

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

8th February 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Emerald - Joe F, Thomas D, James H, Dexter B, Oscar L

Ruby - George T, **Diamond** - Zak S,

Bronze - Mirabelle R **Silver** – Scarlett A, Summer P **Platinum** – George B

**Our next Celebration Assembly is on
Wednesday 27th March 2019 at 2.50pm.
Families are welcome to join us.**

Lunchtimes at Danbury Park

The Daily Mile challenge for the junior children has now been running for almost a year and we are very pleased that some children are trying really hard to participate every day. In celebration assembly this week we recognised the perseverance and dedication of the following children:

Lucy R and Grace D (Class B)

Olivia H, Bella G and Oliver M (Class D)

Sam H, Thomas C-S, Oscar L and Harry B (Class E)

Well done!

This term to widen the children's repertoire of things to do at playtimes, we have introduced the children to some traditional playground games. Each Monday in assembly we teach them how to play a different game and this week it has been wonderful to see them playing *What's the Time Mr Wolf?* and *Marco Polo* so well together.



The all-weather surfaces around the adventure play equipment have been repaired so these are now back in use and once the weather improves, we will bring out the skipping ropes and hoops again. The School Council will be working with our Get Active Promoters after half-term to think about what more we could do to improve the experience.

Monday's School Closure

Thank you very much for your understanding regarding the unplanned school closure on Monday. At 10.00am we experienced a power cut but we continued with our timetable of whole school assembly and playtime. We were advised by the authorities that there was a fault with an overhead cable in Parkdale and that they hoped to restore power by 12.30pm.

The number of children having school dinners was over 200 so we realised that we would not be able to provide a meal at 12.00pm. If the power were to come back on, it would be more like 2.00pm before the children had anything hot to eat and we do not have enough provisions stored for a cold alternative for so many children.

Without heating the temperature in school soon started to drop and we realised that the children needed to be somewhere warm, so for the well-being of the children we felt we had no alternative but to inform you of the situation and close the school. We ensured that the children, who were with us at lunchtime, had a sandwich and some fruit to eat and we kept them together indoors in two rooms to play games. I would like to thank the staff, particularly our team of learning support assistants, who all pulled together in the face of adversity and helped manage the situation.

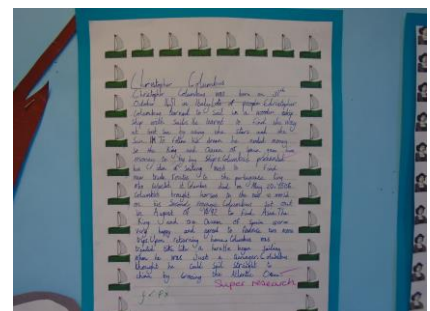
The electricity did come back on at 11.30am but was intermittent for some time. Fortunately, by Tuesday morning full power had been restored!

Thank you to those parents who passed on messages and supported each other with childcare and to Lynne Bage at Woodland Montessori for stepping in. We would ask that you check you have given us the correct contact details. We sent out Data Collection sheets in October but many have still not been returned. Even if there are no changes, we would still like them back as confirmation. If we haven't received your child's form, the teachers will give you a fresh copy at the parent consultations next week. Please check it before you leave school and drop it in the sealed box by the school office or return it the next day via the book bag.

Please be assured that had the situation been an emergency, we would have sent out a text message rather than an e-mail and we would have phoned parents, who had not arrived at school to collect their child.

Class Flamingo's Assembly

Last Friday the children in Class Flamingo started off the Spring Term series of infant class assemblies. They told us all about their topic of explorers and then tested how well the audience had been listening by holding a quick quiz. The children explained their learning clearly and confidently and kept us entertained, particularly with their *Star Wars* inspired dance. Well done!



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

Tuesday 5th February was Internet Safety Day. In assembly on Monday we reminded the children about what to do if they come across something unexpected or something they find disturbing when they are on the internet, whether this is part of playing a game or doing research.

It was good to hear that many of them would tell an adult straightaway and our older children knew how to blank the screen without losing the page or site so that an adult could investigate further and take appropriate action including reporting it so that other children are protected.

There are some good resources for parents:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019>

We will continue with this theme next week as our assembly this week was rather curtailed by the power cut!

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Rural Community Council of Essex Growing Communities Packed Lunch Plot Competition

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!

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.

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

Notices and Reminders

Parent Consultations – Letters with dates of appointment times will be sent out on Monday 4th February. Please remember that if you are on holiday during this week, we are unable to offer an alternative evening appointment. If you wish to discuss your child's education, the class teacher will arrange a time after the half-term break but this will be dependent on their availability.

Data Collection sheets – If you haven't yet returned the data collection sheet given out at last term's parent consultations we would really appreciate them back or alternatively an email to let us know that no contact details have changed. Thank you.

Letters sent home this week:

 Owl visit Classes H & J



DPSA News



Adventure Island Wrist Bands – It's Open February Half Term !

The DPSA have again teamed up with Adventure Island in Southend to offer discounted wristbands for their theme park.

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'

If you'd like to buy wristband vouchers, which are valid until the end of 2019 please 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!

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday 30th March 2-4pm



Please make sure the date is in the diary. There will be an Easter Egg hunt around the school grounds with prizes, cakes & refreshments, Easter crafts and games, Easter Hamper Raffle, Easter colouring competition, Mothers Day secrets room and of course an Easter Egg tombola.

We'll be asking for **donations of Easter Eggs** after half term so keep a look out for any special offers over the holidays. If you have any new **gifts suitable for the Mothers Day secrets room** e.g. toiletries, jewellery, please leave them in the donation box by the school office. Thank you

Booking a holiday or shopping online? Don't forget to use easyfundraising

If you book or shop online go via www.easyfundraising.org.uk and you can raise money for the school at no cost to yourself at all. Simply register on the easyfundraising website (you just need an email address and a password) and search for Danbury Park School. Select from a list of hundreds of well-known retailers you'd like to shop with and you'll be directed to the retailers' web site as usual but any purchases you make will earn the school commission. Travel companies, car hire companies, holiday insurance and airport parking pay up to 10% of your purchase price.

Dates for the diary 2019



March

Thurs 7th

DPSA Committee Meeting 8pm The Bell – all welcome

Sat 30th

Easter Egg Hunt 2-4pm

June

Tues 18th

Bag2school

Sat 22nd

Summer Fayre 12 -3pm

July

Frid 5th

School Disco

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 11th February

Week 3 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

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 11th February 2019

Mon 11th

Tues 12th

Am
3.40pm - 6.10pm
6.30pm

Class Avocet's Chinese cooking morning
Parent Consultations
Governor Working Party meeting

Weds 13th

Thurs 14th

6.00pm - 8.30pm

Parent Consultations

Fri 15th

School closed for staff training

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd Half-term Break

**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
February		
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	2.00-4.00pm	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