

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



Website: [www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk](http://www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk)

**18<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Dear Parents,

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

Bella G – Emerald Bailey T – Ruby Zachary C – Diamond Jack H – Diamond  
Christopher C - Diamond Freya E – Topaz Emma B - Bronze

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

### Rural Community Council of Essex Growing Communities Packed Lunch Plot Competition

This year we are again inviting pupils to take part in the RCCE *Packed Lunch Plot* competition. You may remember that two years ago Ava B, who was then in Class Goldfinch, won the competition and the RCCE team came into school to plant up her plot and to help the class use the new equipment to get the school's vegetable garden under control.

This year the competition has been split so that there will be an infant winner and a junior winner. I explained all about the project in assembly this week and those children, who are interested, have brought home the entry form, so that they can work on their designs over the coming weeks. Entries should be sent into school either with the children or via the school office.

**All entries must be in school by the morning of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February, as we need to post them to the RCCE in plenty of time.**

#### First Prizes

£500 allotment equipment for the school.

#### Two Runners up Prizes

£150 allotment equipment for the school.

**Good Luck!**

### Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Bridge, our Class Jay teacher, and her fiancé, Mr Stone, who have just announced that they are expecting their first child in July this year.

## Children's Health and Well-being

This year Danbury Park School will be taking part in a survey on behalf of Essex County Council to gather information on the well-being of children in Essex. Last year over 18 000 pupils took part and the results help the Council and us as a school improve our provision and services. The children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to take part and a letter with all the details is being sent home to parents.

The survey is an online series of questions with multiple-choice answers and we will talk the children through the process. They will be asked their opinions about healthy life=styles, emotional health, bullying and safety, children's rights and recreational activities. Responses are anonymised but in the past Danbury Park has used the information to support groups with friendship problems and to provide well-being mentor sessions.

## 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.

## 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.nwgnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Online-Onguard-Read-Online-Version.pdf>

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

## School Lunches Costs for Spring Term 2019

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: 25<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Recycling



We have been made aware that soiled nappies are again being put in our recycling bins at the entrance to the staff carpark. We have been informed that if this continues the school will be fined for incorrect disposal.







The bins are specifically for plastic and cardboard and are for school use only as we do generate a lot of materials that can be recycled and of course, we want to teach the children about being responsible and caring for the environment. The bins need to be sited at the front of the school so that the collection vehicles have adequate access to them.

Please help us and support the children in their efforts to recycle.

## Notices and Reminders

**Curriculum and Class Information** – Letters from each class should have been sent home last week 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:

-  **Interim Pupil Reports** (sent home last Friday)
-  **SHEU Survey** (Years 4, 5 and 6 only) Data Collection Sheets
-  **Young Voices Travel Letter**
-  **Class A Chinese Morning**
-  **Year 4 Superstars**
-  **Year 6 Height and Weight measuring**

## 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



# DPSA News



## Jumble Sale Thank you - Profit £491



Thank you to everybody that helped at the school jumble sale last Saturday. All profit from the jumble sale will go towards buying things for the school so your support is much appreciated. We are currently raising money to buy tablet computers and digital cameras for all classes to use. The next one will be **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October – help will be needed!**

## Bag2school – next Thursday 24th January 9am



Collection bags have gone out in book bags. 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 cannot collect cushions, duvets, pillows or blankets. Please bring to school **on the day only and leave it on the tarpaulin at the gate by 9am**. If it is raining please put the bags in the cycle shelter.

## School disco – Next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January (All Years)



As always we are holding a 'New Year disco' to kick off the spring term. All children are welcome to attend from EYF to year 6.

**KS1 (EYF and years 1+2)**  
**KS2**

**6.00 – 7.00pm (£2)**  
**7.15 - 8.30pm (£2.50)**

Sweets and crisps (ranging from 5 -30p) and glostix (20p each or 3 for 50p) will be on sale at both discos. There is also a raffle (20p per ticket) at the KS2 disco. Please do make sure you are aware of how much money your child is bringing to spend.

Please let Sally Pain ([sallyj@doctors.org.uk](mailto:sallyj@doctors.org.uk)) know if you can help or post on Facebook. Thank you.

## Christmas Show DVDs last few remaining!

Please email [sallyj@doctors.org.uk](mailto:sallyj@doctors.org.uk) if you still would like to buy a copy of the performance. DVDs are £16 each.

## Dates for the diary 2019



<b><u>January</u></b>	
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bag2school</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Disco</b>
<b><u>March</u></b>	
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>
<b><u>June</u></b>	
<b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Summer Fayre</b>

**Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA**



## Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January

<b>Week 3</b> MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake or Salmon Puff (V)	Garlic Bread Peas Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sponge Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Minced Beef Pie or Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheese (V)	Creamy Mashed Potato Carrots Mixed Vegetables Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Homemade Shortbread 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 (V)	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced Carrots Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Homemade Creamy Rice Pudding and Jam Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or Vegetarian Quorn Balls in tomato sauce (V)	White and Wholegrain pasta Cauliflower Florets Sweet Corn 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	Red Velvet Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

### Dates for the Diary

#### Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup>**                      **Class Cuckoo's visit to the Royal Observatory**

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Weds 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup>**                      **Class Flamingo's moon buggy making day**  
**6.00pm - 7.00pm**            **DPSA Infant Disco**  
**7.15pm - 8.30pm**            **DPSA Junior Disco**

**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
<b>January</b>		
21 <sup>st</sup>		Class C to the Royal Observatory
25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm 7.15pm	DPSA Discos
28 <sup>th</sup>		Young Voices Concert at 02
31 <sup>st</sup>	4.30pm	Curriculum Committee meeting
<b>February</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	2.50pm	Class F Assembly
5 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Year 4 Superstars
5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Chinese Morning Class A
6 <sup>th</sup>	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
8 <sup>th</sup>		Class G Assembly
12 <sup>th</sup>	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations
14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations
15 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	School closed for staff training
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Half-term
<b>March</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Am	Classes H & J Owl Visit
Week beg 4 <sup>th</sup>		Book Week
7 <sup>th</sup>		World Book Day Dressing up Day
	6.30pm	Resources Committee Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup>	2.50pm	Class H Assembly
18 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Pay Committee Meeting
	7.00pm	Personnel Committee meeting
20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Infant Music Festival Year 2
20 <sup>th</sup>		Fire and Rescue Workshops (Yr 3, Yr 6)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.50pm	Class J Assembly
27 <sup>th</sup>	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
30 <sup>th</sup>	tbc	DPSA Easter Egg Hunt
<b>April</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Spring/Easter assembly for guests & infants
5 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Spring/Easter assembly for parents
		Break up for Easter holidays