

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

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Dear Parents,

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

Max S – **Emerald** Freya R - **Emerald** Dexter B - **Ruby** Oscar D - **Ruby** Eloise T – **Ruby** Noah L – **Ruby**
Olivia H - **Diamond** Darcy B – **Diamond** Bailey T – **Diamond** Max S - **Diamond**
Henry R – **Topaz** Emily B – **Topaz** Beau B – **Bronze**
Ella H – **Silver** Tilly H - **Silver** Liza A – **Silver** Joe K – **Silver** Ethan H – **Silver**

The last Celebration Assembly of the year will be on Friday 19th July at 2.50pm

Families are welcome to join us.

Techno Games



Last week three of our Year 5 children were invited to attend the Techno Games at William de Ferrers School. Each year the children are set a challenge to design and make a functioning model to a given set of criteria, which involves a great deal of problem solving and creative thinking. Well done to Jack H, Fin M and Thomas P who were very proud of their inventions.

Sainsbury School Sports



We have again been successful in being awarded the Sainsbury School Games Silver Award in recognition of all the work we do in school to promote an active and healthy life-style. Well done to everyone for being so enthusiastic and supporting the wide range of sporting activities we have on offer.

Classes Flamingo and Goldfinch

Africa Day

On Monday 8th July we had an African Arts day. Our day was led by Kwame who was born in Ghana in Africa and moved to Southampton in 2000. He started off by telling us how he used to make things out of plastic with his brothers when he was little. He was one of nine brothers living in a small village in Ghana.

Our first activity was making a mask or bird out of a plastic milk container. The adults marked on where we needed to cut our bottle then we decided whether to make a bird or a mask. Once we had cut out our shape, we then needed to tear strips of newspaper which we dipped in gooey glue and covered the milk bottle with. This is called paper mache and is extremely messy and sticky, but good fun. Once we had finished our paper mache we listened to stories from Kwame's childhood. He told us a story about how he was chased by bees as he tried to get honey out of a beehive.



After lunch we all sat in a circle for African drumming. Kwame showed us how to make different sounds and volumes by hitting different parts of the skin and holding the drum tilted between our legs. We dressed up in African clothes for this which was good fun. The clothes were brightly coloured cloths all tied in different ways.



Once we had finished the singing and drumming we did African dancing. Kwame taught us two African dances which we performed. We even had a girls versus boys dance competition. The girls won a fan to keep in the classroom.

It was such a great day, we wish we could do it all over again.

Report by Class Flamingo

Staff News

Today we said goodbye to Miss Bridge as she starts her maternity leave. We wish her the very best for the coming months and look forward to her return next year. We will, of course, let you know when the baby arrives!

Next year, in Miss Bridge's absence, we will continue with netball club after school. We are looking for any parents who play netball who can support our teachers in running this club after school. Please let the school office or Mrs Gooding know.

End of Year Football Match

Dear parents/guardians/children,



We are writing to inform you that on Tuesday the 23rd of July (the second but last day of term) there will be a boy's football match held at school. The football match will be taking place promptly on the school field 3:30. Anyone that wishes to attend to watch is welcome, feel free to bring siblings. Boys that are playing please make sure you are ready and are wearing the appropriate kit. The children who want to watch will have brought home a leaflet. It will have all the information you need on it. Thank you very much,

Yours sincerely,
Summer, Libby & Dulcie

Class Hummingbird's Assembly



Well done to the children in Class Hummingbird who shared their learning with us on Wednesday. They have obviously enjoyed their seaside topic of *Splish, Splash, Splosh*. They told us about seaside holidays in the past and about sea creatures and what they like about going to the beach.

It was wonderful to see how much the Reception children have grown over the year as they confidently told us about their aspirations for the future: a doctor, hairdresser, two teachers.!

DPSA Summer Fayre Prize Winners

Thank you to everyone who supported the summer fayre and sent in donations. We have now pulled the winners from the prize draw for the donation collection sheets:

Class A - Toby H
Class D – Ollie W
Class G – Sophie T

Class B
Class E – Tommy P
Class H – Luke P

Class C – Ella H
Class F – Josh H
Class J - Phoebe M

The winners each received a bag of sweets.

