

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



Website: [www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk](http://www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk)

**12<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Dear Parents and Children,

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

**Ava B – Silver**

**Daisy P – Year 4 Challenge**

*Certificates will be presented when we return to school.*

The teachers in the junior classes are keeping the Reading Challenge running so if you think you have read enough books within your band, have kept your Reading Journal up-to-date and feel that you would be ready for the next level, please let your teacher know and she will check with you. We know that this means you may have read books other than ones we have in school but as long as they have been suitably challenging material, we will understand and take them into account. Let's see if we can keep the awards coming!

### Weekly Update

This week we welcomed back children in Reception, Years 1 and 6 and I am pleased to say that they all left with smiles on their faces happy to have seen their teachers and friends. 25 of our 37 Year 6 pupils have been in school this week and we are so glad that they are having the opportunity to spend the last few weeks of their time in primary school with their friends, whom many of them have known since Reception.

All the children have quickly taken on board our new procedures with lots of hand washing and respecting social distancing and are getting used to the new layouts in the classrooms. If you have changed your mind and want your child to come back please contact the school office as we have limited space in the classrooms and may need to set up a third "bubble".

You will also have heard the announcement from the government that they are not now going to require schools to open further to enable all children to return to primary school before the end of the summer term. Whilst we continue to look at what more we can offer, we are limited primarily by the number of children we can accommodate in each classroom and within each "bubble". We are considering how best to support our children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 over the coming weeks.

So far we have not received any more information about what the government feels schools will look like in September. Our plans will depend on what the regulations will be around social distancing. We are working on a number of scenarios and as soon as we have any definite guidance, we will share this with you.

**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 stay safe and support each other.**

## Class News from Class Flamingo

Class Flamingo have been busy learning about The Great Fire of London at home and have made some wonderful Tudor Houses and famous London buildings. One is made from cake. Can you spot which one? Harry R even made a whole news report about the fire using amazing technology skills.



Poppy



Brahman



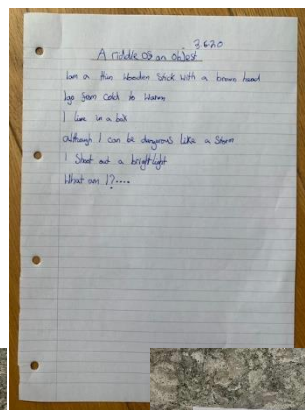
In Science, they have been learning about plants and have been busy carrying out experiments at home.



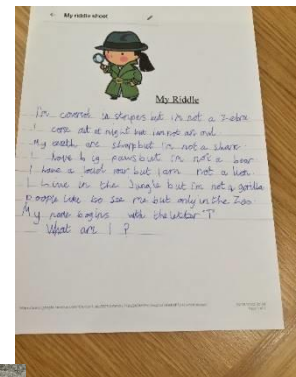
Last week in English, Class Flamingo wrote some good riddles. They researched their chosen animal then we asked them to think about the order of their clues and to add a simile, if possible. Some were so tricky they even had to give us extra clues!



Jayden



Olivia



Archie



Lexie

Well done Class Flamingo. You make us both very proud with all your achievements, both academic and non-academic.

Mrs Buer and Mrs McIntosh

### Poems from Class Avocet

#### Lockdown

Lockdown is boring,  
Nothing to do.  
My brothers are annoying,  
Great, right on cue

Not allowed out,  
To see family or friends.  
It makes you wonder,  
Will be ever be together again.

Stashes of chocolate,  
And muffins galore.  
Do you find,  
You just eat more?

Doing Joe Wicks,  
Then attached to the screen.  
Homework is awful,  
(Never been keen).

So close to being back at school,  
I really miss my friends,  
Their funny ways, lovely mood.  
I'll be glad when lockdown ends.

**By Emma, Class Avocet.**

#### Silence

The silence is filling the room,  
there's no sound,  
not the clink and clanking from pool balls,  
nor the happy, cheerful people.

Silence isn't bad,  
But strange for some people,  
It give people time to think things that they  
probably wouldn't,  
On a normal day

Some people feel alone,  
some live alone,  
some have family to hold,  
some live away,  
somewhere that you cannot sail.

But soon this virus,  
(that is keeping us away from our friends and family)  
Will not be sighted  
And we will be united,  
With our friends again.

**By Chloe, Class Avocet**



The children in Class Avocet have been sharing what they have been doing over the past few weeks and Zak amazed them with his stories of fishing.

Here is a picture of him with a carp that he caught, which weighed 10lbs!

## 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](mailto:provide.essexwelfareservice@nhs.net)

Website: [www.essexwelfareservice.org](http://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.

## Community News

The letters you wrote have been getting out into the community and this week Zac C. received a letter from one of our residents who was delighted to find his note and picture in the bag with his prescriptions, which the Danbury Volunteer group had collected for him from the pharmacists and delivered. He wrote back to Zac and also let us know how thoughtful this was.

The June/July issue of the Danbury Contact magazine was out last week with a lot of interesting articles about what is happening in our local community including a contribution from Danbury Park School. Please make sure you get a copy!

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021.**

**Let's work together to keep the children safe!**

## Libraries Update

As you may be aware Essex County Council announced its initial plans regarding the reopening of libraries earlier this week and full details about that can be found on their [website](#).

In the meantime their #LibrariesFromHome offer continues and links to our e-library, (for e-books, e-audio, e-comics and e-magazines) online rhymetimes, storytimes and craft sessions can be found on their [library catalogue](#)

The national **Summer Reading Challenge** is also moving online this year. The length of time the scheme runs for has also been extended and it launched this week.

Children can take part by going to <http://www.silysquad.org.uk/> and signing up. The sign up process will require parental consent and parents can find more details here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/parents-carers>

Although children must have an account to take part in the actual Challenge, lots of other content will be available on the Silly Squad website and their [Facebook page](#) for everyone to explore.

Children will set their own reading goals over the summer and can then take part using their own reading materials, e-books, e-audio and e-comics from the Essex Libraries online library service or (once libraries have reopened) using books borrowed from our libraries.

Each time they finish a book, they add it to their profile and write a review. They are rewarded with activities and incentives along the way, such as online badges, games and videos.

Families are encouraged to join in and 'Get Silly' with downloadable activities, games, quizzes and more. With new content to enjoy each week, the fun will continue throughout the summer to keep families engaged. They also receive a downloadable certificate once they've completed their challenge!

This is going to be a radically different approach for the Summer Reading Challenge, but we hope that many children will still be able to take part and hope that you can encourage your children to do so.

In Essex the Library Service is also going to be working with community partners to get a limited number of physical resources to digitally excluded families during the summer holidays.



## Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June

<b>Week 2</b> <b>MONDAY</b>	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 Baked Beans		Vegetarian Strawberry Jelly Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Kitchen closed			
THURSDAY	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese/Baked Beans/Tuna			Shortbread Biscuit Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet or Oven Baked Vegetable Fingers	Chips Peas		Viennese Biscuit Selection of Fresh Fruit



## 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 Food Bank** - The Danbury Food Bank organised jointly by The Mission and the Danbury Coronavirus Volunteer group is available to anyone who is currently struggling and families do not need any "official" referral. Donations 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, who will pass on details to the Food Bank on 07395 904761 or 07752 261274.

### 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**



Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding  
Headteacher