

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

21st June 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Emmy P - Ruby Isabelle C - Ruby Ben B – Diamond Harry B - Diamond
Isla T – Platinum

Our next Celebration Assembly is on

Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at 2.50pm.

Families are welcome to join us.

Danbury Outdoors 2019

By Ella H, Class C

On Monday 10th June, Year Five ventured beyond our school grounds to Danbury Outdoors. In four groups, our year group used this time to get to know each other.



First, we packed our things - including our raincoats! It was a cold, wet, rainy day and with our luck, Group One had Aerial Trekking first, right up high! Many of us, breezed through the first layer but soon found the higher one was not as easy.



This was the best course to show- off our teamwork, as I had to give Beau a 'helping push' to keep him going. We had a few mishaps but in the end, everyone was proud of something they had overcome. We were approximately 5+ metres in the air!

We then returned to our tent and had a little drink.



Next, we did the assault course and discovered that the rain had just made things a lot harder and muddier! We had to crawl, climb, jump, swing and pull/hold another person's weight.





We all enjoyed the section when there was a long black tube with a rope down it. One person would go up first and everyone else pushes them up. We then sent the lightest person up while the tube. Then all the people took turns going up. Sadly, because it had just rained, many of the obstacles were too dangerous to do. Here is one of the hazards in the obstacle called '**Car Wash**' - getting your leg stuck between the tyres!

Luckily, some of the tyres were able to move and release the leg.



After lunch, we had the 'Mountain Biking' to complete. Our instructor, George, fitted us with bikes according to our height. We all lined up in our height order to help George while he tightened/loosened our helmets. We then biked down a track, which was shortly followed by a lecture on how not to damage the gears and how to use



them properly. The **Golden Rule** was to only use the gears when pedaling otherwise the bike chain will come off and possibly cause damage to the bike structure.

Before we set off- a few safety procedures.

1. If someone falls over, call out **MAN DOWN** in order of our line.
2. Clear path as George would come down it holding his First Aid kit.



We then set off (into Danbury Woods). At first, many of us struggled but got used to it and got more confident going up hills and higher ground. Our group had it as our last activity and by that time, the rain had stopped so we had dry ground. After our nature ride, we tried an **almost**



impossible task. This task was to bike down a long plank of wood which had shorter planks leading off it and uneven planks. This was a task which really felt impossible but, somehow, three people came away having earned a point! Our instructor, George was very impressed with our work. Soon after that, we were going back up the first path we had biked down, to return our bikes to 'George's Hut'.

In Conclusion, the whole of Year Five extremely enjoyed this trip and all of us would do it again.

Change4Life

This week your child should have brought home a Change4Life game pack called *Shake up your summer!* aimed at giving you ideas to keep the family active and entertained over the summer break.

We hope that you will find it useful.

Daily Mile

Sadly Mrs Burton is stepping down from her position as *Get Active Promoter* organising and supervising the Daily Mile at lunchtimes with our junior children. The children are keen and we would like this activity to continue so if you are interested or would like more details, please speak with Mrs Gooding on the school gate or contact her via the school Office.

Bank Holiday Change May 2020

Please note that the government has changed the early May Bank Holiday 2020 from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May to coincide with VE Day commemorations. We will change the school calendar on the website to reflect this in the next week.

Staffing and Classes for 2019-20

In September there will be some changes as teachers move to new classes and new teachers join the school. In the juniors Mrs Marsland will be moving to Class Budgerigar and Mrs Evans will be joining us to teach Class Cuckoo, all other teachers will be staying in their present classes.

In the infants Miss Tomlin will be leaving us at the end of the summer and Miss Bridge will be going on maternity leave. Miss Bridge will then be returning later in the year as a part-time teacher. Class Jay will be taught by Mrs Crouch, who will be partnered by Mrs Jamieson, until Miss Bridge returns and in Class Hummingbird we welcome Mrs Smith as the children's full-time class teacher.

The children will all meet their new teachers on the afternoon of Monday 24th June and again on the morning of Friday 5th July so they will have plenty of opportunity to get ready for the new year ahead.

Working Party

As we approach the end of the summer term and hopefully some better weather, we are looking at tidying up the school grounds. We would like to set up a working party of adults to clear the old PE equipment from behind the sheds and to tidy up the Early Years area. We want to repaint (inside and out) and refurbish the Wendy house and repaint the sheds with preservative. We can provide all the materials and tools. If you are able to volunteer a few hours one afternoon over the coming weeks, we would be most grateful. Please let the school office know your availability and we will co-ordinate the efforts.

