

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



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

**13<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Dear Parents,

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

**Ophelia S** - Emerald **George T** - Diamond **Isabelle C** - Topaz

*Our next Celebration Assembly will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2.50pm*

*Families are welcome to join us.*

### Rural Community Council of Essex Growing Communities School Dinner Plot Competition



The deadline for the competition has been extended to March so encourage your child to have a go over the half-term break! A copy of the entry form is included at the bottom of the newsletter but please note that it needs to be reproduced onto A3 size paper.

All entries must be in school by the morning of Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, as we need to post them to the RCCE in plenty of time.

The competition is themed on a healthy school **DINNER**. The children need to think about the vegetables, fruit and herbs that could easily be grown to make the perfect healthy school dinner. The dish can be sweet or savoury but must include produce grown on the plot. They can also use additional ingredients such as pasta, rice, meat etc. The competition has again been split so that there will be an infant winner and a junior winner.

#### First Prizes

£200 HTA Gardening Voucher for the school.

Cookery Classes by Barleylands Educational Team

#### Two Runners up Prizes

£80 HTA Gardening Voucher for the school.

## Class Budgerigar's Visit to the British Museum

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By Morgan Howlett

On the Monday 10 February 2020 Class Budgerigar went to the Ancient Greek exhibit in the British Museum due to our spring topic, which is the ancient Greeks. When we came off the coach from a long hard two hours stuck in traffic from the recent storm Ciara, I took a deep breath, as the museum was colossal.



Sadly, the traffic was so bad we missed our Greek Myths workshop. Luckily, Mrs. Marsland caught the person who ran the workshop. She told us that the session was about the ancient Greek pottery and how to identify the gods and monster such as:

- Heracles – wore a lion skin and carried a sling shot and on his back there was a bow and arrow
- Medusa- had snake hair
- Athena - she had an owl on her shoulder and wore sandals
- Zeus- held a thunderbolt

Once she told us that, we all felt like we were going to die of hunger, so Mrs. Marsland let us have an early lunch.

After lunch, we got in our groups and set off. We needed to get a map as we had no clue where to go. When we ran up the stairs and crossed the see through bridge, we saw the sign to the Ancient Greek Exhibit. When we arrived there, there were hundreds of pots from big to small. Mrs. Marsland told us to get our planners and sketch some pots. I sketched two pots, one was a baby feeder, which had some patterns on, and the second was a water pot that had a man fighting a horse on it.



In addition, there were many statues and heads of statues. The heads had lost their body over time. Some were of Gods and some

were of Greek warriors and mighty philosophers. In the next room, there were more statues but there were some tiny ones. There also were some paintings and mosaics. At that point, people needed to go to the toilet it turns out most people needed to go to as all the groups were there. Once every one had "finished" Mrs. Marsland handed everyone a tablet between two. On the



tablet there was a little animation, it was one of god's birthday however, they were going to the wrong temple so the wind god swooped it away. Then he said we had to do a series of six challenges. The first was find one of the artefacts. Therefore, we had to go to a huge room with tapestries. Next we had to match items with a clue one of favorite bits of that was playing a video game fighting a minitor. The forth was a puzzle putting animals and humans in front of each over. The fifth was another looking for more artifacts. The final one was you having to get the rite temple and not hitting the boarder.



After that, we had a look round at more statues. In there I saw a head of a statue being contained in a tempura tie box.

In the end, it was super fun and I advise the next Class budgerigar to go again.



**Morgan H**

## Class Assemblies

Well done to the children in Class Goldfinch who gave us their view on their class topic of *Home and Away*. They shared with us some creative pictures of the Aurora Borealis as well some interesting and detailed stories about penguins and icebergs! They spoke clearly and confidently and have obviously been enjoying their learning.



For parents new to the school, class assemblies are a great opportunity to find out what the children have been learning in class as they share their experiences. Whilst we welcome younger siblings, we do ask that they sit quietly and that if they start to get restless and noisy, they are taken out of the hall. This is because the children have worked hard on preparing their assembly and they need to be able to stay focused and be heard. We would also remind parents that food and drink should not be brought into the school for the younger children to consume during the assembly as again this causes a distraction but also poses a significant health and safety risk for pupils and staff with potentially fatal allergies.

## Book Week 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

Our annual Book Week will take place during the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We have lots of fun activities planned for the children and this year each class will be using their chosen story to link with work in Design and Technology. The children will be making a variety of puppets, increasing in complexity, to retell their stories. We will then be changing our school displays to reflect this learning, so please look out for them.

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, which is World Book Day, we are inviting the children to dress up as a book character. We will be asking for a donation of £1 to purchase new group guided reading books. There will also be a special themed lunch.

