

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

11th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Reading Awards

It has been a busy week with the children being issued with their reading books and we have established safe ways for the children to change their books regularly so that in Key Stage 2 they can get working on their reading awards. Whilst we can't hold Celebration Assemblies, we still want to celebrate the children's achievements so we will recognise these in the newsletters and certificates will be presented in class.

Weekly Update

Today the children have successfully completed the first full week being in school since March and it is so good to see them enjoying their lessons and being back. This year we operated our staggered start for the children joining us in the Reception classes and the final group started on Monday. They have settled remarkably well and the children in both Classes Jay and Hummingbird have been making the most of the lovely warm weather this week. We hope that they and the other children who have joined us are very happy at Danbury Park. We are once again over-subscribed in some year groups and have only one space left in Year 4 which shows how popular and well regarded our school is!

The work we started in July on our EYFS outdoor classroom is coming together and we now have an all-weather surface where each day we set up a variety of activities to develop the children's physical skills and the role play area has a new clearly defined area with lots of bark and logs to sit on as well as a new wider opening to our refurbished Wendy house (soon to be a Toy Hospital) so that the children can freely play inside and out. Work on the sensory garden is nearing completion and the children will shortly be able to help us plant up the tyres with a range of interesting shrubs to encourage the wildlife.

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Dudley who made the new sandpit for us. The children have already turned this into a construction site. I would also like to thank Mrs Ireland for helping me during the holiday with setting out the role play area and sensory garden, lifting logs and moving wheelbarrow loads of stones and bark! This project has been long overdue but something positive to come out of the lockdown. The project has been financed by the funds raised by the school lottery over the last year, so thank you to everyone who has bought tickets and who also donated their winnings back to the school. If you are not signed up, please consider joining. Details are below.



New Routines

This week we have adapted the way that the children in Classes Avocet, Budgerigar and Cuckoo leave the school premises. This is because of the increased traffic accessing Danbury Outdoors and our concerns for the children's safety. Parents need to line up along the wooden posts and then come forward to the large gate when the class teacher opens it. Please come close to the gate so that we can hand the children over to you one at a time as quickly as possible. This is a road and car park so parents should be vigilant for moving vehicles.

Please keep all children under close control at all times.

Other entrances/exits are working well but please make sure that in the staff car park children are kept with you and are not allowed to wander onto the grassed area or in between staff cars. We know that staggered drop-offs and collections are not ideal but we need to allow time for the children in each class bubble to enter and exit school separately and particularly give them adequate time to wash their hands on entering school where we have shared cloakrooms. We hope that over the coming weeks, this process will speed up sufficiently to allow us to shorten the gaps between classes.

Whilst waiting at the school gates, please ensure that you follow the government social distancing rules and ensure that the children do so too. This will help us in school when we still need to enforce these rules as best we can. This is particularly challenging for us all at playtimes. Below is a message from Dr Mike Gogart, Director of Wellbeing, Public Health and Communities, Essex County Council which we have been asked to share with you:

Education settings have been able to return to full-time opening for all students this term, due in large to a reduction in COVID-19 cases in the community. This reduction is thanks to the sacrifices every member of the community made earlier this year, by staying at home, not seeing friends and relatives in person, and maintaining social distancing measures. However, as restrictions have been eased and schools and colleges are now returning full time, we must all remain alert.

Schools and colleges have measures in place for pupils attending in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19. They are asking pupils to wash their hands more regularly, restricting time spent in communal areas and, importantly, keeping pupils in class or year group-sized bubbles. This limits the number of people each pupil and staff member comes into contact with in their setting.

*When travelling to and from settings, we know groups of pupils and parents must arrive at the same time. Schools have put measures in place to aid the safe entry and exit of pupils. These may include queueing systems, one way systems or monitors to oversee arrivals and departures. **It is crucial that pupils and parents maintain a two metre distance from others at the school gate.** The whole school population, whether on school grounds or off it, must remain vigilant and observe social distancing measures. It is vital we all play our part if we're to avoid a spike in the community and the reintroduction of lockdown measures.*

I thank you for your support.

Teachers have already started establishing where the children are in their learning and on Monday, we will e-mail out letters about what your child will be learning in class over the coming weeks. We are using *Parentmail* to limit the amount of items exchanged between school and home. We know that home learning was a whole new challenge for parents, so we are identifying the gaps whilst pressing on with new areas of our exciting curriculum. We are using the gentle approach with the children that we want them to show us what they can do, so that we know where to start and how to help them.

To contact the class teacher please use the class e-mail address (e.g. classf@danburypark.essex.sch.uk) or use *Tapestry* for EYFS and the teachers will get back to you as soon as possible. Mrs Trussell can be contacted at senco@danburypark.essex.sch.uk. We will reserve Google Classrooms in case of lockdown. Please remember that they are teaching most of the time, so will only have the opportunity to do this at the end of the day. Until Miss Johnston returns, anything for Class Goldfinch use admin@danburypark.essex.sch.uk. **If there is anything that is urgent please call the school office.**

Our School Lottery



**NEW SCHOOL YEAR
NEW CHANCES TO WIN**

BOOST School Funds & WIN up to £25,000

- Help raise vital school funds
- Tickets cost just £1 a week each
- Cash prize winner every week
- You've got to be in it to win it!

To start supporting, visit:
YourSchoolLottery.co.uk
and search for: Danbury Park Communi

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

For every £1 spent by our supporters, the school receives 40p with the rest of the money going towards the prize fund and administration cost. We hope you will agree that for an investment of as little as £1, our supporters have a chance of winning, whilst the school wins every time.




The money raised from the lottery is used by the school to fund projects, activities and to buy resources that we wouldn't be able to do otherwise. There are regular updates in the newsletter on exactly how the support is growing and how much money we have raised and what it has been spent on.

