

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

5th April 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Maisie M – Emerald Myah E – Emerald Isaac A – Diamond Freddie B - Topaz

Well done as well to Freya E who has passed her Grade 1 Clarinet Exam

**Our next Celebration Assembly is on
Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at 2.50pm.
Families are welcome to join us.**

Book Week Reports Class Goldfinch

In Class Goldfinch we have been reading the book 'One Hundred Hungry Ants'. All of our learning last week was based on this book. The Year twos got to be detectives and had to investigate and write a report. Meanwhile, the Year Ones created wanted posters and picnic invitations.

Harry, Sophie, Luca & Lucy

We also made woodland animals from clay and created new illustrations for the story. It was a very busy but extremely fun week. **Marshall, Halle & Freya**

Last week was our school book week. On Monday we had paired reading with children from Class Cuckoo, it was great fun and we really enjoyed sharing books with the junior children. **Finn & Emily**

We enjoyed reading with our parents on Tuesday morning. Our classroom had just enough space for all of the visitors that came to share a book with us. The 30 minutes went really quickly and we didn't want it to end. Thank you to everyone that came in to read with us. **Olivia, Oscar & Emilia**

My favourite day was dressing up for World Book Day. Everyone looked great and the special lunch we had that day was delicious! **Lilly, Zachary, Poppy & Fletcher**



Book Week Displays

Each class has now put together a display of their work from Book Week. The children are very proud of their work and we hope that you will have a chance to look at their writing, Maths and art work linked to their chosen book when you next visit.



Congratulations to the winners of our Book Week Character Hunt. These children had the most or all correct answers and were selected at random from each class. They were each presented with their prize in assembly last week:

Jake, Harry, Halle, Sam, Isabelle, Zachary, Quinn, Tilly, Maisy and Summer.



Class Eider's Trip to the National Maritime Museum



On Thursday 28th March Class Eider went to the National Maritime Museum in London. First we went to the Great Map. We had to get into partners and then we sailed the world on the map. The lady who worked there gave each pair an ipad. We started on England and made our way around the map to collect different items and crew. We pretended to be on a boat.

Then we looked at some of the other boat things next to the Great Map. There was a huge metal speedboat nearly 100 years old and we saw its engine. Everyone was looking forward to going on the ship simulator but it was broken. We were very disappointed.



We had lunch and a drink and some fresh air. After lunchtime we went in our groups and with our adults around the museum. One of the places we went to was the Polar Gallery and we got to try on some goggles and saw a sledge and a harpoon. In the Sea Things Gallery, we made sea emblem. We left some on the pegs hanging up. It was really interesting because it also showed you what it was really like underwater and there were buttons that you pushed and it showed different sounds. There was a computer that asked you lots of questions and then it told you which boat you are. It was so cool.

Last but not least we went to the Hands on Gallery. You could dress up as a sailor, a cook in the kitchens, more things on the crane and much more. We played a sailor game with our friends. Eve was the captain wearing a shirt and a little brown jacket. It was actually quite stressing being captain. Soon it was time to go. We walked past the Royal Observatory and went back to the coach. We really liked all of the places we went to. It was a fun day.



By Eve and Lucy

We would like to say a big thank you to the DPSA for buying us a new set of cameras for the children to use on school visits and in class. The children in Class Eider tested them out and I think you will agree they did a great job.

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

March 2019

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Dear Parents,

This term has as usual been a busy one with a packed calendar of activities and events. The governors have been continuing their monitoring role of the curriculum, safeguarding and health and safety and the three committees have also undertaken the following –

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Resources Committee - Chair – Rak Rehal

- ◆ The Committee has focused on ensuring that the school has a sound Financial base to support the teachers and pupils, and is currently involved in setting the budget for 2019/20.
- ◆ Via "Walks" of the school the Committee has identified and agreed on areas that need immediate spend as well as understanding the need for any larger or longer term projects.



