

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

2nd October 2020

Dear Parents,

Reading Awards

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

Eloise T - **Topaz**

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

Weekly Update

The new morning and afternoon procedures have been working well and this has speeded up the amount of time families need to gather at the school gate. You should have received a letter earlier this week via ParentMail from Essex County Council representatives, which I hope you have read, urging us all to act safely.

Contingency Plans

This week we have been working on our COVID-19 Contingency Plan to finalise what we will do in the event of different scenarios that might impact on the normal operation of the school. The full plan has been uploaded to the website and it will be an ever evolving plan. We are only too aware that at the moment situations may change and develop at a rapid rate and of course there is always that element of the unpredictable.

We already have Google Classrooms and Tapestry specifically for EYFS up and running and these platforms are key to the school sustaining teaching and learning. If your child needs to self-isolate but is otherwise well, the teachers have uploaded learning packages for them to access immediately. As you will appreciate teachers are fully engaged teaching their classes during the working day so this approach will give you relevant work for your child without delay. By the end of the second day of isolation, the class teacher will contact you either by phone or e-mail to provide you with more detailed information about what the class is learning in school, links to videos of taught lessons using the White Rose Hub and the Oak National Academy and a programme of work. We have decided to take this more personalised approach so that the impact of prolonged absence from school is minimised. When your child returns to school, the teacher and learning support assistant will work with them to ensure that any gaps or misconceptions are addressed promptly.

Please note that this work is only if your child is isolating. If your child is unwell and therefore not attending school, we do not provide school work.

Parent Consultations

With the infection rate rising in Essex we will not be able to hold our usual Autumn Term meeting with parents face-to-face in the same way as in the past. This year the teachers will be providing you with a written report on what is going well for your child and what they need to do next. These will go out in book bags on **Friday 6th November**.

Should you wish to discuss anything in the report or have any concerns in the meantime, please contact the teachers using the class e-mail or by telephoning the school office.

Talented Pupils



Congratulations to Sherwen. He completed many pieces of work during the summer term and his talents have been recognised with an award from Trinity College London. He is particularly proud of his Egyptian picture painted on homemade papyrus. 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.

Christmas Cards

Your child should bring home a Christmas card design today together with an instruction leaflet for this year's fundraising. We hope you will be able to support us this year.

Please visit www.apfsorders.co.uk and enter the unique artwork code found on the back of your child's artwork. Please place your order and return the artwork to school by **Monday 19th October**. **The order cannot be printed without your child's artwork.** Cards, gift tags, wrapping paper and mugs can be ordered and families can personalise their cards with pre-selected greetings or write their own. Your orders should arrive back in school in mid November.

We are hoping to use the commission raised from the sales of these cards to subsidise a whole school virtual pantomime treat for all the children in December.

Year 6 Visits to Secondary School

We appreciate that parents and children, where possible, need to visit the local secondary schools before making their selection later this month and that some schools are still holding tours during the school day.

Requests for leave of absence will be authorised for this reason but at this time we will not be sending home individual letters to acknowledge this.

Keeping Safe

We would appreciate your help in reminding the children about the need to wash their hands thoroughly using an appropriate amount of soap. As we get used to the new normal, we do need to do regular reminders and not become complacent. Whilst we are happy for children to bring small bottles of sanitiser gel into school, these must stay on the child's table and in school. Gel can only be used in conjunction with the school's handwashing regime.

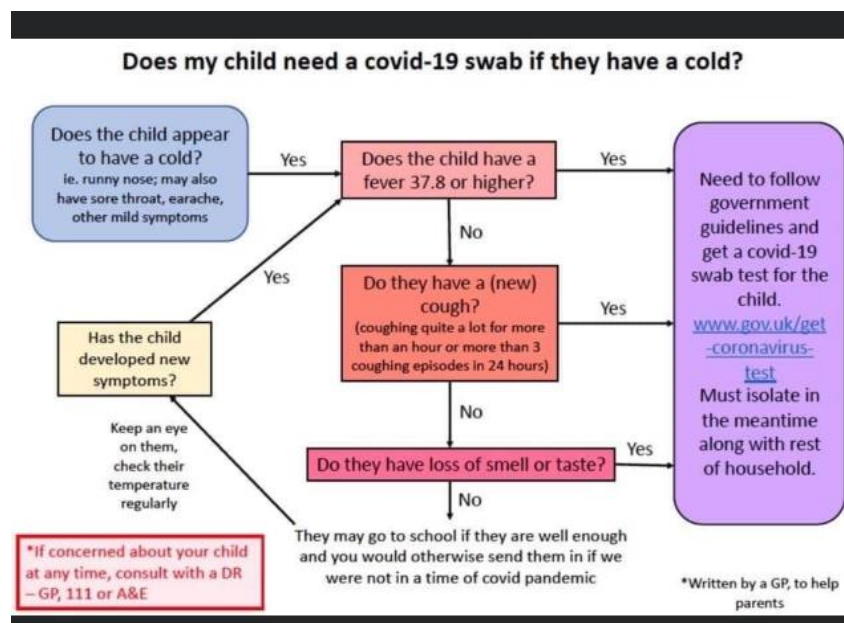
We have also noticed that some children are bringing lip balms into school and we would ask that these are left at home. The only things coming into school should be reading books, diaries, spelling books and some homework sheets. These should be in school book bags. PE kits should be left in school until the half-term break.

Any items for *Let's Present* should come into school in a carrier bag and they will be kept in a safe place and only handled by the child.

Please help us keep everyone as safe as we can during these difficult times. Thank you.




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.



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

1st Half Term 3 September – 22 October 2019 = 36 days at £2.25 = £81.00

2nd 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

Last week we were 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!

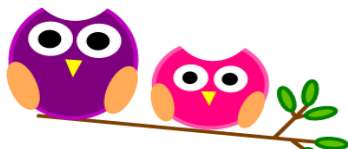
There is no excuse for bad driving and parking!

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



Don't Forget Bag2school this coming Monday 5th October 9am



Please have a clear out over the weekend and 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 and do tie the bags up. We can no longer collect cushions, duvets, pillows or blankets. Please bring to the school **on the day only** and leave on the tarpaulin on the grass in the car park at the front of school by **9am**.

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 via your Class Rep and Parentmail.

Childrens' Pumpkin Carving Competition



This competition is also new for this year. Children need to come up with a design for a pumpkin, carve it at home and then send a picture of the child with their pumpkin to danburyparkcompetition@gmail.com it costs £3 to enter (bank transfer 'The DPSA', sort code 201995, account number 03040310) and there are prizes for the best in each class. Look out for the flyer via your Class Rep and Parentmail. Closing date is Friday 6th November.

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.

Shopping online? Don't forget to use easyfundraising

At this particularly challenging time for us all, please don't forget that over 4,100 shops and sites will donate to Danbury Park Community Primary School for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can support the school, when you get your groceries, order a takeaway, renew your insurance policies or buy anything else online – at no extra cost to yourself! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE to use.

Just visit: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/danburyparkcommunityprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-n4

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

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.



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 5th October

Week 3 Monday	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake Or Salmon Puff (V)	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 5th October 2020

All week Year 6 Bikeability

Mon 5th

2.45pm

Whole school assembly via zoom

6.30pm

Governors' Pay Committee Meeting

7.00pm

Governors' Personnel Committee Meeting

Tues 6th

Weds 7th

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School Photos

2.45pm

Let's Present

Thurs 8th

7.00pm

Governors' Curriculum Meeting

Fri 9th

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