

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

28th February 2020

Dear Parents,

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

Toby C – Emerald Leila C – Emerald Poppy E – Emerald Emily B – Emerald Elena M – Emerald

Dexter B – Diamond Olivia H – Topaz Alexander S – Topaz

Christopher C – Bronze Henry R – Bronze

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

Families are welcome to join us.

Book Week 2nd March 2020

Our annual Book Week will take place next week and we have lots of fun activities planned for the children:

Monday 2nd March

Paired reading - During the morning each junior class will pair up with an infant class to enable the children to share books with a reading partner. This is an activity that the children all enjoy and look forward to.

Tuesday 3rd March

Story time - All staff in school will bring in their favourite children's book or poems to share with the children. The children will be able to choose which story or poems they want to listen.

Thursday 5th March World Book Day

Dressing up Day and Themed Lunch - As part of our drive to maintain, promote and engage pupil interest in reading we are celebrating our book week with a dressing up day. On this special day your child can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a story book. We look forward to seeing your child dressed up for our special day and there will be photos in next week's newsletter. We are asking for donations on this day to help purchase new books for our libraries and classroom book corners. We will also be holding a specially themed lunch.

In each class the children 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.

The week promises to be busy and exciting. We know how much the children at Danbury Park School enjoy reading so this is an extra treat. During the week we will also be sending home some booklets for parents to support you in helping your children read at home, so please watch out for them.

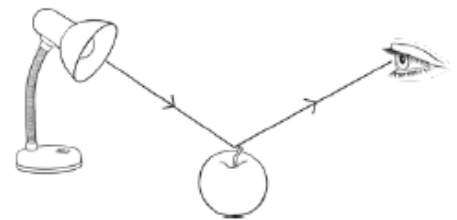
Super Science

At Danbury Park School we have a wide and varied curriculum and we are particularly proud of our teaching and learning in Science. We want the children to love finding out about how things work and why, through devising their own experiments and investigations and following their own lines of enquiry.

Starting today, on the last Friday of each month the classes will be sharing with you their exciting science learning in our newsletter.

Budgerigar

In February, class Budgerigar has been looking at light. We have found out that we can see objects because they give out or reflect light into the eye. Can you follow the arrows on the diagram to see the light travelling from the light source to an object and then to our eyes?



In one of our investigations, we found out that light will only travel in a straight line. We used a hole punch to put a hole in two pieces of card and then stuck the card onto a table using blue tack. Next we shone a torch through the holes and saw that when the holes in the cards were aligned, the light from the torch was able to pass straight through but when the cards were not lined up straight then the light did not travel round a bend to get through the hole.

Once we proved that light travels in straight lines we then used this to help us investigate shadows. Did you know that the closer the light source to the object the larger the shadow?



Eider

Science Rocks!

Class Eider are learning about rocks and soils. They particularly enjoyed the chance to observe, draw and describe a variety of rocks from the school's collection.



Jay

This term in Class Jay we have carried out two fun experiments. The first experiment was to discover what happened to pine cones in different weather conditions. We were amazed to see the pine cones open and close depending on where we left them. In the second experiment we were investigating what happened when we mixed different food colours together. We loved the different colours and patterns it made.



Dove

Since January, the children in Class Dove have been studying the area of Sound. We have identified how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating, we have recognised that vibrations from a sound travel through a medium to the ear and that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. We are currently looking at patterns between the pitch of a sound and the volume of a sound.



Cuckoo



Class Cuckoo have been busy learning all about space this term.

"I really enjoyed our visit to the planetarium where we were able to take a trip into space. Did you know that Mars has a volcano that is three times the size of the UK!" **Henry**

"I loved acting out stories with masks to discover what people thought through the ages about the planets and how they orbit in our solar system" **Abigail**

"It is interesting how over the years peoples ideas have changed about the heliocentric and geocentric theories of planets orbiting in our solar system. During our science lesson we got to act out the story of how the heliocentric theory was slowly being accepted." **Ava**

Flamingo

Class Flamingo are studying the topic of animals and their habitats. We have looked at our local habitats, micro habitats and have begun to look at how animals are adapted to suit their environments. We looked at extremes such as the desert and how animals can survive in such harsh environments. The children researched, asked questions, watched an informative clip online and then recorded their ideas on how a camel is suited to their environment.

Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Chinery, Class Eider's teacher, who got married during the half-term break. We wish her and her husband every happiness for their future life together. We now need to get used to calling Miss Chinery Mrs Hill!

At the end of this term Mrs Jamieson, Class Jay's part-time teacher, will be leaving us. As many of you will be aware, she has been covering for Miss Bridge, whilst she is on maternity leave. Miss Bridge is due back at school in May and in the interim Class Jay will be taught by Mrs Crouch full-time. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Jamieson for taking good care of the children.

Midday Assistant Vacancies

We have vacancies for permanent and temporary Midday Assistants. 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!

Defibrillator (AED)



Thanks to the efforts and support of the DPSA we now have a defibrillator in school. It is located within the building by our front offices and medical room.

Research has shown that an individual's chance of survival following cardiac arrest are greatly improved if CPR and defibrillation are delivered promptly. The unit is easy to use and can be used by anyone as there are step-by-step spoken instructions.

We hope that we never have to use it but it could save a life.

Did you know that last year we re-introduced First Aid training for our children in Year 5 (again paid for by the DPSA) and that it will take place again this year on 29th June.

Your support for the DPSA fundraising does make a real difference!

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 6th March.

Safeguarding

Safer Internet Day was on 11th 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](#)





Before half-term 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 10th June 2020 – The Two Johns

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Notices and Reminders

Letters sent home this week

-  Class E National Maritime Museum Visit
-  Book Week
-  The Tiger who came to Tea World Book Day colouring competition
-  DPSA Easter Egg Hunt

NSPCC – Letters will be sent home next week about the assemblies and workshops led by the NSPCC that will be taking place on Monday 9th March.

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.** 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 **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



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 has gone out in book bags this 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 us know at 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.

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

A form to **pre-book Easter Egg Hunt tickets** (£3 in advance £3.50 on the gate) has gone out in book bags this week along with the egg template for the Easter Egg colouring competition. Thank you

Purchase of a School Defibrillator



Thanks to all the support we have received at our events we have been able to buy the school an automated defibrillator which has been located on the wall by the First Aid Room. Hopefully this will never be needed but is suitable for use on children and adults should the need ever arise.

Thank you for your support

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



May

Sat

16th

Jumble Sale Danbury Village Hall

Fri

22nd

Bag2School 9am

June

Wed

10th

Internet Safety Evening

Sat

20th

Summer Fayre 12 – 3.30pm

July

Fri

3rd

School Disco

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 2nd March



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 T 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 World Book Day	Sausage roll, pizza slice, chicken dipper Or Veggie roll, pizza slice, Quorn dipper (V)	Potato Wedges Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Tiger Sponge 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 2nd March

Book Week

Mon 2nd

Book Week Paired Reading between Classes

Tues 3rd

Book Week Staff Story Time

Weds 4th

Thurs 5th

3.15pm

6.30pm

Book Week Dressing-up Day

Boys' Football Match v East Hanningfield Primary School (away)

Resources Committee meeting

Fri 6th

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		
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 – rescheduled
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