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Newsletter

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11th March 2016

Dear Parents,

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

Nadrah A-Y -

Bronze Award

Abigail T -

Topaz Award

Brooke B -

Ruby Award

*Certificates will be presented in Birthday Assembly on Wednesday 16th March at 3.05pm.
Families are welcome to join us.*

Class Avocet's Chinese Morning

On the morning of the 1st of March, Class Avocet were visited by two Chinese people, Mr Yui and Mrs Xiaoling. They taught us all about the lifestyle, tradition, education and culture of China.

First, Mrs Ling explained about the education and culture in China-that elders were respected and the young were cared for, that many skyscrapers dotted the skyline of Beijing and that children loved KFC and McDonalds!

Soon after, Mrs Ling taught us about the schools in China! She showed us a timetable of a typical school day. School started at eight, followed by 40 minute period, then an *eye massage*?! We all thought-"*What is an eye massage and how do you even do it?!*" We discovered that an Eye Massage was to protect the eye and keep it safe. She also told us that this exercise was performed two times a day by students.

She taught us two Chinese songs (It took a couple of run-throughs to perfect the pronunciation of the words!) and Tai-Chi. Tai Chi is a Martial Art display, but instead of self-defence, in China it is often an exercise for the elderly. We were equipped with red fans.

After Tai-Chi, Mr Yui taught us Chinese calligraphy - very hard when you haven't got the hang of it! We painted the numbers:1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12, which are mainly a collection of lines in Chinese.

All in all, we had a great morning and we all are *very* grateful that we had this brilliant chance to learn all about China!

Emilie C - Class Avocet



KS2 School Council Visit to The Houses Of Parliament

The school council will be leading an assembly for the rest of the school and telling us more about Mr Whittingdale's question and answer session. We hope that Mr Whittingdale will be able to visit Danbury Park School in the not too distant future.

On the 8th of March the KS2 school councillors visited the Houses of Parliament. To get there we had to be at Chelmsford train station by 8:15 with Mrs Waring, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Parkington. We went on the train to Liverpool Street and the underground to Westminster. Upon our arrival, we were met by the amazing sight of Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament - Westminster Palace itself!

We had to walk past all the police with their pistols and machine guns, guarding entrances and exits which made us very nervous!

After we sauntered through a garden with an interesting, colourful pagoda, the Council came face to face with a rather modern building which stood out from the ancient surroundings of Parliament- the Education Centre! For a couple of minutes before entering, we were firmly told *not* to touch the keypads on the wall. As tempting as it was, we followed orders.

When we finally entered, we had to pass through a security check. This was similar to an airport's bag check and a walk-through body scan. We were given a visitor's pass which had to be worn around the neck and the tour was led by a woman (called Diane) to a room which had a screen on all four walls.

Then we looked at a picture of the House of Commons, full of green seats. We learnt about the history of Westminster Palace, *and then* we could explore the grand Houses of Parliament. First we entered the Queen's robing room; it was very regal with red carpet everywhere. Strangely there was a copy of the Magna Carta! Afterwards, we were allowed into the House of Lords. In there, we saw the Queen's meeting chair which was coated in gold leaf! We were not 'worthy' to sit down upon the red leather benches!

We all wanted to see the House of Commons but at that particular moment sniffer dogs were checking to see if anyone had planted a bomb. After that, there was a government meeting regarding Justice. We were then informed that there was shortly going to be a Procession of the Speaker. The Speaker is the person who says-"**ORDER, ORDER!**"



KS2 School Council Visit The Houses Of Parliament contd..

The procession was very smart and serious. The Speaker gave us a little smile and wave - we were very chuffed at that. Diane showed us the oldest part of Parliament - Westminster Hall. Many important people have stood on the steps there and made a speech.

Then it was our cue to come and meet Mr Whittingdale. He came to us instead! We were led up many flights of stairs to a private room. We asked him our assortment of VITAL questions, generated by all the classes at Danbury Park. He was a very busy man that gave his time generously. We had lunch with Isaac's brother, Sam, who works at parliament and named the pigeons. Unexpectedly, but to our delight, Sam gave us a massive rubber and stickers.

The School Council walked to the gates protecting 10 Downing Street and had a quick look - unfortunately we did not see David Cameron. We continued on our journey, passing the Royal Cavalry, on to Trafalgar Square, overlooked by Nelson's Column. Finally, reaching the underground, we took the tube back to Liverpool Street where we caught the train back to Chelmsford.

All in all, we had an amazing day and we all really enjoyed the event! We would also like to give many thanks to Mrs Waring, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Parkington for arranging and letting us go on this trip!

