

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

25th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Reading Awards

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

Darcy B - Bronze

For the time being certificates will be presented to the children in class at the end of each half-term period.

Weekly Update

I hope that you have all had time to read the letter sent to you on Tuesday about changes to the start and end times of the school day. Now that the children are getting used to the new procedures, we feel that we can speed up the process which we hope will help you with organising your day.

Class	Start Time	End Time	Entry/exit
Avocet	9.00am	3.10pm	Vehicular gate into the infant playground. This is at the bottom of the main car park just past the exit barrier for Danbury Outdoors. Vehicular movement at these times will be minimal. Please queue along the wooden posts.
Budgerigar	9.05am	3.15pm	
Cuckoo	9.10am	3.20pm	
Dove	9.00am	3.10pm	Main gate into the front playground. Please queue down the path in the grassed area at the front of the school and along the wooden fence.
Eider	9.05am	3.15pm	
Flamingo	9.10am	3.20pm	
Goldfinch	9.00am	3.10pm	Back door from the staff carpark. Please queue through the staff carpark.
Hummingbird	9.05am	3.15pm	
Jay	9.10am	3.20pm	

We have had some questions about wet weather and what will happen if it is raining. Unfortunately we cannot open the school any earlier nor allow all children to enter or leave the premises at the same time. We have to keep each class bubble as separate as we can and the children all need to wash their hands on entry. As you can imagine this does take a great deal of organising and supervision but the safety of the children and staff is paramount.

We will be taking the children outside for regular breaks throughout the day even when it is cold or drizzling. It is important for them to move around and get plenty of fresh air. Our weather is unpredictable and changeable so please make sure that they have coats with them every day from now on.

Talented Pupils



Congratulations to Poppy and Amber who won 1st place in their category in a cheerleading competition that took place earlier in the year. They scored 89.04% which was great considering this was their first competition of the season with a new team.

Well done!

School Photos 7th October

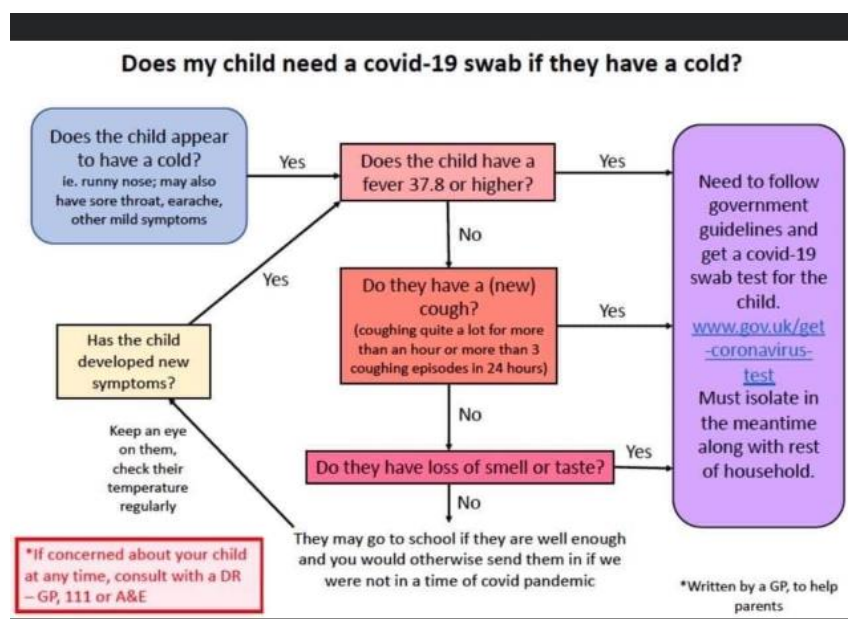
The school photographer will be visiting school on the morning of Wednesday 7th October to take individual and sibling photos of all the children in school. These will be carried out in a safe COVID-19 way.

The proofs will come straight home to you so that you can decide whether or not you wish to purchase them via the on-line ordering system of the company. The school does receive commission on these and we use the funds raised to subsidise school events and activities and in the past to buy reading books.

