

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



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3rd July 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

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

Serena D – Silver Bailey T – Silver Oscar R – Ruby Iris C - Ruby

A special well done to **Ethan H** and **Holly B** who have completed the extremely taxing and challenging Year 6 **Kryptonite** Award. Ethan read *Blood Brothers* and *A Christmas Carol* and considered how these texts dealt with social class and divide. Ethan concluded that both works are relevant today as there is still a divide between those who have money and those who don't.

Holly also read *A Christmas Carol* and analysed how the poor were treated in the workhouses. She compared this to social status as portrayed in *Jane Eyre* and concluded that both writers were trying to say that everyone matters regardless of social standing and that everyone can change their ways for the better.

Congratulations to both Ethan and Holly! We are very proud of the hard work you put into these tasks and of the high standard you consequently achieved.

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

If you think you have completed a Reading Challenge, please let your teacher know early next week so that we have time to hold a reading conference and announce your achievement in the newsletter before the summer break!

Weekly Update

This week you should have received the e-mails and letters with details of the changes and events that are taking place over the next two and a half weeks. We want to offer those children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5, who have not been in school since March, the opportunity to see some of their friends and to be with their teachers for one last time before the summer break. We also want to welcome our new entrants and their parents into the school for a brief visit so that they can see us face-to-face before September.

Yesterday we received the guidance from the government on schools re-opening in September. It seems that, all being well, we will be fully open for all children and working within our class "bubbles" as close to normal as we can. At the moment there is a lot of detail to absorb and work through to ensure that the children and staff are as safe as they can be. As soon as we have revised our Risk Assessments, we will share with you the practicalities and logistics of how this will work. Please do not worry!

The government guidance for schools along with information for parents is freely available on their website.

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.

End of year Arrangements

As we come to the last few weeks 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.

If your child is not in school their end of year report can be collected from the school office from 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 are 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.

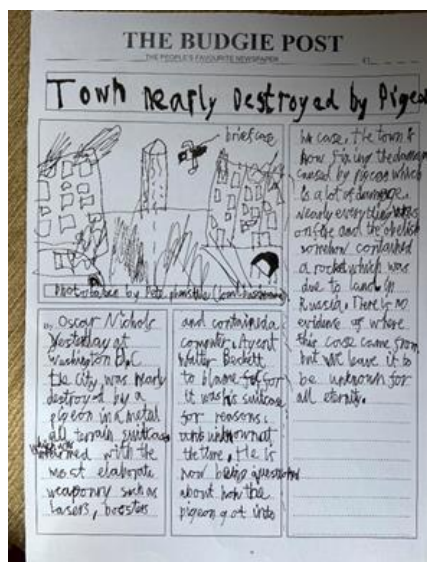
This term we usually hold Welcome to Years 1, 2 and 3 meetings so that parents understand how the next year group operates. Unfortunately we still cannot hold large gatherings and we are mindful that parents are probably now feeling overloaded. We will save these events until September when we will hold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

Class News

Class Budgerigar

This week Mrs Marsland sent out her work as usual and one piece was to watch a short video clip called *Pigeon Impossible* and write a newspaper report.

Oscar was inspired and this is his work.



A few weeks ago Mrs Marsland gave the class some work on *Wind in the Willows* and one of the tasks was to make a model of Toad Hall.

This is Lucy's fantastic effort.

My School Design Project

Task: To design my own school.

I first started with a plan to get the basic idea of what my school would look like. I included in my plan:

- ★ Classes Reception-Year 6
- ★ A playground and field
- ★ A Hall/dining room
- ★ 2 Toilets
- ★ A Kitchen
- ★ A swimming pool and shower block
- ★ A computer/library area
- ★ An office
- ★ A car park
- ★ An area for kitchen deliveries.

I drew out the plan and here was the finished design

My school plan:



When I finished my plan, I started to construct my final design.

As my base, I used a large piece of cardboard. For the items I put on my plan, I used other pieces of cardboard so it would look 3D. I also used a colour code with all the areas; the classrooms all had different colours and all of the communal areas were painted white. I left the hallway brown and also made some doors to show entrances/exits in and out of classrooms. I added a swimming pool with a shower block

as I felt this would be beneficial for students.

Moving on to the outside area, I made a car park which had spaces for 20 cars, and leading to a path down the back for the kitchen deliveries.

The main outside area is the field, which includes a running track, a netball/basketball court and an outside eating area with picnic tables and benches. This then leads onto the play equipment space.

This was a very fun task designing and making my own school and I would very happily attend this school!

By Freya E
Class Budgerigar



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

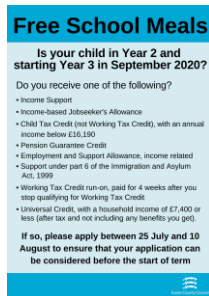
Mrs Anstee is delighted to report that a local resident loved Poppy's poem and a colourful butterfly picture. The resident would like to pass on her thanks to Poppy and the children of Danbury Park School for cheering her up. Thanks.

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.

Year 6 School Journey – We are still working with Essex County Council insurance to seek repayment of the £150 deposit per pupil paid by parents but this may take some time. We are able to give refunds on the rest of the monies paid but if you are able to wait until we have the full monies back, this would help. Writing out 37 cheques twice is time consuming! We will post these to you as soon as we can, should you not have any younger children at the school.

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



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 6th July

Week 1 MONDAY	Fish Fillet in Brioche Bun Or Quorn Dippers in Brioche Bun	Jacket Wedges Cucumber Sticks		Ice cream Arctic Roll Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn		Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Kitchen closed			
THURSDAY	Chicken Goujons with Tomato Sauce Or Macaroni Cheese	White and Wholegrain Rice Sweetcorn		Flapjack Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Beefburger in a roll Or Quorn Vegeburger in a roll	Chips Peas		Iced Sponge Selection of Fresh Fruit