By Alice, Danielle and Emilie



Sport Relief – Friday 18th March

This year we will be supporting Sport Relief by holding a sponsored assault course on Thursday 17th March. Miss Quinn and Miss Bridge are organising sessions throughout the day for every class. A sponsor form is being sent home with details this week, please return the form and any collected donations on the day of the event. To follow up on Friday 18th March, we will be holding a non-uniform day. We are inviting the children to wear either sportswear or clothes in their favourite team's colours or just dress-up in a costume of their own choosing. Because we are arranging the sponsored event, we are not asking for a donation on the non-uniform day. Please remember that the weather is cold and changeable so the children will still need a coat and sensible footwear for outdoor play.

Class Hummingbird Assembly

Last Friday Class Hummingbird presented their learning to the rest of the school and families in their class assembly.



The children shared with us some of the traditional tales that they had been learning. They retold the whole story of the *Three Little Pigs* from memory using actions and words and showed us their science experiment to find the best material for a roof. They also demonstrated “hot seating” so that we could understand how the giant might have felt when Jack climbed the beanstalk and took his treasured possessions. Well done Class Hummingbird on an excellent and well-presented assembly!

11+ Arrangement for 2017 Entry (Current Year 5 Pupils)

We are aware that some Year 5 parents have been asking about arrangements for the entrance tests for the local grammar schools. With the exception of the Chelmsford County High School for Girls, these are dealt with by the Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex (csse).

We would advise parents to check regularly the websites below for information and updates:

CSSE (<http://www.csse.org.uk/>)

Test Date: Saturday 17th September 2016.

Registration will open: 4th May 2016.

Registration will close: 31st July 2016.

CCHS (http://www.cchs.co.uk/ch/admissions/admission_to_year_7_september_2017)

The tests are designed to cover what is taught in primary schools at the higher levels and school respects the grammar schools' wishes that pupils are not coached for these tests.

Sandon School – Year 5 Tour Dates

Parents and Year 5 Students are invited to attend a tour on one of the dates below. Tours are by appointment only, starting at 9.30am and lasting for 45 minutes. If you wish to attend you will need to contact Sandon School directly on 01245 473611. Bookings for the tours will be taken by Reception **from Monday 11th April 2016.**

Monday 23rd May
Tuesday 7th June

Tuesday 24th May
Thursday 9th June

Thursday 26th May
Friday 10th June



We are taking part in the Shop for Schools Scheme at the Meadows Shopping Centre where we have the opportunity to win £500 prize fund to spend on equipment of our choice. From **Monday 14th March to Sunday 3rd July** parents, friends and family can collect a token whenever they spend at one of the Meadows shops, cafés and restaurant.

What you need to do:-

- Collect one token whenever you spend £10 or more in a single transaction from any of the participating stores in the Meadows Shopping Centre.
- Post your token in the Shop for Schools collection box which is in the Meadows by Warehouse and Evans.
- The school with the most tokens at the end of the campaign will win the £500 prize fund.
- There will also be some runner up prizes.

You can follow our progress on www.themeadows.co.uk

Please support us by collecting tokens.

Thank you!



Vacancies

Midday Assistant

We are looking to increase our Midday Assistant team. Main duties include supervising play and helping during mealtimes in the school hall. Hours are from 12 noon to 1.30pm, shifts are available for Monday to Friday, and positions are available on a job share basis. Salary is on an incremental scale commencing at £7.20 per hour.

Cleaner Temporary Position

We are looking to recruit an additional cleaner on a temporary basis to cover a long term absence. Hours are Monday to Friday 3.30pm to 5.30pm term time only. Salary is on an incremental scale commencing at £7.20 per hour.

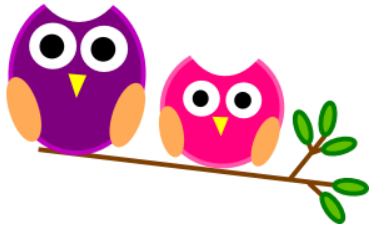
If you are caring, with plenty of common sense please see Mrs Draper in the school office for an application form for either of these vacancies.

Reminder and Notices

Animal Excrement

We are very grateful to all parents and visitors for reporting any incidents of animal faeces on school property to the school office. However, please be advised that we rely on the goodwill of staff to clean up any mess found outside the school grounds such as the path leading to the school or the carpark.

Thank you



DPSA news

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday 19th March 2-4pm (helpers needed)

Please try and come along to support us while the children have fun. All children will receive a bag of chocolate goodies. All friends and family are welcome.