Talented Pupils



Liza has had a very busy time and recently performed successfully at the National Competitions in Cyprus taking first place in Rope and Ribbon routines and second place in Free and Hoop routines.

This weekend she competed in the Bath Open Championship where she took first place with the free routine and second place overall.

She has also been offered a Junior Associate place for Saturday classes at the Royal Ballet School from September 2019.

Well done to Ophelia S and Charlotte N in Class Flamingo who recently took part in the Chelmsford City Swimming Gala. Ophelia earned a silver medal in the butterfly and Charlotte a bronze in the back crawl. Well done girls!

Year 6 Parent Survey

Annually the governors conduct a survey of our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to move onto secondary school. This is a simple anonymous online questionnaire, which we complete in school, asking the children's opinions of their time at Danbury Park School. The governors then follow this up with a more detailed discussion in small groups. This is led very much by the children pursuing matters they wish to celebrate as well as issues they wish to raise

We also conduct a survey of parents to canvas your views. The link to the electronic survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/THHBYJF>. The survey will remain open until 24th July.

If you would prefer a paper copy, this is available from the school office on request.

We hope that you will take five minutes to complete the survey as we do value your opinions and we want to make Danbury Park School the best it can be.

Staff Vacancies

We still have a vacancy for a Get Active Promoter to supervise the Daily Mile and also for a Midday Assistant working on Tuesdays. 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.

Summer Events

We have lots of events for the second half of the summer term so please make sure you put dates which are at the end of this newsletter in your diaries.

Monday 22nd July Sports Day



This year we will be using the same format for our Sports Day and Open Afternoon as in previous years. To save busy parents having to take two days off work we combine the two events on the same day with a traditional picnic lunch in the middle. The provisional timetable for the day is:

9.15am	Front gates will be opened to visitors
9.30am	KS2 opening ceremony on the playground Sporting events for Key Stage 2 (Classes E, D, C, B & A)
10.30am	KS1 and Early Years opening ceremony on the playground Sporting events for Key Stage 1 and Early Years (Classes J, H, G & F)
11.30am	Whole school running events on the field
12.30pm	Awarding of cups and trophies followed by picnic lunch on the field
1.30pm	Children return to class to change out of PE kits and for registration
2.00pm	Open afternoon in classes with an opportunity to look at your child's work and then visit their new class for next year.
3.25pm	End

The events will start with a carousel of activities stationed around the field in which all the children participate. At 11.30am the whole school will come together for the races on the main track. We are already holding practices and trials in school so that for these races the fastest boys and the fastest girls in each year group will compete against each other. In keeping with the Olympic legacy the children will be earning points for their houses so that in Key Stage 2 we will have a house winner for each year group and then an overall winner. In the infants we will pool the points and have one overall house winner.

We hope to offer a tea and coffee station for parents. Drinks will be charged at a nominal rate to cover costs. For your comfort if you would like to bring blankets, seats and even gazebos, you are most welcome

Please remember to send the children in with water bottles and caps and apply a high factor sunscreen. All pre-school children must be kept under your direct supervision at all times and please note that the climbing tower and galleon will be out of use.

In the event of adverse weather we will make a decision as early as possible on the day as to whether events can go ahead. Please check the school website home page, scrolling news for the latest information. Regardless we will still hold the lunch for families and we will picnic in the school building if needs be and hold the open afternoon.

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. The school calendar on the website has now been changed to reflect this.

School Lunches - Costs for Summer Term 2019

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

As we approach the end of the school year, please could you ensure that all monies owing to the school are paid in full by at the beginning of the week commencing 15th July. This is because we need to ensure all money is banked before the summer break. 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.** 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.

Pedestrian Safety

Over the past few months we have been monitoring the flow of traffic and the safety of pedestrians as they come into the front entrance to the school. We have noticed that there has been an increase in vehicular traffic in and out of the staff carpark and we are concerned that this poses a real hazard for families and children.

