

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

15th March 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Ben H – **Bronze** Charlotte H - Silver

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

Book Week – Reading Counts



Last week we celebrated World Book Day with a whole week's worth of activities. We focused on the book 'The very hungry caterpillar'. The children enjoyed coming up with ideas of what they would eat each day if they were a caterpillar! They also enjoyed creating their own caterpillars and butterflies using paints.

On Monday, we met with Classes A and E for paired reading.

"I liked sitting with the bigger children and reading." - Henry W

"I read with my big brother." - Florence C

Tuesday we loved having the adults in for the Parent read. It was so lovely having so many of you able to join us .

"My mummy read 4 stories to us!" - Arthur M



Thursday was our favourite day dressing up! The children all looked fantastic and enjoyed telling each other about their costume and the book they were from. It was a very busy enjoyable week!

Class Jay

Owl visit – Class Jay



On Friday 1st March, we had four Owls visit us in school. We met Mr Forbes the Tawny Owl, Toffee the Barn owl, Big Alice the Eagle owl and the Great Horned Owl, Nunok. The children sat beautifully listening to our visitors. We really enjoyed watching them fly around the hall over our heads! We learnt many interesting facts about owls and were able to ask lots of questions. After snack time the children had a chance to draw the owls and have a photograph with them. It was a fantastic morning!



Safeguarding - Keeping Safe

There has been even more in the press recently about children and online games and sites. Our advice to parents is to stay informed and to supervise the time children spend online and to make this a family shared experience.

The two Johns, who visited our school in summer 2018, have an excellent website and *facebook* page and they issue regular updates to support parents. Please take a look at <https://www.esafetytraining.org/> and sign up for alerts. Many parents have told us how useful this is.

UK Chief Medical Officers' advice for parents and carers on Children and Young People's screen and social media use

Technology can be a wonderful thing but too much time sitting down or using mobile devices can get in the way of important, healthy activities. Here are some tips for balancing screen use with healthy living.

Sleep matters Getting enough, good quality sleep is very important. Leave phones outside the bedroom when it is bedtime.		Sharing sensibly Talk about sharing photos and information online and how photos and words are sometimes manipulated. Parents and carers should never assume that children are happy for their photos to be shared. For everyone – when in doubt, don't upload!	
Education matters Make sure you and your children are aware of, and abide by, their school's policy on screen time.		Keep moving! Everyone should take a break after a couple of hours sitting or lying down using a screen. It's good to get up and move about a bit. #fitlessmovement	
Safety when out and about Advise children to put their screens away while crossing the road or doing an activity that needs their full attention.		Talking helps Talk with children about using screens and what they are watching. A change in behaviour can be a sign they are distressed – make sure they know they can always speak to you or another responsible adult if they feel uncomfortable with screen or social media use.	
Family time together Screen-free meal times are a good idea – you can enjoy face-to-face conversation, with adults giving their full attention to children.		Use helpful phone features Some devices and platforms have special features – try using these features to keep track of how much time you (and with their permission, your children) spend looking at screens or on social media.	

Source: United Kingdom Chief Medical Officers' commentary on 'Screen-based activities and children and young people's mental health and psychosocial wellbeing: a systematic map of reviews' (February 2019)

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Parking

We are fortunate to have the use of a car parking space at the front of the school but it does need to be used with care and consideration. Please do **NOT** park where there are “**No Parking**” signs. The grass verge on exiting the car park is also a **no parking** area. These have been designated to ensure that there are no obstructions and traffic can flow in and out of the car park and prevents traffic backing up on Well Lane into Main Road and then onto the zebra crossing. Whilst we appreciate there is limited space, cars should be parked in the parking area and not the roadways and in such a way that they are not blocking in vehicles. We need everyone to adhere to the same rules for the sake of everyone’s safety.

School Lunches Costs for Spring Term 2019

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



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.

Notices and Reminders

Data Collection sheets – If you were given a second copy of the data collection sheet at a parent consultation meeting recently, please check the information carefully and return the sheet to us as a matter of priority, even if there are no changes. We do need up-to-date contact details in case of emergencies. Thank you.

Letters sent home this week:

-  Class Dove visit to Art Exhibition
-  Year 3 Swimming

Staff Vacancies

We have a vacancy for a **Midday Assistant** working Fridays 12.00 – 1.30pm. You will be part of the team ensuring that lunchtimes run smoothly for the children and that they have an enjoyable time.

We also have a vacancy for a **Catering Assistant** working Thursdays and Fridays 12.00 – 1.30pm. You will be supporting the team in washing up and clearing away and keeping the kitchen on track during our busy serving times.

If you want to be part of our happy school community supporting the children at lunchtimes, then you are the person we are looking for.

Please contact Mrs Jacki Brooke, our Office Manager, for more details and an application pack.



DPSA News



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



We are looking for:-

Donations of Easter Eggs for the Egg Tombola – please leave in the donation box by the school office.

Donations of Gifts suitable for the Mothers Day Secrets Room e.g. toiletries, jewellery, please also leave those in the donation box by the school office.

Easter Hamper Items for the class hamper raffle– Class Reps will let you know a list of suggested items. Please leave these in the black bucket in your child's class.

Helpers on the day – please let us know at sallyj@doctors.org.uk if you can help set up in the morning, run a stall 2-3pm or 3-4pm, or help tidy away at the end.

Cakes – if you are happy to bake a cake for the refreshment stall please let me know at sallyj@doctors.org.uk

[We are currently raising money to replace the class tablet computers which are used by all children at the school.](#)

Summer Fayre Grand Raffle and Brochure

We are already starting to plan the school summer fayre. This year the theme is 'The Seaside'. If you own or know of a business that would like to sponsor a raffle prize in our Grand Raffle or would like to advertise in our professionally printed summer fayre brochure then please let us know at sallyj@doctors.org.uk or inform your Class Rep who will pass on your message.

Dates for the diary 2019



<u>March</u>	Sat 30 th	Easter Egg Hunt 2-4pm
<u>May</u>	Thurs 2 nd	DPSA committee meeting 8pm, The Bell
<u>June</u>	Tues 18 th	Bag2school
	Sat 22 nd	Summer Fayre 12 -3pm
<u>July</u>	Fri 5 th	School Disco

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 18th March

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 18th March 2019

Mon 18th

6.30pm
7.00pm

Governors' Pay Committee meeting
Governors' Personnel Committee meeting

Tues 19th

Class Budgerigar's Victorian Day

Weds 20th

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Year 2 Infant Music Festival at Christchurch, Chelmsford
Fire and Rescue service to talk to Years 3 and 6

Thurs 21st

Fri 22nd

9.30am
Pm
2.50pm

Pre-school Activity Morning
Class Dove to visit the art exhibition at Danbury Mission
Class Jay's Assembly

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
March		
18 th	6.30pm	Pay Committee Meeting
	7.00pm	Personnel Committee meeting
19 th	9.00am	Victorian Day Class B
20 th	8.40am	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
28 th	8.30am	National Maritime Museum Trip Class E
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