

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

20th September 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Poppy R - Diamond

Congratulations to **Jack and Sam H** who completed the 50km bike ride for Farleigh Hospice on Sunday 15th Sept. This is now becoming an annual event and this year they beat their time by about 20minutes completing the ride in 2 hours 38mins which is an average speed of 12mph. Well done Jack and Sam!

Our First Celebration Assembly of the year is on 9th October at 2.50pm

Families are welcome to join us.

Macmillan Fundraising Event

Friday 27th September



We will again be participating in the Macmillan Coffee Morning this year on Friday 27th September.

Last year we made some changes, hopefully to help busy parents and to avoid food being left over and wasted. In previous years, you have been very generous and we have been inundated with cakes but the new system worked very well.

Again this year school will be providing all the cakes and drinks for the children to purchase and the Year 6 children will be running the cake stalls as they have done in the past at break time.

If you would like to support this charity event, then we would suggest that the children bring in a donation of a minimum of £1 in exchange for a cake and a drink of squash. For the infant children, please place the money into an envelope marked with their name and class and put this in their reading bag; junior children may prefer to bring their money in a named purse.

As all proceeds will go to the Macmillan Cancer Charity, we regret that if children do not bring in a donation, they will not be given a cake and a drink.



2019 Harvest Collection

This harvest we're again asking you to help local people by collecting tinned and dried food for the Chelmsford foodbank. The foodbank provides short term emergency food to people in crisis. Food is given as an intervention strategy which allows care professionals, such as Housing Support Officers, CAB advisers, Social Services, doctors etc, time to put longer term measures in place. People are given enough food for three days. Food is distributed from the foodbank centre based at the Trinity Methodist Church, Rainsford Road.

At the foodbank centre people also have access to information about other services and support organisations. It is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00am to 12:30pm. All food given out by the foodbank is donated by generous members of the public. Everyday people experience crisis in our community for a variety of reasons from redundancy to ill health to an unexpected bill on a low income. Some simply struggle to make ends meet.

Harvest Shopping List

Tinned food

Fish
Fruit
Meat
Custard
Potatoes
Spaghetti
Tomatoes
Rice Puddings

Sachets

Mash
Soup
Pasta
Custard

Packets

Rice
Biscuits
Sponge Puddings

Other

Fruit Squash
Long life Milk
Chocolate Treats
Long life Fruit Juice
Jam/Honey/Spreads

Non-Food stuff

Shampoo
Handwash
Shower Gel
Deodorants
Tin Openers
Tooth Brushes
Washing up Liquid
Washing powder & liquid

Additional items

Printing paper
Permanent markers
Ball point/gel pens

We want to help our local foodbank feed people in need. Please join with us by donating food so that those less fortunate don't go hungry.

N.B Please make sure all food is packaged, in date and undamaged. Thank you!

All donations of food can be brought into school between **Monday 30th Sept and Friday 11th October 2019.**

If you have a car and are able to volunteer to deliver the food to please let the office know.

Thank you

Aldi Kit for Schools

The supermarket chain Aldi are running a competition for schools and we would like to take part. We could win an exclusive school sports kit, or even an amazing £20,000 cash prize.

All we need to do, is collect Team GB stickers!

Shoppers can now pick up Team GB stickers at Aldi stores nationwide, to send into school. All the school needs to do, is add the stickers to our Aldi's Kit for Schools poster - 300 stickers guarantees our school a sports kit and a shot at our £20,000 prize.

The poster will be on display in the main hall and we will give you regular updates in the newsletters.

Please support us!

Wanted!

Now that the children are back in school and you have time to tidy up the house and perhaps have a clear-out for the village jumble sale, we would just like to remind you to think about what toys might be useful to school.

We are particularly in need of Lego and Duplo as well as Playmobil and balance bikes and small bikes with stabilisers. If in doubt please ask, as we would hate to miss out.

Thank you

Mental Health and Well-being

This is a matter that is very much in the news at the moment and affects us all.

Danbury Parish Council are busy organising free half-day workshops for adults to explore common mental health challenges and how to spot them.

There is a poster on our notice board with full details but if you are interested please contact:

Danbury Parish Council Office on 01245 225111 or parish.council@danbury-essex.gov.uk

Governor News

The closing date for nominations for parent governor is **THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER** at 9.00am

If you have any questions. Please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Gooding or one of our existing governors, if you require any further information.

