

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

10th January 2020

Dear Parents,

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

Arabella E – Emerald Abbie G – Emerald Alex C – Emerald Ella H - Gold

Congratulations also to Abigail M who Passed her recent Ballet Standard 2 Exam with Merit and her Modern Theatre Dance Grade 2 also with Merit.

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on Wednesday 5th February at 2.50pm

Families are welcome to join us.

Welcome back!

We hope that you all had a good Christmas break and that the new year has started well for you.

School life is always busy and we have lots of activities going on this term. As usual a list of dates is included at the end of the newsletter so that you have plenty of notice and can plan ahead.

We begin our series of infant class assemblies on Friday afternoons on 31st January at 2.50pm with Class Flamingo. For parents new to the school this is 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.

We have off-site visits arranged for Class Cuckoo to the Royal Observatory, Class Budgerigar to the British Museum, Year 4 to attend the Superstars sports event and Year 6 to attend the Crucial Crew event; Class Dove have launched their topic work already this week with an on-site activity day around the Mayans; Year 2 will shortly start work on the joint Infant Music Festival production and Classes Hummingbird and Jay are looking forward to a visit from a theatre company to support their topic of traditional tales. Other classes are sorting out their educational visits for this term with Class Eider being in the process of booking their visit to the Maritime Museum in Greenwich.

We have Book Week to look forward to, this year with a focus on story telling using puppets. We have a visit from the NSPCC to help the children think about their personal safety and then at the end of the term we have the traditional Key Stage 2 Spring Celebration.

More details of each event will follow in due course and we hope to see many of you there!

CENSUS DAY
Thursday 16th January
Calling all Infants

Please encourage your child to have a tasty free school meal on Thursday 16th January as our funding is calculated based on the numbers having lunches on that day. This is a good opportunity for your child to try a school lunch if they haven't had one before.

Thank you for your support.

NEW YEAR CELEBRATION LUNCH

(the children's favourites 😊)

Fish Fingers

Or

Vegetable Fingers

Chips

Peas

Baked Beans

Salad

Jacket Potato with choice of filling

Iced Sparkle Cake

Selection of Fresh Fruit

Organic Fruit Yoghurt



Food in Schools

It is lovely that families want to celebrate their children's birthdays with classmates by sending in sweets to share. However this is beginning to pose a difficulty as we have children and staff in school with potentially fatal allergies, others with intolerances to certain ingredients and those who are vegan, vegetarian or do not consume certain ingredients. In the past teachers have distributed sweets at the end of the day asking the children to take them home to check with their parents before consuming but this, particularly with the older children, is becoming increasingly difficult to monitor and control.

In order to ensure that the children are safe whilst in the care of the school, we ask that parents celebrate their children's birthday at their traditional parties and special events and refrain from sending sweets into school.

Safeguarding

Thinkuknow has a new raft of updated resources for parents to support them in keeping their children safe when using new technologies and software perhaps given as Christmas presents:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Listing/>

Save the date – Wednesday 10th June 2020

On Wednesday 10th June 2020 we will be holding special workshops with all children from Reception through to Year 6 about e-safety. These have been designed and will be led by the specialist team of professionals including police officers and teachers. Our aim is for the children to hear from experts about how to keep themselves safe! After school there will be training for all school staff which will be followed by an information session for parents. In the ever changing world of technology it is vitally important that parents understand what their children are involved in and the risks they face.

More details will follow nearer the time but please spread the word and save the date!

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Applications for School Admissions September 2020 Reminder for Pre-school Parents



The statutory closing date for applications from parents of preschool children for a school place in the Reception year group from September 2020 is **15th January 2020**.

Full information is available on the Essex County Council website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The application round opens on Monday 11th November and all applications are made via this site.

Notices and Reminders

Letters sent home this week

-  Class C Royal Observatory Visit
-  DPSA Quiz Night

Guitar and Recorder/Woodwind/Recorder 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 st Half Term	6 January – 13 February 2020 = 29 days at £2.20 = £63.80
2 nd 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.

Information to Parents from the School Nursing Team

We have been asked to send out the following reminder following an incident at another school this week that school nurses do **not** send text messages as their first contact with parents.

If you receive a text message requesting information about your child from anyone purporting to be a School Nurse, please DO NOT engage.