We are also seeking donations of well-cared for toys for the Early Years area that your children may have outgrown. We are looking for small bicycles, dolls prams, toy cars (all sizes), building blocks (large and small), large beads for threading, toys for the sandpit and puzzles.

School Crossing Petition

You may remember that last year Mrs Pain and members of the DPSA were putting together a petition regarding the dangers faced by pedestrians when crossing Well Lane to access and leave the school premises. We are now seeking the support of the Parish Council to request that the Chelmsford Local Highways Panel review the crossings in both Well Lane and on the Main Road.

If you haven't yet signed the petition, please come into the school office where you can find the document on the front desk. The more signatures we have the better!

We would remind parents not to park or drop off on the yellow zigzags marked with "school keep clear" and not to park on the pavement at the top of the car park on the left or where there are "no parking" signs on the tarmac road down into the carpark itself. We have been informed that there are some drivers repeatedly stopping on the zigzags and this week a parent was manoeuvring their car on the pavement while others were waiting to cross the road with their children!

**Please drive and park safely and with consideration for pedestrians.
The safety of our children is paramount!**

Safeguarding - Keeping Safe

It's now a year ago that the two Johns visited us to talk about keeping our children safe in the digital world.

What was really useful were the strategies they gave parents to support your children: i.e. **NOT** taking devices away or closing down apps, when things go wrong. The approach of talking to your children, exploring new apps together, talking through the dangers and helping them be part of this world is so much safer. Of course negotiating time spent online and establishing ground rules are also vitally important right from the start and this way you can help your child be part of something all their friends will be involved in, but in a safe way. This won't stop situations arising but we hope that the children will be able to talk to you (or us at school) should they encounter difficulties.

The analogy of the children being on a train journey when accessing the exciting digital world and how parents can choose to go along and help them interact with this new way of life or leave them to be exposed to risks and dangers on their own, was very apt.

There are many useful resources for parents on the two Johns' website and please remember they are a non-profit making organisation: <http://www.esafetytraining.org/> . Please take time to have a look.

If you missed the meeting, find a friend who did and spend some time finding out more. As the two Johns suggested, why not have a regular get-together and try out some of the apps that your children are using, yourself.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Notices and Reminders

Chickenpox – we have several cases of Chickenpox in the school. Please do not worry if your child is due to take their Year 1 Phonics Screening as we do have a two week window in which to administer this, so we should be able to work around an absence.

History Day – please note this has been rescheduled for 1st July

11+ Registration – The registration for the 11+ tests with CSSE for admission in September 2020 opens on 14th May. The deadline is 1st July 2019. Please see their website for full details: www.csse.org.uk

KEGS are holding the following tours for prospective students & parents of Year 5 boys to see the school in action: - Tuesday 2 July (am), Wednesday 3 July (am), Thursday 4 July (pm), Friday 5 July (pm)

Letters sent home this week

🐸 Welcome to Year 3 meeting

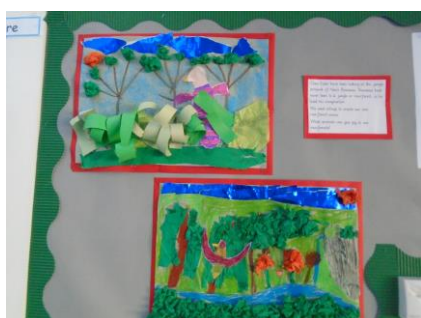
School Lunches - Costs for Summer Term 2019

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

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.

Class Eider's Assembly

Well done to all the children in Class Eider who shared their learning with us in last week's assembly. They have learnt so much over the past months and have particularly enjoyed finding out about our island nation.



They embraced the country dancing really well!