From September we will be restricting access in and out of the staff carpark and to Woodlands between 8.40 and 9.10am and 3.15 and 3.45pm. There will be cones across the entrance during this period and we are asking staff, visitors and delivery drivers to respect this.

Over the summer the disabled parking bay in the Danbury Outdoors car park will be clearly marked and we ask that parents adhere to the Blue Badge holders only use. We would also ask that parents do not block the access through the carpark at any time.

We are taking this action to make the entrance to our school safer and to try to prevent pedestrians being injured. Please support us by parking with consideration and respect.

School Crossing Petition

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!

With lots of end of year events taking place over the next few weeks, 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

Reading Books – we will be collecting all reading books in school on Friday 12th July. This is so that we can replace old ones and see where we have gaps in our scheme. If you can spare some time the following week to help reorganise our library areas, we would be grateful. Please let Miss Johnston know.

Sports Kits – Please ensure that all football, netball, athletics and country dancing kits are returned to school by **Friday 19th July**.

Music lessons – Ms Davidson and Mr Calabro, our peripatetic teachers, have spaces for individual recorder and guitar lessons starting in September. Mrs Long also has spaces for piano lessons. If you are interested, please contact the school office staff for details.

Letters sent home this week

-  Year 4 Parent Survey
-  Year 6 Parent Survey
-  Welcome to upcoming Year 1 meeting
-  Welcome to upcoming Year 2 meeting



DPSA News



School Disco Thanks

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the school disco last Friday it was a tremendous success. A special thanks to all of the parents who helped out on the night which was an incredibly warm evening. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we were able to raise an amazing **£675.71 profit**

Adventure Island Wrist Bands Vouchers - bought now last until the end of 2019



Discounted wristband vouchers are still available to purchase from The DPSA for The Adventure Island Theme Park in Southend. **WE WILL BE SELLING VOUCHERS WITH THE ICE CREAM SALES AFTER SCHOOL ON FRIDAYS AND ALSO AT SPORTS DAY. WE WILL HAVE A CARD MACHINE AVAILABLE.**

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 who will arrange to get them to you. Payments can be in cash, cheque (made payable to 'The DPSA') or we can take credit and debit cards. Family and friends are welcome to buy too!

Class Reps

We are currently organising Class Reps for the next academic year. The Class Reps act as a link between the DPSA, school and parents to improve communication. Class Reps are a great way of making sure you never miss important things like non-uniform days, assemblies and discos. We have already had several volunteers but we still need people for the new classes B, C, F and J next term. If you would like to volunteer please contact your current rep or Sally (sallyj@doctors.org.uk)

Summer Fayre Prizes

There are still a few prizes from the summer fayre left to collect from the school office.

Angela Biggs	Danbury Sports and Social Gym Voucher raffle prize
E Mayor	Preschool Crazy Golf Winner
A Beames	Adult Crazy Golf Winner

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

If you book or shop online go via 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



Oct	Sat 19th	Jumble Sale
	Tues 22nd	Bag2school
Nov	Sat 30th	Christmas Fayre

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 15th July

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 15th July 2019

Mon 15th

Tues 16th

2.20pm

Year 6 School Journey presentation to the school

6.30pm

Year 6 School Journey presentation to families

Weds 17th

9.15am

Year 6 Leavers' Treat

1.30pm

New entrants Activity Afternoon

Thurs 18th

8.45am

Class Eider to Colchester Zoo

Fri 19th

2.50pm

Celebration Assembly

Full term dates for next academic year 2019-20 are available on the school website.
2020-21 will be available next week.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Summer Term 2019

Date	Time	Event
July		
16 th	2.20pm	Year 6 Presentation to school
	6.30pm	Year 6 Presentation to families
17 th	9.15am	Year 6 Leaver's Trip
17 th	1.30pm	New entrants activity afternoon
18 th	8.45am	Class Eider to Colchester Zoo
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