Easter craft



Easter egg hunt with prizes



Refreshments



Cake stall



Easter Egg raffle



Glitter tattoos



Decorating biscuits



Potting up Spring flowers



All decorated eggs will be on show and prizes awarded. Make sure you vote!

Cakes can be brought along for the cake stall on the day

Tickets - cheaper in advance (2.50 each, 3.00 on the day).

Helpers - are you able to help on a stall? Post on our Facebook page or let your class rep know – thank you

Donations - we are collecting Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg raffle so please grab one if you see them on special offer and leave by the office! We need lots as it's very popular! Thank you.

Easter Egg Competition (egg template attached)

Chocolate prizes for Preschool, KS1 and KS2. Competition deadline: Friday 18th March.

Get creative and make your egg really stand out. Paint, colour or decorate your egg it's up to you.

Please feel free to paint, colour in or decorate the Egg shape (**attached at the end of the DPSA section**) in any manner you like! All the Easter Egg competition entries will be displayed in the hall for everyone to admire at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 19th March. All completed Easter Egg pictures need to be handed in to the office before the Easter Egg Hunt (Friday 18th latest) – so get cracking!

Please note: We cannot accept entries on the day.

Please ensure your name and class is written clearly on the BACK (so voters can't see!).





Come & join us at the DPSA Easter Egg Hunt

2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday 19th March

The Easter Bunny is already making plans for our Easter egg hunt this year! Come along and find all the clues, then claim your chocolate eggs!

In the hall there will be plenty of things to tempt and challenge you: Easter craft to make, chocolate raffle, 'guess the number of sweets in the jar', biscuit decorating. We hope you will also enjoy our range of **delicious cakes, hot chocolate, tea and coffee**. The Easter Egg colouring competition will also be on show so come and vote.

Children's Chocolate Raffle – For the raffle we would like to ask you kindly for **donations of Easter eggs**. If you can provide an egg, chocolate bunny or similar for this, please leave under the office counter by **Friday 18th March**. **Thank you**.

Book Your Tickets - take advantage of our advance ticket price by filling in the order form below and returning it to your class teacher by **Thursday 17th March** - it's only **£2.50 per child for tickets in advance**, but **£3.00 on the door on the day**. Family & friends are welcome.

'Easter Egg' Colouring Competition.- use your imagination to produce a fantastic egg picture! The pictures will be judged on the day by anyone who attends and there will be prizes for Preschool, KS1 and KS2. **Don't forget that your decorated works of art must handed in to the office by Friday 18th March**.

We hope you will all support this popular event.

DPSA Easter Egg Hunt Ticket Order Form

(Please return this form to your child's teacher ASAP (latest **Thursday 17th March**) – clearly labelled 'DPSA Easter Egg Hunt')

Name: _____

Children's names: _____ Class: _____ (if applicable)

