

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

25th January 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Isla T - Gold

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

Change 4 Life



This week the children from Year 1 through to Year 6 have brought home a pack all about healthy life-styles with some ideas for how families can make easy changes to their habits in order to lead healthier and happier lives. We have submitted a request for additional packs for our families in EYFS and we hope that these will arrive shortly.

There are also lots of ideas on:
<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>

Rural Community Council of Essex Growing Communities Packed Lunch Plot Competition

Don't forget the RCCE Competition is still open.

All entries must be in school by the morning of Monday 11th 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!

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>

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

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 per day. 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:

- Parent Consultations**
- Change 4 Life Packs**

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



School disco – Tonight Friday 25th January (All Years welcome)



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) 6.00 – 7.00pm (£2)
KS2 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.

Christmas Show DVDs last few remaining!

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

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 days and discos.

Book collection

We are still collecting good quality children's reading books for use in school. Please leave any unwanted books in the collection box by the office.

Dates for the diary 2019



March
Sat 30th Easter Egg Hunt 2-4pm
June
Tues 18th Bag2school
Sat 22nd Summer Fayre

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 28th January

Week 1 MONDAY	Homemade Pepperoni or Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)	White and Wholegrain Pasta Coleslaw Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cranberry Flapjack with Yoghurt Drizzle Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Local Butchers pork sausage or Vegetarian Quorn Sausage (V)	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans Peas/ Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Local Butchers Roast Beef served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheddar Whirl (V)	Roast Potatoes Cauliflower florets Fresh carrots Green salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice cream Arctic Roll Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Homemade Chicken Korma or Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma (V)	White and Wholegrain Rice Naan Bread Sweetcorn, Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Oven Baked Birdseye Jumbo Fish finger	Chips Mixed Veg / Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Viennese Biscuits Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 28th January 2019

- Mon 28th** **Young Voices at the O² Arena**
- Tues 29th** **School Nurse to measure Year R and Year 6 children**
Chelmsford Cricket Club Cricket Workshops for KS2
- Weds 30th**
- Thurs 31st** **Year 6 Spanish Project with students from The Sandon School**
4.30pm **Governors' Curriculum Meeting**
- Fri 1st Feb** **Class Flamingo's Assembly**
2.50pm

**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 Spring Term 2019

Date	Time	Event
January		
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
5 th	9.00am	Chinese Morning Class A
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	9.00am	Infant Music Festival Year 2
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