

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

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Dear Parents and Children,

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

Joe K – Platinum Arabella E – Ruby Poppy E – Ruby
Thomas C-S - Emerald

Certificates will be given to the children with their end of year report.

Next week is the last newsletter so please make sure you book your reading conference at the beginning of the week with your class teacher.

Congratulation also to **Ethan H** for passing his Grade 1 theory exam with Merit.

Weekly Update

This week we have been busy working our way through all the government and Local Authority documentation regarding the full re-opening of schools in September. There is a great deal of information to sort through but we are getting there. We will have to make small changes to the start and end times in order to avoid large gatherings at the school gates but we are trying to do this in such a way that there is minimal disruption for parents, especially those of you who will also be returning to work places at that time. The government guidance for schools along with information for parents is freely available on their website. Whatever decisions we take, please remember that our utmost priority is the safety of the children and staff.

Next week we will send out a detailed letter via Parentmail to parents of all children who will be pupils at Danbury Park School in September with information as to how we will be opening in the first few weeks of the Autumn Term. Obviously this is assuming that there are no significant changes during the summer holidays. Should this be the case, we will let parents know, again via Parentmail, what this will mean for the re-opening of the school.

The teachers are busy working on their plans for September as we appreciate that with the children not having been in school for such a long time, we will need to make some adjustments. Our priority will be to welcome them back to a warm, caring and supportive environment so that they feel safe and secure. We know that we will have to teach the new routines as well as revisit our usual expectations of behaviour and that this may take some time and patience but if we spend time getting this right, then all the good learning will follow. The staff are all looking forward to getting back to as near normal as we can.

Please stay safe and support each other.

Please note that school is closed on Wednesday 22nd July to all pupils for staff training. This is to replace the INSET day that was scheduled for 1st June.

Goodbye to Year 6

Today we gave all our Year 6 children the opportunity to meet together for one last time to wish them well as they prepare to move onto their secondary schools. This is not the way we would have wanted them to end their time in primary school but we hope that over the past few weeks, they have enjoyed being back in the classroom with a small group of friends. We hope that they will take with them lots of fond memories of their time at Danbury Park School.



Harvest Celebration



Remembrance Day



Christmas Plays



The children at Danbury Park always rise to the occasion but this year they have shown their ingenuity and creativity as well as their consideration for others and commitment to their community. Over the past few weeks the children have been fundraising for a gift for the school. Usually they would have organised cake sales and a stall at the DPSA Summer Fayre, but this year they have had to devise different individual solutions. Here are some of the ideas they used:

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| Holly - 6km walk | Liza - Online dance competition | Chris C - 1000 ice hockey shots |
| Joe - 5k walk every day for 10 days before school time | | Sam - 10,000 keepy-ups in a day (football) |
| Christopher W - 50km bike ride with Dad and big sister | | Tilly - sponsored silence |
| Ben - Sponsored swim attached to a bungee cord | | Ethan - 12 hour non-stop reading |
| Ella - laps up and down her road, that accumulated every day in May | | Harry - miles for miles - 64 miles |
| Beau - 5 challenges in a day; plank (117 s), 30 mins of shots on goal (88 goals), press ups in a min (26), netball hoops in 10 mins, 84 sit jumps on trampoline in 1 minute, asked family and friends to guess the sweets in the jar | | |
| Zak - Sponsored fish - the more he caught the more he got | | Emma - 10 hour lockdown with only 5 items |
| Josh - Bike/run/walk through May the distance from London to Brighton | | |
| Lucas - 50km bike ride one weekend in May | | Chloe - 10 mile walk |

We also had a few families who made donations without taking part in fundraising, which was great.

With the money raised and donated to the school, we will be purchasing a double slalom skier to start off an outdoor gym. We know how much the children enjoy physical activity at break and lunchtimes and this will be the start of a specific area and their legacy to the school and the other children.



We would like to thank everyone involved for their generosity and encouraging the children. The parents who helped co-ordinate this, will also be organising a day out for the children with some of the funds raised.

Our Year 6 children this year have been thoughtful, considerate, caring, responsible, diligent and conscientious (I could go on...). They are a credit to their families but also to the school and we are very proud of them. We know that the children will continue to do well and we wish them the very best for the future!

