

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

13th September 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Families are welcome to join us.

Bags in School and Mobile Phones

As you will know from last year's newsletter, over the past few years we have gradually been phasing out pupils bringing rucksacks into school. This is because we have so little storage space and because it is much easier for the children if they have just one bag to store their school essentials. The children should by now all have a school book bag which is available from the office and from One Stop, our uniform suppliers.

In the book bag children should have their reading book, their reading journal/diary and then any communications that need to go home or come back to school. Please ensure that lunch boxes and water bottles are carried separately as books are easily damaged by leaks and spills. We do understand that when the children are attending sporting clubs, they do need to transport their kit but we ask that this is in as small a bag as possible as these do take up space in the classrooms and cloakrooms.

We are a mobile free school and the children are not permitted to bring phones into the building. We appreciate that parents of Year 5 and 6 children who walk to school, may wish their children to have a mobile phone so that they can contact them in an emergency. In this case the children need to bring their phone to the school office at the start of the day for safe keeping and they can collect it as they leave the premises to go home.

If you give permission for your child to walk to and from school on their own and have not already done so, please write a letter for us to keep on file.

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!

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.

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

Clubs Autumn 2019-20

We are in the process of getting our clubs and extra-curricular activities up and running with some starting next week. Our timetable so far is:

	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday		French with Mrs Croucher, La Jolie Ronde Catch up lessons	Netball Club To be arranged
Tuesday	Cheerleading with Premier Sport 8.00am – 8.45am Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	French with Mrs Croucher, La Jolie Ronde Years 3 & 4 Year 2	Football with Chelmsford City 3.30pm-4.30pm, Years 2, 3 & 4 Tennis with Danbury Tennis Club 3.30pm – 4.15pm, Years 3 & 4
Wednesday		Spanish Mrs Mason Years 1 & 2	Multisports 3.25pm – 4.20pm Years 1- 6 Guides 7.00pm – 8:30pm
Thursday	Athletics with Premier Sport 8.00am – 8.45am Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	French with Mrs Croucher, La Jolie Ronde Year 1 Girls Football 12.30pm to 12.50pm, Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Boys Football 3.25pm to 4.20pm, Years 5 & 6 Grundy Gym Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday		Spanish Mrs Mason Years 3 & 4	KS2 Tag Rugby with Maldon Rugby Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm Spanish Mrs Mason 3:30 pm – 4:14pm Years 5 & 6 Art Club with Mrs Butler 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Letters have been sent home and most clubs are now up and running.

We are pleased with the variety and range of clubs that we are able to offer and we hope that you will take advantage of this.

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!

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

Netball Club

We are still hoping to continue with netball club after school this year in Miss Bridge's absence. We are pleased that so far one parent has come forward to assist Mrs Ireland and Mrs Buer in running this club after school. However, if you would still like to help, we would welcome the support. Please let the school office or Mrs Gooding know.

Letters with details will go out next week.

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.

Governor News

Letters have been sent out this week regarding the election of a new parent governor.

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.

Notices and Reminders

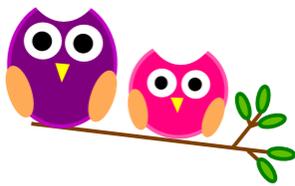
Sports Kits – Please ensure that all PE kits are brought into school.

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.

Letters sent home this week

-  Parent Governor Elections
-  Bikeability Year 6
-  Barnardo's Concert Year 5 & 6
-  Class H & J Barleylands Visit
-  EYFS Reading Meeting
-  Class F & G Chocolate Education



DPSA News

Class Reps for this year

The Class Reps act as a link between the DPSA, school and parents to hopefully improve communication. Class Reps are a great way of making sure you never miss important things like dress down days and discos! The Class Reps for this year are:-

Class A	Louise E	louise.chandler@yahoo.com
Class B	Emma A	theambors@gmail.com
Class C	Emily T	ecbailey@hotmail.co.uk
Class D	Michelle P	michelle@s4b.online
Class E	Claire G	clareg11bert@yahoo.co.uk
Class F	Ellie F	ellie.fraser@outlook.com
Class G	Susan C	susan.caulfield@hotmail.co.uk
Class H	Sarah W	mrssarahwhite@outlook.com
Joint Class J	Bonnie	bonniet2011@hotmail.co.uk
Joint Class J	Kim U	Kimberly.underwood87@gmail.com

Thank you to all our volunteers this year. Please email your Class Rep so they have your contact information on their list.

School disco – 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 helpers for both discos 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.

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.

Adventure Island Wrist Bands

Adventure Island is open October half term and every weekend until 16th November.

Blue Bands (over 1.2m height) **DPSA cost £18** - saving £4.50 on the internet price and £12 on the 'on the day' price
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'

To buy wristband vouchers (valid until the end of the year) contact Nicky at nickythomason@me.com who will arrange to get them to you. Payments can be in card, cash, or cheque (made payable to The DPSA.) Family and friends are welcome to buy too!

Dates for the diary 2019



<u>September</u>	Fri 27th	School Disco
<u>October</u>	Sat 19 th	Jumble Sale
	Tues 22nd	Bag2school
<u>November</u>	Sat 30 th	Christmas Fayre 2-4pm

Have a good weekend. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 16th September

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	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 16th September 2019

Mon 16th

Tues 17th

Weds 18th

Thurs 19th

2.45pm

EYFS Reading Meeting for parents

7.00pm

Full governing body meeting

Fri 20th

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		
19 th	2.45pm	EYFS Reading meeting for parents
	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
21 st		11+
23 rd		Class D to Sutton Hoo
24 th		Class C to Colchester Castle
	7.00pm	Welcome to Year 6 meeting for parents
25 th		Class B to Audley End
27 th	2.50pm	Class A Assembly
		Macmillan Fundraising Event
	6.00pm	DPSA KS1 Disco
	7.15pm	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
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	<p>NSPCC Assemblies and workshops</p> <p><u>Assembly x 2 – Monday 9th March</u> KS2 = 9:05-9:35am KS1 = 10:50-11:10am</p> <p><u>Year 5/6 workshops x 2 – Monday 9th March</u> Workshop 1 = 9:35-10:30am Workshop 2 = 11:20-12:20pm</p>