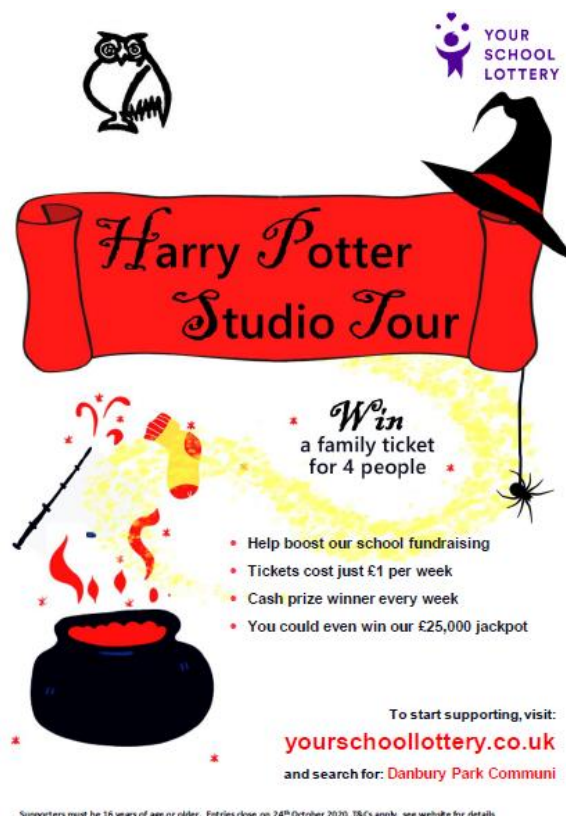
We are sorry but this year we are unable to offer parents the opportunity to include pre-school children in any photos.

COVID-19 Support

Mrs Brooke saw this online and thought it might be useful to parents in trying to decide if their child needs a test.



Our School Lottery



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/>

Other useful resources:

What to do if your child sees something upsetting online (Safer Internet Centre)

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/advice-parents-what-do-if-your-child-sees-something-upsetting-online>

Online resources for parents & carers (Childnet International)

<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Parents-and-carers-resource-sheet-1019.pdf>

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.

Parking

This week we have been made aware that a number of parents have taken to parking along Parkdale and then walking through the footpath to the school. Whilst the resident who contacted us has no problem with this, it would seem that there have been a number of incidents whereby drives have been blocked thereby preventing residents from leaving and accessing their properties, a driver speeding down the road (with his children in the car) and an ambulance struggling to get down the road as a parent had parked opposite another car and both blocked the road and pavement too.

This is obviously very frustrating for the residents but also dangerous. **Please consider our neighbours and local community and make sure that you park and drive legally and considerately.**

We have been made aware of cars blocking access through the car park at the front of the school. There is only limited space in the car park and causing blockage endangers the safety of pedestrians. If cars cannot flow through the car park, it creates congestion on Well Lane and then onto Main Road. In the past this has then compromised the safety of pedestrians using the zebra crossing. This is dangerous for our families walking to and from school and also members of our community.

There is a disabled bay at the bottom of the car park near the Danbury Outdoors barrier. This should only be used by Disabled Badge holders. When queuing for classes A, B and C please leave this area clear and be considerate to those who need to use this bay.

Please do not park where there are “no parking” signs and do not cause an obstruction whereby other vehicles cannot move through the car park. This endangers everyone’s safety!

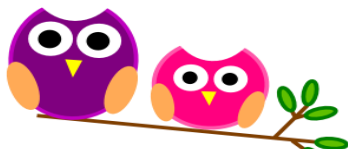
There is no excuse for bad driving and parking!

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.

Monday Piano Lessons – Mrs Long will not be in school on Monday 5th October so the lessons will be added on to the end of term and be on Monday 30th November.



DPSA News



Class Reps for this year

Class A	Louise H	louiseavee@gmail.com
Class B	Emily T	ecbailey@hotmail.co.uk
Class C	Michelle P	michelle@s4b.online
Class D	Claire G	clareg11bert@yahoo.co.uk
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	Khadijeh H	dprep@the-hedges.com
Class J	Natalie W	natalieweterings@gmail.com

Please do email your Class Rep directly so they have your contact information to add to their list. Thank you to everyone that has volunteered it is a great help to the DPSA.

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**.