## Parent Survey

At parent consultations we asked parents their views on the future of the school. Despite the fact that we are currently constrained by the funding from the government, we want to think about the coming three years and what we could do to make Danbury Park School even better. The survey will still be available from the school office until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

## Safeguarding

Safer Internet Day was on 11<sup>th</sup> February so we took some time in school to remind the children about keeping themselves safe. The NSPCC has brought together a range of resources and activities that parents might find useful.

Essex County Council also have a list of useful websites:

- [CEOP](#) (Child Exploitation and Online Protection)
- [Childnet](#)
- [Internet Matters](#)
- [Net Aware](#)
- [NSPCC](#)
- [Parent Info](#)
- [Safer Internet](#)

Last week you should also have received the latest copy of *Digital Parenting* which gives lots of sound advice on helping you and your child negotiate new technologies and help keep them safe.

**Save the date – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – The Two Johns**

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

## Notices and Reminders

### Letters sent home this week



**Guitar and Recorder/Woodwind Lessons** - There are currently a couple of spaces for these lessons. Please contact the office if your child is interested.

## School Lunches - Costs for Spring Term 2020

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Half Term | 6 January – 13 February 2020 = 29 days at £2.20 = £63.80 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Term | 25 February – 3 April 2020 = 29 days at £2.20 = £63.80   |

**Total for Spring Term £127.60**

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.

## Emergency School Closures – SNOW!

As we approach the time of year when inclement weather and snow is more likely, we would like to advise you of the school's emergency closure procedure. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly but there may be rare times when the site is unsafe or insufficient staff can get into the school and closure is unavoidable. Please note that the local radio stations no longer give out announcements.

Schools will notify Essex County Council and the information will be available on their website at: <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

We will also put a message out on Parentmail and on the scrolling news on the first page of the school website. We will aim to do this by 7.30am.

If the weather and traffic are bad, please take care and get to school safely. We will understand if you delay your journey and arrive later than the usual time.

If you have not yet joined *Parentmail*, please ask at the office.

## Parking

Please remember that the car park is under the management of Danbury Outdoors and they kindly allow our parents to use the car park.

Blocking access to the two sites could cause serious problems should either the school or Danbury Outdoors require urgent assistance. This could put lives at risk.

**We remind parents that they should only park in the main car parking area and not alongside the roadways in and out or block the free flow of traffic through the carpark. If there is no space, parents should exit the site and park elsewhere.**

**We are fortunate as a school to have use of a car park so close to school but it must be used with consideration and care before someone gets injured or parents lose this privilege.**

## School Journey Payments Year 6

Just a reminder that the final balance for the school journey is due to be paid by **13<sup>th</sup> March**.

Instalments can be paid any time up until that date. Just bring in the money with the blue payment card so it can be updated.

The total cost is £420 per child.



# SHAPE UP YOUR FAMILY!



Buy A Lottery Ticket  
This Half-Term &  
WIN A Family  
**FITBIT  
BUNDLE**

- WIN a FITBIT Bundle (FITBIT Inspire HR + Ace 2 Kid's Fitness Tracker)
- Support your local school
- Play for £1 per week
- Win up to £25,000

To start supporting, visit:

[yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk)

and search for: **Danbury Park Communi**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Sign up before 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020  
Terms and conditions apply – see website.

**Please support our school lottery!**

**There are special prizes to be won as an added incentive this half-term.**

**To date we have raised £272.90.**

**Thank you to those parents who have donated their winnings back to the school.**





# DPSA News



## Adventure Island Wrist Band Voucher Launch



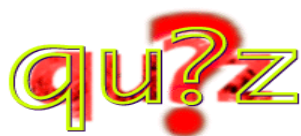
This year from Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February DPSA wristband vouchers will be available to buy from the main tills at the Danbury Co-op. The Co-op are kindly doing this to support the school free of charge and each time we sell a voucher we raise much needed funds for the school. The vouchers are again exceptionally good value:-

**Blue Bands** (over 1.2m height) **DPSA cost £18** - saving £4.50 on the internet price and £14 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'

Adventure Island opens this year from **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 11am** and all vouchers bought can be exchanged at any time in 2020 for the appropriate wristband at the Adventure Island entrance. Anyone can buy them so please do spread the word to neighbours, work colleagues, family and friends.

## The School Quiz Profit



The school night quiz was a great success and raised over **£530**

Thank you to everybody who came along and supported this event. We all had a great time. A very big thank you to our quiz master and his assistant, Dan and Briony Reavill, for organising the quiz and keeping the crowd under control.



## Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday 21st March 2-4pm

Please make sure the date is in the diary. There will be an Easter Egg hunt around the school grounds with prizes, cakes & refreshments, Easter crafts and games, Easter Hamper Raffle, Easter Egg colouring competition, Mothers Day Secrets Room and of course an Easter Egg tombola.