This is a very rewarding and interesting way of giving something back to the school.

Contacting School on First Day of Absence And Keeping our Children Safe

There may be times during the year when your child is unable to attend school for a number of reasons. It is vital that you contact us promptly on the first day of absence and parents should always inform us of the reason. We have a dedicated answerphone on the school number so messages can be left at any time. We do ask that phone messages are followed up by a written note which can be handed in to the class teacher.

Last summer holiday, the Department for Education strengthened its regulations for keeping children safe and we are required to follow these. Our procedure is to check the registers every morning by 9.30am and if your child is absent, and we have not heard from you, we will phone you to establish why your child is not in school. Parents are required to provide at least two emergency contact numbers to the school, so we are able to communicate with someone if we need to. Later this term we will send out our data collection sheets so that you can check that the information we hold is still current and complete. In the meantime if there have been any changes, please let us know in writing.

Please note that where contact cannot be made, a referral may be made to another appropriate agency (Missing Education and Child Employment Service, Social Care or Police).

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Fundraising

Thank you so much to those parents who have been working together to raise money for each class to buy extra art and craft resources and equipment. As you will know from the media school budgets have been getting tighter and Danbury Park has had to consider carefully all the purchases we make. As a staff we are always resourceful and creative and we are pleased that we are still able to provide for all the creative activities. However we are mindful that we cannot afford waste or extravagance.

We are very grateful to those parents who have been so thoughtful and generous. Any money collected does need to be given to the school office as teachers are not allowed to hold any funds themselves but we will ensure that each class is able to spend the money given specially to them.

Please watch this space as Danbury Park has just signed up for a new fundraising venture and we will shortly be launching the Schools Lottery. Parents and friends of the school will be able to support us and stand a chance of winning a prize. More details to follow soon!

School Lunches - Costs for Autumn Term 2019

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

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

Total for Autumn Term £156.20

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.

Notices and Reminders

Sports Kits – Please ensure that all PE kits are brought into school.




Music lessons – Ms Davidson has spaces for individual recorder lessons starting in September. We run a waiting list for piano & guitar lessons if your child would like to have tuition. If you are interested, please contact the school office staff for details.

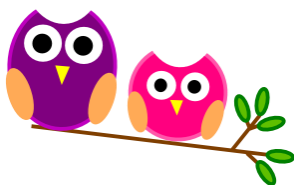
Art club – Mrs Butler has a few spaces if anyone would like to join Art club. Please ask in the office for her contact details.

Curriculum Maps – Details of what your child will be learning this term will be uploaded to the class pages of school website today. These give you a snap shot of topics and areas covered in each class. We hope you find them useful.

Year 7 entry for September 2020 – Please check the secondary school websites for dates of their open days.

Letters sent home this week

-  Welcome to Year 6 meeting for parents **NB this has been rescheduled to 10th Oct**
-  Netball club for Year 5 & 6
-  Harvest celebration special lunch & colouring competition



DPSA News



School disco – Next Friday 27th September (Years 1-6)

We are holding a 'back to school disco' to kick off the new term. The DPSA run a disco every term but restrict the Autumn term disco to years 1- 6. The disco can be quite daunting to the EYFS children but we look forward to welcoming them to their first disco in January.

KS1 (years 1+2 only) 6.00 – 7.00pm (£2)

KS2 7.15 - 8.30pm (£2.50)

We need 1 more helper for the KS1 disco so please let Sally Pain (sallyj@doctors.org.uk) or your class rep know if you can help or post on Facebook. Thank you.

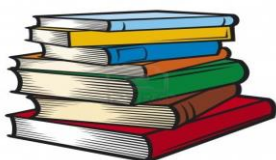
DPSA AGM

The DPSA AGM will be on **Tuesday 15th October at 7.30pm** in the school hall. Please do come along and hear about how much was raised last year and what the money has been spent on. Let us know what you thought and share any new ideas you might have. New parents are always welcome to join the DPSA committee.

Class Rep for Class Hummingbird

We are looking for a volunteer to be class rep for class Hummingbird. If you would like to take on the role or share it with another parent please email sallyj@doctors.org.uk thank you.

The Big Book Collection



The Big Book Collection of donated children's books over the last couple of years has added **several hundred books** to the school library. The collection box is back to continue this term. If you have any **good quality 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.