End of year Arrangements

As we come to the last few days of this academic year, the teaching staff are busy maintaining our blended learning as well as making arrangements for those children who have not been in school to return for a day. As we will be seeing many children in school over the next two weeks and as teachers will not have as much time as in the past to make phone calls home, please do not worry if you do not hear from us. If you need any advice or support, please contact the teachers directly or phone the school office and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Please note that Google Classrooms will close on 22nd July so that we can move children across to their new classes ready for September, so if you want to download any work for the summer that you haven't quite got round to yet, now is the time to do it!

If your child is not in school next week, their end of year report can be collected from the school office from Monday 13th July between the hours of 10.00am and 2.00pm. We regret that we cannot collect topic folders and art work from classrooms during the working day as most rooms will be in use and we need to maintain our safety regime. Please do not worry, these items will be kept safe and your child will be able to take them home in September.

We are in the process of finalising classes for next year and on the morning of 20th July teachers will send you an e-mail to let the children know who their teacher will be. We are sure that many of them will have worked it out already! The teachers will also be setting their new class a project for the summer holidays, to do if they wish.

This term we usually hold Welcome to Years 1, 2 and 3 meetings so that parents understand how the next year group operates. Unfortunately we still cannot hold large gatherings and we are mindful that parents are probably now feeling overloaded. We will save these events until September when we will hold meetings if we can. Otherwise we will share the information with you either in paper form or electronically.

Summer Holiday Childcare

If any working parents are struggling to find childcare for school aged children over the summer holidays, please contact the Early Years and Childcare team by emailing the Early Years mailbox on Early.Years@essex.gov.uk and the team will support you in finding childcare in your area.

They will also be sharing details of summer holiday activity clubs that will be running over the summer holiday period shortly and we will pass these on when available.

Secondary School Transition

The Chelmsford School Sports Partnership has informed us that they have been in contact with the local secondary schools about creating transition videos for Year 6s. They are aware that the secondary schools have all missed not seeing the year 6s this half term where many of them do induction sessions or event sports camps.

The following schools have come up trumps and their PE departments have put together videos to hopefully help calm any anxiety and to create enthusiasm about the next stage in their schooling. If your child is going to one of the schools listed below, please go to the website. www.chelmsfordssp.com and in Parent Zone you can access the video for the new school:

Sandon
Moulsham

Great Baddow High School
St John Payne
Boswells

Chelmer Valley High
Beaulieu Park

Class News

Class Goldfinch Class News

The children have continued to WOW me with their hard work. Over the last couple of weeks, the children in class Goldfinch have looked at the work of different artists. This has included the work of Andy Warhol and Claude Monet.

One of Monet's paintings the children looked at featured a famous London Landmark. Can you spot which one?



Phoebe M



Arthur



Harry



Phoebe



Oliver



Freddie's Potato Print

In Design and Technology, they have chosen a London landmark and then designed, made and evaluated a model of it.

Freya



Ivy



I have loved seeing their efforts and I know they have enjoyed completing these tasks too!

Miss Johnston

Summer Reading Challenge and Library News

The Summer Reading Challenge theme this year is 'The Silly Squad' .

Here is the link to join in <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>, there are quizzes and printable certificates online.

Please note that Danbury Library is planning to open on 15th July.

Mental Health and Well-being

Essex Welfare Service (EWS)

We have been asked to remind parents of the EWS, a service to help vulnerable people in the community in need of support and unable to access it at this time: <https://www.essexwelfareservice.org.uk/>
At this time families are able to 'self-refer' if they are experiencing difficulties

EWS Contact: Call: 0300 303 9988

Email: provide.essexwelfareservice@nhs.net

Website: www.essexwelfareservice.org

Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 8am to 7pm Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 2pm

The government has produced advice for parents on [COVID-19: guidance on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing](#) and also an information leaflet on [Covid-19 - an easy read - looking after your feelings and body](#) which you may find useful.

DPSA Treasure Hunt

We hope that you received the Parentmail last week with details of the DPSA Treasure Hunt. This looks like a fun family activity that will get you out and about in the village and raise funds for our school.