We'll be asking for **donations of Easter Eggs** after half term so keep a look out for any special offers over the holidays. If you have any **new gifts suitable for the Mothers Day secrets room** e.g. toiletries, jewellery, please leave them in the donation box by the school office. Thank you

## Spring Door Wreath Making Evening Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 8pm

Join us for an evening of creativity with a chance to make your own spring-themed door wreath. You will have the guidance and expertise from Natalie, a professional florist, so no experience is required. The cost for this event will be **£35 per person** (The full amount will be required when reserving

your space) Forms have gone out in book bags.

## Other Dates for the diary 2020



|                 |                            |   |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---|
| <b>February</b> | <b>Wed 26th</b>            | <b>DPSA Meeting 8pm</b>                 |
| <b>March</b>    | <b>Sat 21st</b>            | <b>Easter Egg Hunt 2-4pm</b>            |
| <b>May</b>      | <b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Jumble Sale Danbury Village Hall</b> |
|                 | <b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>Bag2School 9am</b>                   |
| <b>June</b>     | <b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Internet Safety Evening</b>          |
|                 | <b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Summer Fayre 12 – 3.30pm</b>         |
| <b>July</b>     | <b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | <b>School Disco</b>                     |

**Have a lovely half term.**  
**The DPSA**



# Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

|                                |  |   |  |   |
|--------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| <b>Week 1</b><br><b>MONDAY</b> | School Closed  |   |  |   |
| TUESDAY                        | Local Butcher's Pork sausage or Vegetarian Quorn sausage (v)                           | Creamy Mashed Potato<br>Baked Beans<br>Peas/Green Salad               | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Chocolate Sponge served with chocolate sauce<br>Organic Fruit Yoghurt<br>Selection of Fresh Fruit |
| WEDNESDAY                      | Local Butchers Roast Beef served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheddar Whirl (V) | Roast Potatoes<br>Cauliflower florets<br>Fresh carrots<br>Green salad | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Ice cream Arctic Roll<br>Organic Fruit Yoghurt<br>Selection of Fresh Fruit                        |
| THURSDAY                       | Homemade Chicken Korma or Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma (V)                            | White and Wholegrain Rice<br>Naan Bread<br>Sweetcorn, Cucumber        | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Apple & Berry Fruit Crumble and Custard<br>Organic Fruit Yoghurt<br>Selection of Fresh Fruit      |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                  | Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet  | Chips<br>Mixed Veg / Peas Green Salad                                 | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Viennese Biscuit<br>Organic Fruit Yoghurt<br>Selection of Fresh Fruit                             |

## Dates for the Diary Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup>**

School closed for staff training

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup>**

**9.00am**

Deadline for RCCE Design a Healthy School Dinner Competition

**Weds 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup>**

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 Spring Term 2020

| Date                        | Time    | Event   |
|-----------------------------|---------|---|
| <b>February</b>             |         |   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>            | All day | School closed for staff training  |
| <b>March</b>                |         |   |
| Week beg<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> |         | Book Week   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>             |         | World Book Day<br>Dressing up day   |
|                             | 6.30pm  | Resources Meeting   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>             | 3.30pm  | Boys' Football Match v St Anne's (home)   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>             |         | NSPCC Assemblies & Workshops<br><b><u>Assembly x 2</u></b><br>KS2 = 9:05-9:35am<br>KS1 = 10:50-11:10am<br><b><u>Year 5/6 workshops x 2</u></b><br>Workshop 1 = 9:35-10:30am<br>Workshop 2 = 11:20-12:20pm |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>            | 9.30am  | Freshwater Theatre Production - Classes J & H   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>            | 2.50pm  | Class H Assembly  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>            | 12.15pm | Year 2 Infant Music Festival  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>            | 9.10am  | Sandon School Spanish Group in Year 6   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>            | 9.30am  | Pre-school activity morning   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>            | tbc     | DPSA Easter Egg Hunt  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>            |         | Assessment Week   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>            | 6.30pm  | Pay Committee Meeting   |
|                             | 7.00pm  | Personnel Committee meeting   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>            | 2.50pm  | Celebration Assembly  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>            | 8.30am  | Class E to National Maritime Museum   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>            | 2.50pm  | Class J Assembly  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup>            | 10.00am | Spring/Easter assembly for guests & infants   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>             | 12.00pm | End of term lunch for staff and governors   |
|                             | 2.30pm  | Spring/Easter assembly for parents  |
|                             |         | Break up for Easter holidays  |



Please complete the information box - (no felt tip pens please!)

| Growing Communities<br>Packed Lunch Plot Competition |  |
|--|--|
| Child's Name:  |  |
| Age:   |  |
| Name of your<br>school dinner:                       |  |
| School:  |  |
| Teachers Name:                                       |  |