Craft Collection Box



We are also putting out a separate box looking for any unwanted craft items you may have at home such as colouring pencils, wax crayons, felt tip pens, coloured card, buttons, sequins, Pritt sticks, Sellotape, masking tape, laminating pouches. We don't need individual craft kits, paint or PVA glue. Items will be added to the school resource store and shared by all classes.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshops Thursday 28th November and Thursday 5th December in the school hall 7.30pm



This year we have arranged 2 opportunities to learn how to make an amazing Christmas door wreath under the supervision of a professional florist. The cost will be £35 per person payable on booking. All materials will be provided and you will have a lovely door wreath for Christmas to take home at the end of the evening. Forms will go out in book bags very soon so do save the dates.

Ice Cream Fridays



While the weather remains fair we will still be selling ice creams after school on Fridays starting today. All ice creams cost £1.

Dates for the diary 2019



September
October

Fri 27th
Sat 19th
Tues 22nd

School Disco
Jumble Sale
Bag2school

November

Thurs 28th
Sat 30th

Xmas Wreath Making Evening
Christmas Fayre 2-4pm

December

Thurs 5th

Xmas Wreath Making Workshop

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 23rd September

Week 1 MONDAY	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza Or Homemade Pepperoni Pizza	Pasta Twists Sweetcorn Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
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 23rd September 2019

Mon 23rd	Class Dove's visit to Sutton Hoo
Tues 24th	Class Cuckoo's visit to Colchester Castle
Weds 25th	Class Budgerigar's visit to Audley End
Thurs 26th 9.00am	Closing date for nominations for parent governor
Fri 27th 2.50pm 6.00pm 7.15pm	Macmillan Fundraising Event Class Avocet's assembly KS1 DPSA Disco KS2 DPSA Disco

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 Autumn Term 2019

Date	Time	Event
September		
23 rd		Class D to Sutton Hoo
24 th		Class C to Colchester Castle
25 th		Class B to Audley End
27 th	2.50pm	Class A Assembly
		Macmillan Fundraising Event
	6.00pm 7.15pm	DPSA KS1 Disco DPSA KS2 Disco
October		
2 nd		Individual school photos
	Am Pm	Yr 5/6 Girls' Football Tournament tbc Yr 5/6 Boys' Football Tournament
3 rd	4.30pm	Curriculum Committee Meeting
4 th	2.50pm	Class B Assembly
7 th	6.30pm 7.00pm	Pay Committee meeting Personnel Committee meeting
8 th	Am	Pre-school Activity Morning
9 th	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
10 th	6.30pm	Welcome to Year 6 meeting for parents
11 th		Yr 3/4 and 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournaments
15 th	7.30pm	DPSA AGM
17 th		Classes Jay and Hummingbird to Barleylands
18 th	2.50pm	Class C Assembly
21 st		Flu Vaccination
22 nd	10.00am	EYFS & KS1 Autumn Celebration to KS2 & Visitors
	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
24 th	2.45pm	EYFS & KS1 Autumn Celebration to parents
	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
25 th		School closed for staff training
28th Oct – 1st Nov		Half-term
November		
4 th	Pm	CSSP Tag Rugby Tournament at Writtle
6 th	9.30 -11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
8 th	2.50pm	Class D Assembly
12 th	1.45pm	Open afternoon for prospective parents
14 th	6.30pm	Resources Committee meeting
15 th	2.50pm	Class E Assembly
15 th tbc		Children in Need
19 th	9.30 -11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
20 th	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
Week beg 25 th Nov		End of Term Assessment Week
30 th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre
December		
11 th		Christmas Lunch
13 th	tbc	Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsals

16 th	Tbc	Filming of Christmas plays
17 th	2.15pm & 6.00pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance
18 th	1.45pm & 6.30pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
19 th	9.10am	Celebration Assembly
	Pm	Christmas Party
		End of Term

Spring Term 2020		
11 th February	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
13 th February	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
9 th March	Am	NSPCC Assemblies and workshops <u>Assembly x 2 – Monday 9th March</u> KS2 = 9:05-9:35am KS1 = 10:50-11:10am <u>Year 5/6 workshops x 2 – Monday 9th March</u> Workshop 1 = 9:35-10:30am Workshop 2 = 11:20-12:20pm