To check authenticity of the text message received, please contact the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service Single Point of Access on:

Mid Essex 0300 247 0014 (option 2)
North Essex 0300 247 0015
South Essex 0300 247 0013
West Essex 0300 247 0122



DPSA News



School disco – Friday 24th January

As always we are holding a 'New Year disco' to kick off the spring term. All children are welcome to attend from EYFS to year 6.



KS1 (EYFS and years 1+2)

6.00 – 7.00pm (£2)

KS2

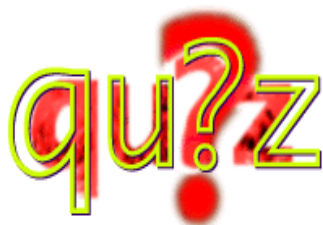
7.15 - 8.30pm (£2.50)

Sweets and crisps (ranging from 5 -30p) and glostix (20p each or 3 for 50p) will be on sale at both discos. There is also a raffle (20p per ticket) at the KS2 disco. Please do make sure you are aware of how much money your child is bringing to spend.

Helpers Needed - please let Sally Pain (sallyj@doctors.org.uk) know if you can help or post on Facebook. Thank you.

Quiz Night Saturday 8th February 8pm School Hall

The quiz is a fun night out and a great way to raise money for the school. Get together teams of up to 8 people, entry costs just £5 per person. Entry forms will go out in book bags shortly and spare ones will be available from your Class Rep or the school office. Please get your entries in as soon as possible as places are limited. Bring along your own drinks and snacks. There will be a raffle in the interval and prizes for the winning team.



We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Show DVDs last few remaining!

Please email sallyj@doctors.org.uk if you still would like to buy a copy of the Christmas performance. DVDs are £16 each.

Dates for the diary 2020



January

Friday 24th School Disco

February

Saturday 8th Quiz Night

Monday 10th Bag2School 9am

March

Sat 21st Easter Egg Hunt

April

Thurs 2nd Easter Door Wreath Making Evening

May

Saturday 16th Jumble Sale

Friday 22nd Bag2School

June

Wed 10th Internet Safety Evening

Sat 20th Summer Fayre

July

Friday 3rd School Disco

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 13th January

Week 2 MONDAY	Macaroni Cheese or Tomato Pasta Bake (V)	Homemade Fresh Bread Mixed Vegetables Carrot Sticks Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cornflake Tart and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese or Quorn Bolognese (V)	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Giant Cookie with Fruit Wedge Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Local Butchers Roast Gammon served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheesy Stack Wrap (V)	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced carrots Whole Green Beans Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Strawberry Fruit Jelly Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
New Year Celebration THURSDAY	Fish Fingers Or Vegetable Fingers	Chips Peas, Baked Beans Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sparkle Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Local Butchers Beefburger in a Floured Bap or Vegetable Burger in a Floured Bap (v)	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Rice Crispy Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 13th January

Mon 13th

School Nurse Year 6 and Year R Health Checks

Tues 14th

Weds 15th

Thurs 16th

7.00pm

Spring Census

Full governing Body Meeting

Fri 17th

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
January		
13 th	9.15am	Year 6 and Year R Health Checks
16 th		Spring Census
	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
20 th		Class C to Royal Observatory
24 th	6.00pm 7.15pm	DPSA Discos
28 th	8.45am	Year 6 Crucial Crew
28 th	12.30pm	Year 4 Superstars
30 th	4.30pm	Curriculum Committee meeting
31 st	2.50pm	Class F Assembly
February		
5 th	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
7 th		Class G Assembly
8 th		DPSA Quiz Night
10 th	8am	Class B to British Museum
11 th	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations
13 th	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations
14 th	All day	School closed for staff training
24 th	All day	School closed for staff training
March		
Week beg 2 nd		Book Week
5 th		World Book Day Dressing up day
	6.30pm	Resources Meeting
6 th	3.30pm	Boys' Football Match v St Anne's (home)
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
17 th /18 th	tbc	Year 2 Infant Music Festival
18 th	9.10am	Sandon School Spanish Group in Year 6
20 th	9.30am	Pre-school activity morning
21 st	tbc	DPSA Easter Egg Hunt
23 rd		Assessment Week
23 rd	6.30pm	Pay Committee Meeting
	7.00pm	Personnel Committee meeting
25 th	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly

Date	Time	Event
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

To be arranged

 EYFS Stay and Play sessions