



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

6th March 2020

Dear Parents,

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

Holly C – **Emerald** Iris C – **Emerald** Abigail M – **Topaz** Bella G – **Topaz**

Morgan H – **Bronze** Tilly H – **Silver** Freya E – **Silver**

Congratulations to Abbie G (KS2) and Paul D (KS1 & EYFS), winners of our World Book Bunting competition

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on Wednesday 25th March at 2.50pm

Families are welcome to join us.

Book Week

This week has been an exciting week with lots of reading and puppet making taking place. Thank you to all the parents who have been helping in class and for supporting your children dressing up for World Book Day. We hope that you enjoyed the activity as much as the children.



More reports and photos next week!

Thank you for your donations. We have **£213.50** to buy new books which is fantastic.

Essex Plastic Pledge

This week the school has signed the Essex plastic pledge!

We are still at the early stages of identifying where we can reduce single-use plastic in the school and we are involving the children in helping us. More reports about the action we have taken and the impact will be in future newsletters.

Thank you to those parents who raised their concerns about the use of plastic bags for containing packed lunches when we have school visits off-site. We are considering ways of balancing the logistics of keeping 30 lunches safe with helping the environment but every small step will help. Advice will be given in letters from the class teachers about individual visits.

You too can sign the pledge and follow the Essex campaign on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @loveessexuk.

Safeguarding

The NSPCC will be visiting us on Monday 9th March to lead two assemblies and to deliver two workshops for our Year 5 and 6 children following their ***Speak out. Stay safe.*** programme. A letter was sent home earlier this week with details and we hope that you have taken time to look at the resources at nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

What is the programme?

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops the specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

Talking PANTS with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

Save the date – Wednesday 10th June 2020 – The Two Johns
Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Midday Assistant Vacancies

We still have a vacancy for a Midday Assistant working on Fridays. This is an exciting time to be joining the team as hopefully the weather will be improving and we have some new plans to enhance this playtime period. If you are interested please contact Mrs Brooke, Office Manager, for more details or speak with Mrs Gooding on the school gate.

Working with the children to make their lunchtime experience happy is a very worthwhile and rewarding job!

Choir Competition February 10th






On February 10th the Key Stage 2 choir took part in the annual Rotary choir Festival. We performed *Once Upon A December* from the film *Anastasia* and *Naughty* from the musical *Matilda*. The children sang beautifully and performed actions which they had worked out together during rehearsals. We got good feedback from the adjudicators and each child received a certificate for taking part, but sadly did not make it to the final this time. I was very proud of the children for their confident performance from memory of two difficult songs and excellent behaviour throughout the evening. I would like to say thank you to the choir for their commitment in attending lunchtime rehearsals every Wednesday, practising at home and learning the songs without ever having a sheet of lyrics to refer to, and thank you also to the parents for bringing their children out on a cold wet and windy night to the competition and giving us an appreciative audience to perform to.

Mrs Long

Notices and Reminders

Letters sent home this week

-  NSPCC Speak Out visit
-  World Book Day Tokens
-  Infant Reading Books

Any piano lessons missed due to class trips, book week events or Mrs Long's absence will all be made up in the last week of term.

School Journey Payments Year 6

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

School Lunches - Costs for Spring Term 2020

2nd Half Term 25 February – 3 April 2020 = 29 days at £2.20 = **£63.80**

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, especially as we draw close to the financial year end.** 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.

Coronavirus

School is following the guidance from the Department for Education and the Local Authority. As you will be aware this is under constant review and we are receiving daily updates.

The advice is that

- *pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:*
 - *before leaving home*
 - *on arrival at school*
 - *after using the toilet*
 - *after breaks and sporting activities*
 - *before food preparation*
 - *before eating any food, including snacks*
 - *before leaving school*
- *avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands*
- *avoid close contact with people who are unwell*
- *clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces*

If you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.

The links to the current guidance are below:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

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.



DPSA News



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



There will be an Easter Egg hunt will be around the school grounds with prizes, cakes & refreshments, Easter crafts and games, Easter Hamper Raffle, Easter colouring competition, Mothers Day secrets room and of course an Easter Egg tombola.