Curriculum Committee - Chair – Georgia Clifford-Smith

- ◆ Received updates on the progress being made by pupils in all year groups.
- ◆ Received specific reports from the English and Maths leaders about progress within their subjects.
- ◆ Reviewed the feedback from the various governor monitoring visits that have taken place this term.

Personnel Committee - Chair – Peter Inyia

- ◆ The Headteacher gave a comprehensive outline of current personnel and health, safety and wellbeing issues.
- ◆ There was a discussion on progress of personnel priorities in the School Improvement Plan for 2018/19.

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We wish you all an enjoyable Easter holiday.

Brenda Wray, Chair of Governors

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Safeguarding - Keeping Safe

As the Easter holidays begin, please take some time to remind the children about staying safe and making wise decision. We wish you a happy Easter break.

Staying Safe Online

Useful links:

<https://www.esafetytraining.org/>

thinkuknow.co.uk

internetmatters.org

ceop.police.uk

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

First Aid

St John's Ambulance have developed a brilliant First Aid app which guides you through common accidents and illnesses including resuscitation techniques for children and adults.

It can be downloaded for free from your app store for all mobile devices. Just search for St John Ambulance or visit their website www.sja.org.uk

School Lunches Costs for Summer Term 2019

1st Half Term: 23rd April – 24th May = 23 Days at £2.20 = **£50.60**

2nd Half Term: 4th June – 24th July = 37 days at £2.20 = **£81.40**

The total for the summer term is £132

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.

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:



Year 6 National Curriculum Assessment Trial



DPSA News



Easter Egg Hunt Profit and Thanks



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday by setting up, clearing away, running stalls and donating items in the weeks before. It was a great success and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. We were able to raise **over £1800** which will go towards replacing the class tablet computers

Congratulations to the winners of the Easter colouring competition for their brilliant Easter themed pictures - Ella H, Class C and Annie R, class G.

Adventure Island Wrist Bands – It's open in the Easter Holidays Vouchers bought now last until the end of 2019

The DPSA have again discounted wristbands for **Blue Bands** (over 1.2m and £12 on the 'on the day' **Green Bands** (1.0 -1.2m saving up to £3.75 on the



teamed up with Adventure Island in Southend to offer their theme park. height) **DPSA cost £18** - saving £4.50 on the internet price height) /**Red Bands** (under 1m height) **DPSA cost £15** – 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!

12 School Cameras Purchased



Using the money raised from the January school disco and jumble sale The DPSA have been able to purchase **12 new compact cameras and SD cards** for the school. Thank you to everyone who helped at and supported these events. All children will be able to use these on their school trips next term and we look forward to seeing their pictures.

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



- May** Thurs 2nd DPSA committee meeting 8pm, The Bell – all welcome
- June** Tues 18th Bag2school
- Sat 22nd Summer Fayre 12 -3pm
- July** Fri 5th School Disco

Have a great Easter Holidays The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Tuesday 23rd April

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| Week 1 MONDAY | | | | |
| TUESDAY | Local Butchers pork sausage or Vegetarian Quorn Sausage | Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans Peas/ Green Salad | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Marble Cake Served with Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit |
| WEDNESDAY | Local Butchers Roast Beef served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheesy Stack Wrap | Roast Potatoes Cauliflower florets Fresh carrots Green salad | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Ice Cream Pot Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit |
| THURSDAY | Chicken in Homemade Rustic Tomato Sauce or Quorn pieces in Rustic Tomato Sauce | White and Wholegrain Rice Garlic Bread Sweetcorn / Salad | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Apple Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit |
| FRIDAY | Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet or Oven Baked Vegetable Fingers | Chips Mixed Vegetables / Peas Green Salad | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Flapjack Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit |

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 22nd April 2019

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| Mon 22nd | Bank Holiday - School closed |
| Tues 23rd 8.50am | School re-opens for start of Summer Term |
| Weds 24th Pm 3.00pm | Year 3 Swimming Netball Match v E Hanningfield (home) |
| Thurs 25th 7.00pm | Governors' Budget Setting Meeting |
| Fri 26th | |

A full list of dates for the Summer Term will be published on Friday 26th April 2019

**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