

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



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8th March 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Oscar N - **Ruby**

Ella H - **Bronze**

Imogen C - **Ruby**

Henry B - **Silver**

Ava B - **Topaz**

Holly B - **Silver**

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

Book Week – Reading Counts

Book Week has proved very exciting this week and the children have thoroughly enjoyed all the activities. We began on Monday with classes pairing up and sharing books with a reading partner. Then on Tuesday we were joined by parents and grandparents, who spread themselves throughout the school to enjoy books together with the children. It was great to see the adults bringing in their choice of book and to see so many families participating.

On Wednesday the adults in school led story time and the children could choose which adult they would they like to join. The school was so quiet as the children became engaged and enthralled in the stories. Thursday was our favourite day when we all dressed up as book characters. Harry Potter and Where's Wally are obviously very popular again and there were also some very inventive and different ideas, including elephants!

All the above goes to show how much we value reading at Danbury Park and thank you for your support!



More photos and reports next week!

Class Goldfinch – Buggy Making Day

On Friday, Class Goldfinch had a lunar buggy making day because we have been learning about Neil Armstrong and his voyage to the moon. In our DT lessons we had investigated vehicles and how they were made, including learning the names of the different parts. Then we had to design a lunar buggy that would be compact and light.

We were lucky to have so many parents and grandparents come in to help us make them. We spent the morning using our designs to help us build the vehicles. We made sure that our moon buggies had wheels, axles and a chassis.

Then in the afternoon we painted them and added any final parts like lights and satellites. We are really proud of our work and Miss Johnston has put them on display in our classroom. Thank you to all of the adults that came in to help us.

Olivia, Sophie, Harry V & Leo



Comic Relief – Friday 15th March

As this event falls so close to our Book Week, we are proposing that the children come to school on Friday 15th 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.

Girls' Football Match v Chancellor Park School

On the Thursday 28th of February, year fives, sixes and one year four took part in the girls football match against Chancellor Park. Emily W, Summer P, Danielle W, Libby M, Emma B, Tilly H, Maddie D, Amber B and Dulcie R all took part. Libby was our goal keeper and Danielle was our striker; the rest of us switched between midfield and defense.

Our first half was very positive and persevering: we managed to score some goals, keep possession of the ball, and make strong tackles, good passing and show good strategies. All our work from training has paid off. Unfortunately, Chancellor Park scored a goal in the first half. However, in the second half we challenged ourselves again and brought a score of 6-2 to us.

This is our first win as a team, and we are very proud. Additionally, we thank our coaches, Mr. Brown and the parents for helping with transport and giving us great support throughout the game.



By Emily W and Amber B

Maths Challenge

On Friday 1st March four Year 6s (Danielle W, Harry A, Maddie D and Isla T) went to New Hall School to participate in a maths challenge against other schools. We sat in the hall at a table and waited for the other schools to arrive; our challenge was about to begin.

The challenge was set out as a story. It was about an archaeologist researching the ancient city of Mathematica and the Numeric people. As a team, we worked together to complete a series of fiendish math challenges.

The first of these was a set of algebraic questions. We had to try and avoid the stones that will make us fall into a pit of fire. At the side, was a mathematical statement: if it was equal to it, it was safe. At the end, we had to add up all the safe stones, but unfortunately we got one stone incorrect and that meant that the total was wrong.

Our next challenge was about the Numeric calendar which proved to be a difficult problem. We tackled it as best we could, but unfortunately, one crucial mistake would create a chain reaction.

Next up was riddles. This puzzle was our favourite because it was fun as well as hard. Our team had to decipher a set of riddles based on numbers. Our score was very good and took us up a few places on the leaderboard.

The final challenge was angles. This challenge was the trickiest by far. It was long, and we didn't have much time. There were four sheets of paper each with a code written in angles. Each angle represented a letter, number or symbol and we had to work out whether the statement was true or false.

At the end, everything was revealed; we had come 8th out of 12. Even though we didn't win, we had an incredible time.

By Maddie D and Isla T.

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

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.



Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Photographer Needed!

If you are handy with a camera and can spare a couple of hours, we would be very grateful. We are organising new name badges for staff and need someone who can come in and take individual photographs of us all. If you can help, please let the school office know.

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:

 **DPSA Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Picture competition**

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



The Easter Egg hunt will be 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 29th March. There will be prizes for the top 3 in EYF/KS1 and KS2.

We need:-

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.](#)

Book Week - The Big Book Collection

We are continually collecting childrens books for the school. The collection box is under the counter by the school office. If you have any **good quality childrens books or audio CDs** your children no longer use or have outgrown please leave them in the box by the school office. We are looking for all types of books in good condition from Early Years Foundation up to year 6 - fiction, poetry, non-fiction. Thank you.



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>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 11th March

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
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 11th March 2019

Mon 11th

Tues 12th

6.30pm

Governors' Working Party Meeting

Weds 13th

Thurs 14th

3.30pm

Boys' Football Match v Priory (away)

Fri 15th

2.50pm

Comic Relief - Wear non-uniform and something red to support the charity

Class Hummingbird'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		
15 th	2.50pm	Class H Assembly
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