The **Easter colouring competition** this year will be a decorated egg picture– it can be, painted, coloured or collaged, as long as the egg template is used which went out in book bags last week. The paper can be backed with card if necessary and entries will need to be in by Friday 20th March. There will be prizes for the top 3 in EYF/KS1 and KS2.

We would greatly appreciate:-

Donations of Easter Eggs for the Egg Tombola – please leave in the donation box by the school office.

Donations of Gifts suitable for the Mothers Day Secrets Room e.g. toiletries, jewellery, please also leave those in the donation box by the school office.

Easter Hamper Items for the class hamper raffle– Class Reps will let you know a list of suggested items. Please leave these in the black bucket in your child's class.

Helpers on the day – please let your class rep or email sallyj@doctors.org.uk if you can help set up in the morning, run a stall 2-3pm or 3-4pm, or help tidy away at the end. Please feel free to buddy up with another parent if that suits you better. There is a list on the school office counter where you can sign up too.

Cakes – if you are happy to bake a cake for the refreshment stall please let us know at sallyj@doctors.org.uk

A form to **pre-book Easter Egg Hunt tickets** (£3 in advance £3.50 on the gate) went out in book bags last week along with the egg template for the Easter Egg colouring competition. Spare ones are available from your Class Rep or the school office. Thank you.

Summer Fayre Grand Raffle and Brochure

We are already starting to plan the school summer fayre. This year the theme is 'The Olympics'. If you own or know of a business that would like to sponsor a raffle prize in our Grand Raffle or would like to advertise in our professionally printed summer fayre brochure then please let us know at sallyj@doctors.org.uk or inform your Class Rep who will pass on your message.

Spring Door Wreath Making Evening Thursday 2nd 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



<u>May</u>	Sat	16 th	Jumble Sale Danbury Village Hall
	Fri	22 nd	Bag2School 9am
<u>June</u>	Wed	10 th	Internet Safety Evening
	Sat	20 th	Summer Fayre 12 – 3.30pm
<u>July</u>	Fri	3 rd	School Disco

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 9th March

Week 3 MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake or Salmon Puff (V)	Garlic Bread Peas Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Lumpy Bumpy Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Minced Beef Wrap or Roasted Vegetable Wrap (V)	White and Wholegrain Rice Carrot Sticks Mixed Vegetables Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Homemade Shortbread Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Local Butcher's Roast Turkey or Roasted Quorn Fillet both served with Yorkshire pudding and Gravy (V)	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced Carrots Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Homemade Creamy Rice Pudding and Jam Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or Linda McCartney Vegetarian Balls in tomato sauce (V)	White and Wholegrain pasta Cauliflower Florets Sweet Corn 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 Or Vegetable Fingers	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Red Velvet Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 9th March

Mon 9th

Tues 10th

9.30am

Freshwater Theatre Company presentation to Classes Jay and Hummingbird

Weds 11th

Thurs 12th

Fri 13th

2.50pm

Class Hummingbird Assembly

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
March		
9 th		NSPCC Assemblies & Workshops <u>Assembly x 2</u> KS2 = 9:05-9:35am KS1 = 10:50-11:10am <u>Year 5/6 workshops x 2</u> Workshop 1 = 9:35-10:30am Workshop 2 = 11:20-12:20pm
10 th	9.30am	Freshwater Theatre Production - Classes J & H
13 th	2.50pm	Class H Assembly
16 th	12.15pm	Year 2 Infant Music Festival
18 th	9.10am	Sandon School Spanish Group in Year 6
19 th	Am	Inter-school English Competition
20 th	9.30am	Pre-school activity morning
	Pm	Inter-school Maths Competition
21 st	tbc	DPSA Easter Egg Hunt
23 rd		Assessment Week
	3.00pm	Girls' Football Match v Cathedral (away)
23 rd	6.30pm	Pay Committee Meeting
	7.00pm	Personnel Committee meeting
25 th	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
26 th	8.30am	Class E to National Maritime Museum
27 th	2.50pm	Class J Assembly
31 st	10.00am	Spring/Easter assembly for guests & infants
3 rd	12.00pm	End of term lunch for staff and governors
	2.30pm	Spring/Easter assembly for parents
		Break up for Easter holidays