Amazon Smile

The DPSA have created an Amazon Smile charity account. If you use the Amazon Smile website when buying from Amazon (all the same products and prices as the main Amazon site) and select Danbury Park School Association we receive a donation when you shop. Please use this link to get to the Amazon Smile site and shop for The DPSA. <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/285968-0>

Pre-order Christmas Trees with The DPSA



New for this year The DPSA are offering you the chance to pre-order a Christmas tree and at the same time raise much needed funds for the school. The trees are premium quality Nordmann Firs with a choice of 3 sizes 5-6ft, 6-7ft, 7-8ft, which will be delivered direct to the school car park on Saturday 5th December for you to collect. Look out for the flyer and order form coming to you soon.

DPSA AGM Tuesday 13th October

The DPSA AGM this year will be held via zoom. Please make a note in your diaries of the date and join us to hear what we've been doing, how much we've raised and plans for the coming year. We always welcome new members to join the DPSA committee and any new ideas for fund-raising in these difficult times.

Second-hand School Uniform

Second-hand school uniform items - jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and PE kit - are now being sold via Natalie W so please let her know what you are looking for by emailing her at Westthorp222@mail.com and she will be able to let you know what is in stock and arrange to get it to you. Items are now selling for £1 each.

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

Pre-order your Christmas tree The DPSA and raise funds for school



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Christmas is just around the corner and this year the DPSA is delighted to be able to offer parents, friends and families fresh Christmas trees for sale at excellent prices.

The trees are a high quality, premium grade, Nordmann Fir from an experienced local supplier and will be supplied and delivered to the school on a pre-order basis.

Trees will be matched and allocated to the orders we have received and will be supplied as fresh as possible, netted and without roots. We are offering three sizes (5-6ft, 6-7ft + 7-8ft).

This is a great opportunity to secure a beautiful, fresh Christmas tree without the need to visit a shop or garden centre in these uncertain times. Collection will take place from the school on **Saturday 5th December from 9.30am**. The exact collection arrangements will be confirmed nearer the time.

To pre-order your tree please email the completed order form direct to TheDPSA2020@gmail.com with full payment by **Monday 26th October** - and don't forget to ask your friends, family and neighbours for their orders too!

All proceeds raised from the sales will go to The DPSA to buy much needed items for the school.

CHRISTMAS TREE ORDER FORM 2020

Adult's Name: _____ Child's Name _____

Class: _____ Contact No: _____ Contact email: _____

	Premium grade 5-6ft	Premium grade 6-7ft	Premium grade 7-8ft
Price	£45	£55	£65
No. required			
Total £			

Total amount: £ _____

Where possible please do a direct bank transfer to 'The DPSA', **Sort Code:** 20-19-95

Account Number: 03049310 and make payment at time of your order. Please use child's name and class for bank reference.

If you are unable to do internet banking please make cheques payable to 'The DPSA', put them in a clearly marked envelope with the order form and leave at the school office.



Thursday 1st October Special School Lunch



We are offering a special Disney themed lunch, please see the menu below.

Thursday is school census day and our funding for the universal free school meals for the year is based on the number of children who eat that day, so please encourage your child to join in.



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 28th September

Week 2 Monday	Fillet of Fish Or Quorn Dippers in a brioche bun with mayo	Jacket Wedges Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Rice Crispy Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza Or Vegetable Nuggets	Pasta Twists Sweetcorn	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Arctic Roll Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Diced Chicken served in gravy or Roasted Quorn Fillet in gravy	Mini Roasted Potatoes Carrots	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Lady and the Tramp Spaghetti Bolognaise Or Vegetarian Mince Bolognaise	Woody's Garlic Bread Forky's Sweetcorn Olaf's Carrot Sticks	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Elsa and Kristoff's 'Frozen' Iced Sponge Cake or Snow White's Apple Fruit Pot
Friday	Beef Burger in a roll Or Quorn Burger in a roll	Chips Peas	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Viennese Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 28th September 2020

Mon 28th

2.45pm

Whole school assembly via zoom

Tues 29th

Weds 30th

2.45pm

Let's Present

Thurs 1st October

Census Day - Special Themed Disney Lunch

Fri 2nd

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