The whole process is very simple and to take part you need to go online at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Danbury Park Community Primary School.

Anyone can take part but supporters must be 16 years of age or older and we do ask that you gamble responsibly.

Safeguarding

Each term we start our Computing lessons with sessions about online safety. These cover the three core aspects:

-  **Content** – Is what you are looking at and sharing appropriate?
-  **Contact** – Do you know who you are speaking to and interacting with and is this appropriate?
-  **Conduct** – Are you behaving appropriately?

This is adapted to suit the age of the children and is made relevant to what they will be using online. In Year 3 as the children move into the juniors, we ask them to sign our *Acceptable Use Agreement*. More information will come from the teachers shortly.

We ask that parents reinforce this and also use it as an opportunity to review practices at home. There are lots of resources available including from the 2 Johns who, hopefully, will be visiting us in June 2021:

<https://esafetytraining.org/>

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

School Lunches - Costs for Autumn Term 2020

1 st Half Term	3 September – 22 October 2019 = 36 days at £2.25 = £81.00
2 nd Half Term	2 November – 18 December 2019 = 35 days at £2.25 = £78.75

Total for Autumn Term £159.75

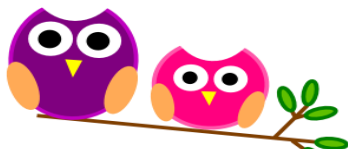
Please send monies in with your child via the book bags in a named envelope making cheques payable to Essex County Council. **We would encourage parents to pay in advance for meals and if possible for the whole half-term.** You will only pay for those meals that your child has and any credits will be carried forward to the next term. Please remember school dinners cost £2.25 per day from September 2020. Thank you. Please note Key Stage 1 and EYFS are still entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

Notification and Reminders

Free School Meals – Due to Covid-19 we understand that your circumstances may have changed or may change in the near future and you may now be eligible for free school meals. To check eligibility please contact Essex County Council on 0345 603 2200 or for more information and online application go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Nut allergies – please do not include nuts of any kind including peanut butter in your child's lunch box due to the risk of severe allergic reactions. Thank you.

Temporary Midday Assistant post – we would like to recruit an extra Mid-day Assistant to cover 5 days a week for 1½ hours per day on a temporary basis. This would be for an immediate start and a job share would be considered. Please contact Jacki Brooke in the office for more details.



DPSA News



Class Reps for this year

The Class Reps act as a link between the DPSA, school and parents to hopefully improve communication. Class Reps are a great way of making sure you never miss important things like dress down days and events. The Reps we have so far are:-

Class A	VACANT	
Class B	Emily T	ecbailey@hotmail.co.uk
Class C	Michelle P	michelle@s4b.online
Class D	VACANT	
Class E	Ellie F	ellie.fraser@outlook.com
Class F	Natalie W	Westthorp222@mail.com
	and Kelly A	kanderson4778@gmail.com
Class G	Bonnie	bonniet2011@hotmail.co.uk
	and Kim U	Kimberly.underwood87@gmail.com
Class H	VACANT	
Class J	Natalie W	natalieweterings@gmail.com

Please email sallyj@doctors.org.uk or message on Facebook as soon as possible if you'd like to volunteer for classes A,D or H. Please do email your Class Rep directly so they have your contact information to add to their list.

Bag2school – Monday 5th October 9am



Please donate unwanted clothes (adult and child but no embroidered uniform), paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, belts, ties, soft toys, and **also now household linen, duvet covers, pillow cases, towels and curtains**. Please use plain black bin bags or similar. We can no longer collect cushions, duvets, pillows or blankets. Please bring to school **on the day only** and leave on the tarpaulin on the grass in the car park at the front of school by **9am**.

Adventure Island Wrist Bands

Adventure Island is open October half term and every weekend until 15th November.



DPSA wristband vouchers are 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'

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.

Co-op loyalty cards

If you use a community card at the Co-op in Danbury or at the Quadrant in Chelmsford, the school will receive a financial contribution for every transaction made. Cards are available at the school office.

Shopping online? Don't forget to use easyfundraising

If you shop online go via www.easyfundraising.org.uk and you can raise money for the school at no cost to yourself at all. Simply register on the easyfundraising website (you just need an email address and a password) and search for Danbury Park School. Select from a list of hundreds of well-known retailers you'd like to shop with and you'll be directed to the retailers' web site as usual but any purchases you make will earn the school commission.

Did you know we have a DPSA Facebook page?

Like us on Facebook and make sure you know what's happening when. Our page is constantly updated so you never forget important things. **Have a good weekend. The DPSA**



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 14th September

Week 3 Monday	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Arctic Roll Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Homemade Minced Beef Wrap or Cheesy Stack Wrap	White/Wholegrain Rice Carrots	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cranberry Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Diced Chicken served in Gravy or Roasted Quorn Fillet in Gravy	Mini Roasted Potatoes Mixed Vegetables	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Strawberry Fruit Jelly Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Homemade Pork Meatballs in tomato sauce Or Linda McCartney Vegetarian Meatballs in tomato sauce	Pasta Twists Sweetcorn	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Omega 3 Fish Fingers or Vegetable Fingers	Chips Baked Beans	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sponge Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 14th September 2020

Mon 14th

2.45pm

Whole school assembly via zoom

Tues 15th

Weds 16th

2.45pm

Let's Present

Thurs 17th

Fri 18th

2.45pm

Whole school assembly via zoom

**Full term dates for this academic year 2020-21
and for next 2021-22 are available on the school website.**

Dates for this term will follow shortly once we have a clearer understanding of what and how school events can be held during this time.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher