envelope making cheques payable to Essex County Council. We would encourage parents to pay in advance for meals and if possible for the whole half-term. You will only pay for those meals that your child has and any credits will be carried forward to the next term.

Please remember school dinners were increased at the beginning of this academic year and cost £2.20. Thank you.

Notices and Reminders

Curriculum and Class Information – Letters from each class should be sent home today to tell you about class topics this term and any class specific arrangements and events. The full curriculum maps will be uploaded to the school's website over the coming week.

Letters sent home this week:

 **Class C Visit to Royal Observatory**

Admission to Schools for the Reception Year Group September 2019

The primary school (Reception) admissions process opened on **Monday 12 November 2018**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2019.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2019**.

From 12 November 2018, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year.



DPSA News



Jumble Sale Tomorrow Saturday 12th January 1.30pm Danbury Village Hall



Donations of jumble and help needed

Please collect together and bring all jumble - adult and childrens clothes, shoes, bags, household linen, bric-a-brac, small electrical items, books, toys (in fact anything at all except large items of furniture) - to Danbury Village Hall on the morning of Saturday 12th January from 9am – 12 noon. Come along to buy from 1.30 - 3pm. Any unsold items that are suitable will be put through to the next Bag2school collection on the 24th January.

We need helpers on the day 10 helpers to sort donations in the morning 9am -12 noon and another 12 people to run stalls in the afternoon 1.15 – 3pm. If you can help on the day please email sallyj@doctors.org.uk as soon as possible.

All profit from the jumble sale goes towards buying things for the school so your support is needed and much appreciated. We are currently raising money to buy tablet computers for all classes to use.

Bag2school – Thursday 24th January 9am



Collection bags will go out in book bags shortly. If you need more they can be collected from the school office or just use plain black bin bags. Please donate unwanted clothes (adult and child), paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, belts, ties and soft toys, and **also now household linen, duvet covers, pillow cases, towels and curtains**. We can no longer collect cushions, duvets, pillows or blankets. Please bring to school **on the day only** and leave by the gate by **9am**. If it is raining please put the bags in the cycle shelter.

Dates for the diary 2019



<u>January</u>	
Sat 12th	New Year Jumble Sale
Thurs 24 th	Bag2school
Friday 25 th	School Disco
<u>March</u>	
Sat 30 th	Easter Egg Hunt
<u>June</u>	
Sat 22 nd	Summer Fayre

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 14th January

Week 2 MONDAY	Pasta Carbonara or Vegetarian Carbonara (V)	Homemade Fresh Bread Mixed Vegetables Carrot Sticks Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cornflake Tart and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese or Quorn Bolognese (V)	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Giant Cookie with Fruit Wedge Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Local Butchers Roast Gammon served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheesy Stack Wrap (V)	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced carrots Whole Green Beans Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Strawberry Fruit Jelly Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Kentucky Chicken Drumsticks or Macaroni Cheese (v)	White and Wholegrain Rice Broccoli, Sweetcorn Green Salad Chips Baked Beans Peas	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jam Tart and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Local Butchers Beefburger in a Floured Bap or Vegetable Burger in a Floured Bap (v)	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Rice Crispy Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 14th January 2019

Mon 14th

Tues 15th

Weds 16th

Thurs 17th

7.00pm

Full governing body meeting

Fri 18th

**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 Spring Term 2019

Date	Time	Event
January		
17 th	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
21 st		Class C to the Royal Observatory
25 th	6.00pm 7.15pm	DPSA Discos
28 th		Young Voices Concert at 02
31 st	4.30pm	Curriculum Committee meeting
February		
1 st	2.50pm	Class F Assembly
5 th	12.30pm	Year 4 Superstars
6 th	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
8 th		Class G Assembly
12 th	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations
14 th	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations
15 th	8.30am	School closed for staff training
18 th – 22 nd		Half-term
March		
1 st	Am	Classes H & J Owl Visit
Week beg 4 th		Book Week
7 th		World Book Day Dressing up Day
	6.30pm	Resources Committee Meeting
15 th	2.50pm	Class H Assembly
18 th	6.30pm	Pay Committee Meeting
	7.00pm	Personnel Committee meeting
20 th		Fire and Rescue Workshops (Yr 3, Yr 6)
22 nd	2.50pm	Class J Assembly
27 th	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
30 th	tbc	DPSA Easter Egg Hunt
April		
2 nd	10.00am	Spring/Easter assembly for guests & infants
5 th	2.30pm	Spring/Easter assembly for parents
		Break up for Easter holidays