

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



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

**19<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Dear Parents,

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

Thomas D - Ruby Morgan H - Topaz Emma H - Topaz Jack H - Topaz Lily B - Topaz  
Emma B - Silver Harry A - Silver Madeleine D - Platinum Lucy R - Platinum

**Congratulations** to Zachary C and Serena D who have recently passed their Grade 1 Guitar exams

*The last Celebration Assembly of the year is on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2.50pm*

*Families are welcome to join us.*

### Techno Games



We would like to apologise to Zak S who was inadvertently missed out from our report last week on the Techno Games. He had a great time and enjoyed devising a very complicated marble run. Well done Zak!

### Class Budgerigar and Danbury Parish Council

At the beginning of June the children in Class Budgerigar were visited by Mrs Hallett and Mrs Chapman from Danbury Parish Council. They have sent us a letter expressing how impressed they were by the children's background knowledge and importance of trees to the environment including our own local community. There will be an article in the next Danbury Times and we should have additional copies to give to the children who live outside Danbury to take home. Please look out for it!

Well done Class Budgerigar!

## Year 6 Presentation to Families



This week the Year 6 children presented their assembly all about their School Journey to York to the school and to families. They told us about York and the surrounding area and details of where they went each day. They had also taken time to undertake follow up work in class including the writing of different types of poems to capture their experiences. They have certainly been very occupied over the last few weeks and this is one of the benefits of holding our Year 6 residential in June. I know that the children enjoyed their time away and also the work afterwards. They have even been inspired to build their own amusement ride.



They ended their presentation by sharing with us their individual talents, some of which they have kept hidden for many years, and their aspirations for the future. Well done Year 6!

## Class Goldfinch Year 1 Assembly



Well done to the Year 1 children in Class Goldfinch who shared their learning with us in their class assembly this week. They have enjoyed their topic of *Carnival of the Animals* producing some fantastic art work and some creative writing. They also told us about their Africa day with Kwambe and performed a traditional African dance with singing. Well done!

## Netball Next Year

Next year, in Miss Bridge's absence, we want to 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 Jay's Assembly



Well done to the children in Class Jay who presented their learning in last Friday's assembly. They told us all about their topic of *Splish, Splash, Splosh* showing us their fish weaving pictures, their pictures of lighthouses produced on the computers and then sharing their science investigation saving plastic animals from blocks of ice and their writing to describe their scenes from under the sea and on the beach. They also sang us their song about when they grow up.

## Essex County Council Libraries Reading Challenge

### *Rockets are on the case.*



We are pleased to hear that our local libraries have a reprieve and we would urge our families to use the facility as much as they can in the coming months. This summer Essex Libraries are again running a reading challenge and we were visited by David who told all about *Rockets are on the Case*. We would like as many children as possible to take part. This will help them continue practising their reading and also read a range of books purely for pleasure.

As the children read library books, they will solve clues and collect special stickers to complete their mission folder. After reading their books, they earn their Space Chase certification and medal. Can they find the aliens in time to save the day?

Children can read any library book of their choice; fiction, non-fiction or picture books and Sensory Story Boxes, which they can share with parents and carers – they all count. The under threes are not forgotten with a special version of Space Chase just for them.

The Summer Reading Challenge is delivered by libraries and produced by [The Reading Agency](#). It is open to all children, free of charge.

Keep up to date with this year's Summer Reading Challenge by following on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Governor News

Sadly at the end of this academic year Ms Emma Sanford will be stepping down from her role as parent governor. She has worked hard trying to source additional streams of money for the school and we hope to share with you next year an exciting project to raise funds, which she has researched. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and support.

Parent governor elections will be held in September.

## Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to coincide with VE Day commemorations. The school calendar on the website has now been changed to reflect this.

## School Lunches - Costs for Autumn Term 2019

1st Half Term: 4<sup>th</sup> September – 24<sup>th</sup> October = 37 days at £2.20 = **£81.40**

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: 4<sup>th</sup> November – 19<sup>th</sup> December = 34 days at £2.20 = **£74.80**

**Total for Autumn Term £156.20**

**As we approach the end of the school year, please could you ensure that all monies owing to the school for this term are paid in full by the end of term.** 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. 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

### Local News

Danbury Parish Council has asked us to pass on the following information:

*"There has been considerable discussion on various Facebook pages regarding a den that had been created on Dawson Memorial Field in Danbury. However there was evidence of drug use and extensive damage to the woodland - trees have been cut down, hacked and destroyed. Therefore, the den has been removed on the advice of the police."*

The Parish Council was asked to notify local schools of the issues on Dawson Memorial Field in case we were unaware and to pass this information onto parents.

We would urge you to talk to your older children, particularly if you allow them to play on their own in the village, about this issue to ensure that they understand the facts, as there are often many rumours circulating about local incidents, and about the dangers to keep them safe.

**Let's work together to keep the children safe!**

## Notices and Reminders

**Reading Books and Diaries/Journals** – these have all now been collected in for the summer. If you can spare some time next 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.

**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.

**Art club** – Mrs Butler has a few spaces if anyone would like to join Art club in September. Please ask in the office for her contact details.

### Letters sent home this week

 Attendance Policy





# DPSA News



## 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](mailto: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!

## Sports Day Refreshments and Ice Cream



The DPSA will again be offering refreshments at sports day on Monday. We will be serving tea, coffee, cold drinks, crisps and biscuits from 9.15 until 11.30am and then 12.30 – 1.30pm. We will also be serving ice creams at lunch time from 1pm. Don't forget your cash!

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

## 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



<u>Sept</u>	Frid 27 <sup>th</sup>	School Disco
<u>Oct</u>	Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Jumble Sale
	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bag2school
<u>Nov</u>	Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre

**Thank you for your continued support over the last year. We couldn't have done it without you.**

**Good luck to all of the year 6 children moving on to their new schools we shall miss you.**

**Have a lovely summer break and we all look forward to seeing you again in September.**  
**The DPSA**



## Owl's Barn School Meals

### Week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

<b>Week 1 MONDAY</b>	Sports Day			
<b>TUESDAY</b>	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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet or Oven Baked Vegetable Fingers	Chips Mixed Vegetables / Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Variety of desserts
<b>THURSDAY</b>	School Holidays			
<b>FRIDAY</b>				

## Dates for the Diary

### Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Sports Day  
Open Afternoon**

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Pm**

**Danbury Park's Got Talent!**

(For the children only - we are sorry but we do not have room to accommodate parents at this event)

**Weds 24<sup>th</sup>**

**9.15am**

**3.25pm**

**Year 6 Leavers' Assembly**

**School close for the summer break**

**School reopens on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

**Full term dates for the academic year 2019-20  
and for 2020-21 are available on the school website.**

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding  
Headteacher

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## Dates for Summer Term 2019

Date	Time	Event
<b>July</b>		
22 <sup>nd</sup>		Sports Day Open afternoon
23 <sup>rd</sup>	12.00pm	Special Year 6 Leavers' Lunch
	1.30pm	DPS's got Talent
24 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
	3.25pm	School closes for the summer break