

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



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

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

Dear Parents,

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

Noah L - Emerald

Josh T - Topaz

Bailey D - Silver

Kirsten D - Silver

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

### Book Week – Reading Counts

The staff are very busy planning lots of activities for this year's book week, which we have also given a mathematical theme. The learning activities will help encourage the children to continue to have a love of books, poems, counting rhymes and reading. During the week there will be many exciting activities and events around the school. These include:

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Paired reading

During the morning each junior class will pair up with an infant class to enable the children to share books with a reading partner. This is an activity that the children all enjoy and look forward to.

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Reading half hour

From 9:05 - 9:35am we would like to set up a reading experience to include everyone in our celebration of reading. To enable us to do this we are asking for Mums, Dads and Grandparents to join us for this session to read children's stories with your child/children in the classrooms or surrounding environment. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Dressing up day 'World Book Day'

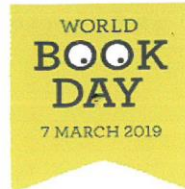
As part of our drive to maintain, promote and engage pupil interest in reading we are celebrating our book week with a dressing up day. On this special day the children can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a story book. We are asking for donations on this day to help purchase new books for our libraries and classroom book corners.

#### Story time

All staff in school will bring in their favourite children's book or poems and the children will be able to choose which story or poems they want to listen.

Today your child should have brought home their World Book Day token, which we hope you will support them in putting towards the purchase of a new and exciting book.

We would like to thank you for your support for Book Week activities in previous years and hope that this one will be just as enjoyable.



# Millionaire Menu

Thursday, 7th March 2019

**World book day**



1/4 pounder chicken burger  
in a roll



1/4 pounder vege burger  
in a roll



Cubed potatoes

Sweetcorn

Salad



100's & 1000's iced cake

Fruit

Yogurt



NOJACKETS



## Comic Relief – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

As this event falls so close to our Book Week, we are proposing that the children come to school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March wearing non-uniform and if possible something **red**. On this occasion, we would ask that we stick to non-uniform and **NO** wacky hair or make-up. In return we will collect donations for the charity.

## 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

Over half-term there has been lots in the press about the hacking of internet sites and games, particularly those that children may be using unsupervised and that are thought of as "safe", with disturbing and unsuitable material. Our assembly in Monday continued with the theme of keeping safe online and seeking adult help. Again we would urge parents 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.

<b>Sleep matters</b> Getting enough, good quality sleep is very important. Leave phones outside the bedroom when it is bedtime.		<b>Sharing sensibly</b> 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!	
<b>Education matters</b> Make sure you and your children are aware of, and abide by, their school's policy on screen time.		<b>Keep moving!</b> 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. #sitlessmovemore	
<b>Safety when out and about</b> Advise children to put their screens away while crossing the road or doing an activity that needs their full attention.		<b>Talking helps</b> 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.	
<b>Family time together</b> Screen-free meal times are a good idea – you can enjoy face-to-face conversation, with adults giving their full attention to children.		<b>Use helpful phone features</b> 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.

**Please note that next week a gas supply is going to be installed to the side of the school from Main Road. This may mean that staff will need to park in the front car parking area so places for parents and visitors will be restricted.**

## School Lunches Costs for Spring Term 2019

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

## Governor Survey

Ofsted have recently announced that their inspections will from September be focussing on the Broad Curriculum of a school, as well as its results data, pupil progress and behaviour. A broad and balanced curriculum has always been a key feature in the education of your children at Danbury Park but the governors would appreciate knowing parents’ opinions on this important matter by asking you to complete the following survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KJ3VBLP>





Thank you if you have already completed the survey.

Brenda Wray, Chair of Governors

## Notices and Reminders

**Data Collection sheets** – If you were given a second copy of the data collection sheet at parent consultation meeting this week, please check the information carefully and return the sheet to us by the end of the first week back after the half-term break, 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:

-  Infant Music Festival Year 2
-  Year 2 SATS Information Meeting
-  Victorian Day Class B
-  National Maritime Museum Visit Class E



# DPSA News



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## 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.

The **Easter colouring competition** this year will be any Easter picture – it could be a bunny, an egg, a chick or something else, painted, coloured or collaged, as long as it fits on a piece of A4 size paper. The paper can be backed with card if necessary and entries will need to be in by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. There will be prizes for the top 3 in EYF/KS1 and KS2.

### We would very much appreciate:-

**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](mailto: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](mailto:sallyj@doctors.org.uk)

## Adventure Island Wrist Bands

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](mailto: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!



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

If you book or shop online go via [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://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 30<sup>th</sup> **Easter Egg Hunt 2-4pm**

**June** Tues 18<sup>th</sup> **Bag2school**

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> **Summer Fayre 12 -3pm**

**July** Fri 5<sup>th</sup> **School Disco**

**Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA**







## Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

<b>Week 2</b> <b>MONDAY</b>	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
<b>THURSDAY</b> <i>Book week special</i> <i>Millionaire Menu</i>	<i>Quarter Pounder Chicken Burger in roll OR Quarter Pounder Vege Burger in roll</i>	<i>Cubed Potatoes  Sweetcorn  Salad</i>	<i>NO Jacket Potatoes</i>	<i>100's &amp; 1000's Iced Cake Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit</i>
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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

#### Book Week

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Book Week activity - class paired reading session**

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9.05 - 9.35am**

**Book Week activity - reading half hour, families are welcome to join us**

**Weds 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>**

**World Book Day - dress up as your favourite character**

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Book Week activity - teachers' story time**

**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
<b>March</b>		
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
19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Victorian Day Class B
20 <sup>th</sup>	8.40am	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
28 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	National Maritime Museum Trip Class E
30 <sup>th</sup>	2.00-4.00pm	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