DPSA News



Summer Fayre Tomorrow 12 - 3pm

Come and join us



Please do come and join us tomorrow at the School Summer Fayre with a Beach Party theme including **Punch and Judy Shows at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm, bouncy castles, seaside-themed games and stalls, soak-a-year-six, BBQ, Pimms tent, tea and cake, candyfloss and ice creams, children's competition and much more.**

Raffle tickets bring your raffle tickets to the raffle stall if you haven't yet managed to return them in time for our Grand raffle. The prizes we have this year are:-

- 1st Prize** **£100 Cash prize donated by Church and Hawes**
2nd Prize **£50 John Lewis Voucher donated by Woodland Montessorri**
3rd Prize **Family of 4 Meal Voucher for Five Guys Restaurant**

£50 Facial voucher from Chantal at Natural Beauty

£25 Perrywoods Voucher donated by Colin Goodchild painter and decorator

£25 voucher Sarah Banks Beauty

Gin and glasses set donated by Ron Matthews

Gin making Kit donated by Ron Matthews

Marsh Farm 4 person family pass x 3

Danbury Sports and Social Gym Membership 1 month

Barrett & Coe family photo shoot x 3

Chelmsford Equestrian Centre child's long rein ½ hr lesson

A very big thank you to all our generous sponsors

Model Boat Competition - use recycled materials to make a model boat for your chance to win a prize. Use any items from home that have been recycled – card, boxes, plastic pots and bottles, etc. and decorate as you wish. There will be a display of boats at the Summer Fayre and the best three boats from KS1 and KS2 will win prizes.

Adventure Island Wrist Bands

These will be available to buy at the Summer Fayre from Nicky Butcher who will have a card machine available to use on the day.

DPSA Card Machine



The DPSA now have a card machine which we will be trying out at the Summer Fayre and for bigger purchases such as Adventure Island Wrist band vouchers or a family order on the BBQ.

Ice Cream Fridays – today



The DPSA will be selling ice creams and lollipops outside school every Friday afternoon until the end of the summer term (weather permitting). They all cost £1 each and all the money raised goes towards buying items for school.

Road Crossing Petition

Please sign this if you haven't already as we are asking the Chelmsford Highways Panel to review the road crossings outside the school.

Dates for the diary 2019

July **Frid 5th**

School Disco

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 24th June

Week 3 MONDAY	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Or Salmon & Broccoli Bake	Garlic Bread Peas Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Brownie Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Minced Beef Wrap or Roasted Vegetable Wrap	New Potato Salad Mixed Vegetables Carrot sticks Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Coconut & Cranberry Cookie 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	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced Carrots Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Strawberry Fruit Jelly Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh
THURSDAY	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or Vegetarian Quorn Balls in tomato sauce	White and Wholegrain pasta Cauliflower Florets Broccoli 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	Iced Sponge Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 24th June 2019

Mon 24th

10.00am
12.15pm
1.00pm
1.30pm

Year 2 Presentation to the school
Young Persons' Conference at Hylands House (invited school councillors)
New entrants and parents for September to join us for lunch
Meet your new teacher for next year

Tues 25th

12.00pm
2.45pm

Year 6 Induction Day at Sandon
Class F Parents in for lunch
Year 2 Presentation to parents and families

Weds 26th

10.30pm

School Photos
Language Leaders from Sandon to visit Year 6

Thurs 27th

12.00pm
3.30pm

Reading Gladiators inter-schools Competition
Class F Parents in for lunch
Girls' football match v Priory (away)

Fri 28th

2.50pm

Class B (Year 5) 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

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Dates for Summer Term 2019

Date	Time	Event
June		
24 th		Young Persons Conference at Hylands House – School Council
	10.00am	Year 2 Assembly to the rest of school
	Pm	New entrants in for lunch and meet your new teacher afternoon
25 th		Sandon School Year 6 Induction
	12.00pm	Class F Parent Lunches
	2.45pm	Year 2 Assembly to parents
26 th	Am	Class and group photos
	11.00am	Spanish Group from Sandon School – Year 6
27 th	12.00pm	Class F Parent Lunches
28 th	2.50pm	Class Budgerigar (Year 5) Assembly
1 st		History Day
		TechnoGames at WDF (invited Year5 pupils x3)
2 nd		TechnoGames at WDF (invited Year5 pupils x3)
		Road Safety Walk Year5
		EES English Competition Finals
3 rd	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
5 th	9.30am	Meet your new teacher for next year and new entrants to visit
	2.50pm	Class Goldfinch (Year1) Assembly
8 th		Classes Goldfinch and Flamingo Africa Day
10 th	2.50pm	Class Hummingbird Assembly
11 th	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
12 th		Class Cuckoo to British Museum
	2.50pm	Class Jay Assembly
16 th	9.30am	Year 6 Presentation to school
17 th	1.30pm	New entrants activity afternoon
19 th	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
22 nd		Sports Day Open afternoon
23 rd	12.00pm	Special Year 6 Leavers' Lunch
	1.30pm	DPS's got Talent
24 th	9.15am	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
	3.25pm	School closes for the summer break