

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

7th February 2020

Dear Parents,

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

Ronny A – Emerald **Tommy P** – Diamond **Thomas P** – Bronze

These certificates were presented in this week's Celebration Assembly

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

Families are welcome to join us.

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. The competition has a slightly different focus from previously 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.

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

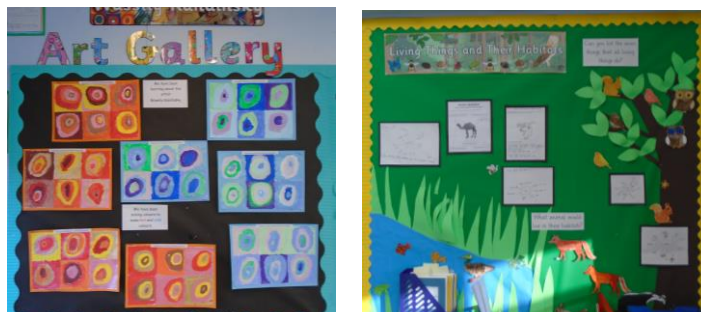
£80 HTA Gardening Voucher for the school.

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you on behalf of the families at school to one of our parents, Mr Richardson, who we understand gave generously of his time at the weekend clearing the path from Well Lane down to the school. Thank you!

Class Assemblies

Well done to the children in Class Flamingo who presented their learning in their class assembly last Friday. They told us all about animals living in hot and cold climates and entertained us with their singing. They shared their paintings based on the art work of Kandinsky and their ability to capture a feeling of hot or cold. Petr even spoke to us in Russian!



For parents new to the school, class assemblies are 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.

Talented Pupils

Amber and Poppy recently took part in a cheer leading competition and won the 1st place trophy in their category. They scored 89.04% which is a fantastic achievement especially for the first competition of the season and with a new team. Well done!



Parent Survey

Next week at parent consultations we shall be asking 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.

Safeguarding

Safer Internet Day is on 11th February. We will be taking 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](#)

This week 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

- 📧 Infant Music Festival Year 2
- 📧 Classes H & J Freshwater Theatre Visit

SEND Surveys – Mrs Trussell recently sent home surveys to selected parents. If you received one, please complete and return it to the office by the beginning of next week. Your views are important to us and help us make our school even better!

Guitar and Recorder/Woodwind 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.

With half-term next week, we would urge parents to settle any outstanding debts at the beginning of next week so that we can keep accounts up straight and monies banked.

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 Tomorrow Saturday February 8th 10.30am



Come along tomorrow at 10.30am 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 neighbours, work colleagues, family and friends.

Bag2school – Monday 10th February 9am



Collection bags have gone out in book bags. If you need more 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.

Other Dates for the diary 2020



February
March
May

June

July

Wed 26th
Sat 21st
Sat 16th
Fri 22nd
Wed 10th
Sat 20th
Fri 3rd

DPSA Meeting 8pm
Easter Egg Hunt 2-4pm
Jumble Sale Danbury Village Hall
Bag2School 9am
Internet Safety Evening
Summer Fayre
School Disco

*****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 10th February

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
School Closed				

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 10th February

Mon 10th

Deadline for RCCE Design a Healthy School Dinner Competition
Class Budgerigar to visit the British Museum

Tues 11th

3.40 - 6.10pm

Parent Consultations

Weds 12th

Thurs 13th

6.00 - 8.30pm

Parent Consultations

Fri 14th

Half-term break

Mon 24th

School closed for staff training

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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
February		
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 Assembly x 2 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