_____ Class: _____

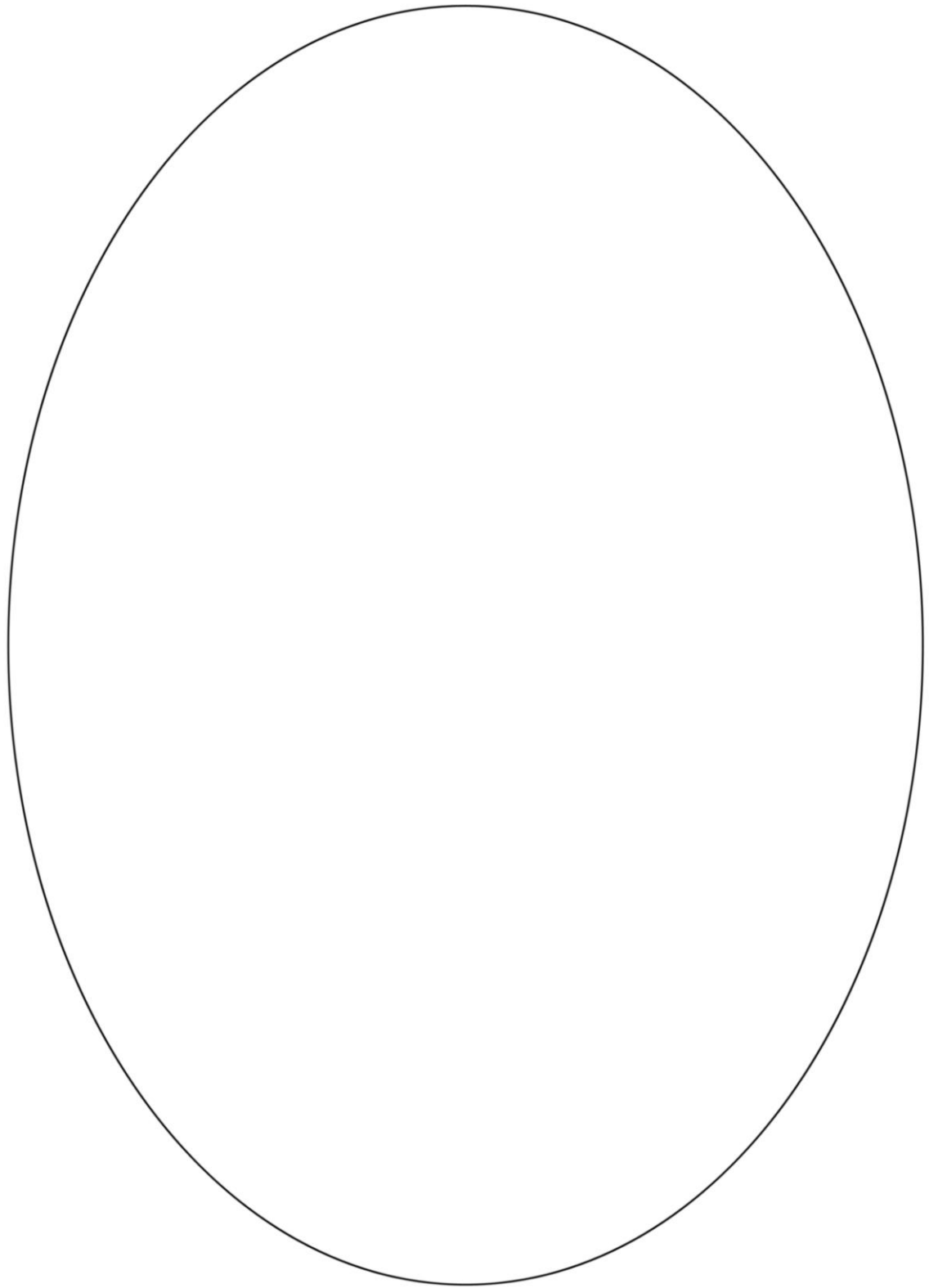
_____ Class: _____

No. of tickets required at £2.50 _____ Amount enclosed: £ _____

(Cash preferred, or cheques payable to DPSA. No cheques under £5 please.)

Signed _____ Telephone no. _____

PLEASE NOTE ADVANCE TICKETS WILL **NOT** BE SENT OUT IN BOOK BAGS WE WILL HAVE A LIST OF EVERYONE WHO HAS PURCHASED TICKETS ON THE GATE.





SCHOOL MEALS

Week commencing: Monday 14th March week 1 of our new menu

MONDAY	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Salmon Puff	Tricolour Pasta Coleslaw Sweetcorn Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Local Butchers pork sausage or Vegetarian Quorn Sausage	Creamy Mashed Potato Fresh Sliced Carrots & Peas/ Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Local Butchers Roast Beef served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheesy Stack Wrap	Roast Potatoes Cauliflower florets Fresh carrots Green salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice cream Arctic Roll Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Homemade Chicken Korma or Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma	White and Wholegrain Rice Sweetcorn / Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Harry Ramsden's battered Fish Fillet	Chips Baked Beans / Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Flapjack Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Birthday Assemblies Wednesdays at 3.05pm



16 th Mar	14 th Mar – 20 th Mar
23 rd Mar	21 st Mar – 3 rd Apr
13 th Apr	4 th Apr – 17 th Apr
20 th Apr	18 th Apr – 24 th Apr

Families are welcome to join us for assembly to celebrate your child's birthday.

Dates for the diary

Mon 14th Mar

All day

Year 6 Bikeability Group 3

Wed 16th

11.00am

Spanish Project with Sandon School

3.05pm

Birthday Assembly

4.00pm

High Five Netball Tournament

Thurs 17th

12.45pm

Bikeability Year 6 Group 4

Sport Relief sponsored assault course

Fri 18th

Sport Relief- non-uniform day

Sat 19th

2-4.00pm

DPSA Easter Egg Hunt

Full term dates for this year and the next academic year (2016-17) are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Spring Term 2016

Date	Time	Event
14 th	All day	Year 6 Bikeability
17 th	12.30pm	Year 6 Bikeability
18 th		Sport Relief
19 th		DPSA Easter Egg Hunt
21 st	All day	Year 6 Bikeability
22 nd	Pm	Rising Stars (invited Year 5s)
20 th	All day	Year 6 Bikeability
22 nd	10.00am	Spring/Easter assembly for guests & infants
24 th	2.45pm	Spring/Easter assembly for parents
	3.25pm	Break up for Easter holidays