The form can be found on our website or use the link below:

<http://www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/DPSA-Treasure-Hunt-2020.pdf>

The DPSA members have worked hard to devise this activity so let's support them and see how much we can raise!

Safeguarding

The 2 Johns have an excellent website with lots of support and ideas for parents on a wide range of topics. We know the children are online a lot more during this period so please talk to them and find out what they are accessing and remind them how to keep safe. Please take some time to have a look at:

<https://esafetytraining.org/school-closure>

Advance Notice: We have rescheduled the 2 Johns workshops for the children and parents for 9th June 2021.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Essex County Council Travel Plans Survey

Message from Essex County Council:

Sustrans have developed a survey for parents and guardians, looking at how children and their families travel to and from school (**pre Covid-19**). **The survey is only 10 questions long and should take approximately 4 minutes to fill out.** This survey is really important for us determining how school runs can be made safer, easier and more sustainable.

A link to the survey can be found below, and the survey closes on Sunday 12 July:

<https://sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/essex-schools-parent-survey>

Everyone who completes the survey will be entered into a prize draw to **win a bike worth up to £400** including accessories (helmet and lock)!

At the end of the survey data will be supplied to each school (if there are sufficient responses) which can help assist with travel plans and discussions moving forward.

This survey is also being completed in other areas around the UK and getting thousands of responses, so it would be great to see similar results in Essex! The survey gives parents a voice and can help in creating a dialogue to better improve school runs.

Support for Families

The school nursing team has asked us to pass on the details of this organisation, which you might find useful.



We build better family lives together. If you need support or advice, call our helpline on 0808 800 2222, email us at askus@familylives.org.uk or you can chat to us online via our [Live Chat service](#). You can also visit our [online forum community](#) to share dilemmas, experiences and issues with others who understand the ups and downs of family life.

Community News

Mrs Anstee is delighted to report that a local resident loved Poppy's poem and a colourful butterfly picture. The resident would like to pass on her thanks to Poppy and the children of Danbury Park School for cheering her up. Thanks.

Notification and Reminders

School Trips – these have all now been cancelled for the rest of the term. Where parents have already paid for The Maritime Museum and tickets for the Year 2 Infant Music Festival, we are holding the monies on account in the child's name to carry forward for future trips. We are doing this to save time spent on issuing cheques as this is a lengthy administrative process but if you require the refund, please contact the school office and we will arrange this for you as soon as we can.

Danbury Coronavirus Volunteer Group - The Danbury Coronavirus Volunteer group is still available to support the most vulnerable members of our community. Donations for the Food Bank have generously been made by local residents and businesses. Anyone can use this facility and it will be in the strictest confidence. Just phone the Danbury Coronavirus Volunteer Helpline on 07395 904761. Helpline hours from 6th July will be Monday – Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm



Free School Meals
Is your child in Year 2 and starting Year 3 in September 2020?
Do you receive one of the following?
• Income Support
• Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
• Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income below £16,190
• Pension Guarantee Credit
• Employment and Support Allowance, income related
• Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
• Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
• Universal Credit, with a household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
If so, please apply between 25 July and 10 August to ensure that your application can be considered before the start of term

Critical Key Worker Provision - Please note that space for the children of our critical key workers is now very limited so places do need to be booked in advance. Please telephone the school office which is open every day from 8.30am to 4.00pm. The guidance has not changed and in order to support those parents working on the frontline COVID-19 response, we ask that you only use this service if absolutely necessary and if there is no responsible adult at home. Please note that we have moved our INSET day from 1st June to 22nd July so school will be closed on that Wednesday to all children and for the summer break.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 13th July

Week 2 MONDAY	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Pasta Twists Sweetcorn		Flapjack Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Local Butcher's Pork Sausage or Vegetarian Quorn Sausage	Creamy Mashed Potato Mixed Veg		Vegetarian Strawberry Jelly Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Fillet of Fish in Brioche Bun or Quorn Dippers in Brioche Bun	Jacket Wedges Sweetcorn		Iced Sponge Cake Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Minced Beef Wrap or Roasted Vegetable Wrap	Garlic Bread Cucumber		Ice Cream Arctic Roll Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Oven Baked Vegetable Fingers	Chips Baked Beans		Iced Bun Selection of Fresh Fruit