

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

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Dear Parents,

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

Charlotte N - Emerald Oliver M - Emerald Thomas D - Diamond William R - Diamond
Imogen C - Topaz Emmy P - Topaz Bailey T - Bronze Zachary C - Bronze

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

Families are welcome to join us.

Crucial Crew

STAY SAFE!

Crucial Crew

On Tuesday 28th January 2020, our school's Year Sixes travelled to Chelmsford Civic Theatre to learn about keeping safe and staying out of trouble. We would have to complete three workshops - 30 minutes each.

Our first workshop was about weapon awareness, and was led by Henry from Catcher United Football Community. He explained how studies and research showed that knife crime usually affects younger people. There was a story about a man called 'Jamie' who was a removal man. One day, he got into a fight with his old friend - but his friend had a knife. He remembers laying there and seeing all this blood dripping out of his stomach and off his head. The doctors at hospital had to stitch his stomach back together and found he was blind in his right eye.

We learnt about how gangs used music to intimidate others into helping them. This included throwing piles of money into the air like a deck of

cards. We also got told about 'County lines'. These were grooming, benefits, trapped stage (set up) and the hooked stage. Did you know, 2441 knife crimes in Essex were committed and 500 were teenagers.

Our next workshop was with the Essex police. At first, they asked us what we knew. The signals of grooming are quite obvious and if anyone offers to buy you something say 'no thank you' and walk away. They showed us where we could call or talk to to get us out of trouble. They talked about the difference between social grooming and live grooming. Social media grooming is completed online but live grooming is completed face to face.

A role play convinced, scared and showed us what it would be like. It followed the set of: a child is given a bag, they are robbed by a gang member, they return back and a gang member says 'that's you £2000 in debt'. Because the child has no way of paying off the money, they continue working for them to pay it off. So, the gang member stop being nice and take their phone away. They replace it with one with a GPS tracker and even a micro-chip so they read the messages first.

On our last group, we studied 'Drugs and alcohol'. One of the men there worked for a company called 'Alcohol'. He questioned us on what drugs there is and also what alcohol we knew. There was legal drugs and illegal drugs - but they are both seriously damaging to your mind and body. If they are not controlled, they will kill you. We tried on some special goggles that showed us it looked like if you were drunk.

I did not like wearing these as they hurt my eyes.

In conclusion, I have learnt that you should stay away from strangers, tell an adult if you are worried and stay alert.

STRANGER DANGER!

Ella H

Rural Community Council of Essex
Growing Communities School Dinner Plot Competition



This year we are again inviting pupils to take part in the RCCE competition. You may remember that three years ago Ava B, who was then in the infants, won the competition and the RCCE team came into school to plant up her plot and to help the class use the new equipment to get the school's vegetable garden under control. Last year Emmy P, one of our juniors, was a runner-up and school was given £150 worth of plants, seeds and gardening equipment to get our plots back on track.

This year the competition has a slightly different focus and 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.

I explained all about the project in assembly on Monday and those children, who are interested, were given an entry form to take home, so that they can work on their designs over the coming weeks. Entries should be sent into school either with the children or via the school office.

All entries must be in school by the morning of Monday 10th February, as we need to post them to the RCCE in plenty of time.

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.

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!

Class Assemblies

We began our series of infant class assemblies this week 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.

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.

Notices and Reminders

Letters sent home this week



Class Topic maps for this term have now been uploaded to the class pages on the school's website.

Guitar and Recorder/Woodwind Lessons

There are currently a couple of spaces for these lessons. Please contact the office if your child is interested.

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 **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.



DPSA News



Adventure Island Wrist Band Voucher Launch Danbury Co-op on Saturday February 8th 10.30am



Come along at 10.30am on Saturday February 8th to the Danbury Co-op and meet Snappy the Crocodile from Adventure Island to support the DPSA for the big launch of the 2020 Adventure Island Wristband Voucher sale.

This year from Saturday 8th February DPSA wristband vouchers will only 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.

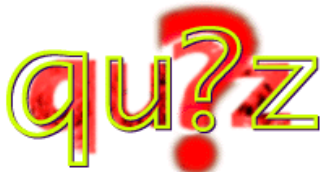
The vouchers are again exceptionally good value:-

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 15th 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 family and friends.

Quiz Night Saturday 8th February 8pm School Hall – SOLD OUT



The quiz is a fun night out and a great way to raise money for the school. Thank you to everyone who has entered a team. Don't forget to 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 all there.



Bag2school – Monday 10th February 9am

Collection bags will go out in book bags shortly. If you need more they can be collected from the school office or just use plain black bin bags. Please donate unwanted clothes (adult and child), paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, belts, ties and soft toys, and **also now household linen, duvet covers, pillow cases, towels and curtains.** We can no longer collect cushions, duvets, pillows or blankets. Please bring to school **on the day only** and leave by the gate by **9am**. If it is raining please put the bags in the cycle shelter.

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. Everyone is welcome, so please invite your friends, family and neighbours to come too (adults only).

Bring along your own kitchen or floristry scissors, drinks and snacks, and

everything else that you need will be provided. 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 and spare ones will be available from the school office.

Other Dates for the diary 2020



February

Wed 26th

DPSA Meeting 8pm

March

Sat 21st

Easter Egg Hunt 2-4pm

May

Sat 16th

Jumble Sale Danbury Village Hall

*****See our page on the Danbury Park School Website (under 'school community') for other ways to help raise money for the school***.**

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 3rd February

Week 2 MONDAY	Fish Fillet in a brioche bun or Quorn Dippers (V) Both with tomato sauce or mayonnaise	New Potatoes 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
THURSDAY	Homemade Chicken Goujons with tomato sauce Or Macaroni Cheese (V)	White/Wholegrain Rice Broccoli Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jam Tart and Custard 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 3rd February

Mon 3rd

Tues 4th

Weds 5th

2.50pm

Celebration Assembly

Thurs 6th

Fri 7th

2.50pm

Class Goldfinch 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

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Spring Term 2020

Date	Time	Event
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
16 th	12.15pm	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
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