

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



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

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Dear Parents,

### Reading Awards

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

**Zachary C – Gold**

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

### Weekly Update

This week we have had a number of children with colds, which I suppose was inevitable, given that they had not been together in such large numbers since the end of March, but surprising given the amount of handwashing and cleaning of surfaces that is happening! The cold virus is incredibly strong and virulent which is why humans have never eradicated it. If the children only have symptoms of a cold (and not COVID-19) and are otherwise fit and well, then they are welcome in school. All we ask is that you provide your child with their own pack of tissues to help us limit the spread by sharing a class box.

This week the teachers have noticed that the children do seem more tired. The novelty of being back together and getting to know the make-up of the new classes is fading and we are now settling down to our learning with earnest. Over the coming weeks some of the children will be completing written assessment tasks but these will be adapted and broken down into smaller activities as necessary. We know that the children are still building up their stamina so please help them by ensuring that they get plenty of rest and go to sleep at a reasonable time.

The work in the EYFS area is continuing and this week Mr Lawday has created a new path from the old one directly to the new all-weather surface. He has also moved wheelbarrow loads of stones to demarcate our sensory garden. Over the next few weeks the children will be helping the teachers plant up the tyres with a wide range for interesting plants. If you are clearing your garden and are removing any plants, ornamental grasses or small shrubs that are child friendly, please let us have them. We will also be creating a bug hotel in the far corner with the pallets that were donated to us. We know how much the children enjoy collecting sticks and natural materials and watching the insects.



## COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

This is an ever-changing situation and often the guidance and reports in the media are confusing. There is a lot of guidance available but Mr Davies, the headteacher from St Johns' Primary School and I thought that it might be helpful if we put the key information together in one place, so that you know exactly what the school must do in certain situations.

The information below is from the weekly update all schools receive from Essex County Council. Their information is from:

- Full Opening Guidance for Schools
- Safe Working in Education
- Implementing the Protective Measures in Education
- Public Health England
- Testing and Tracing for Coronavirus (COVID-19)

This document will be uploaded to the school's website and updated with any subsequent changes.

### **What will happen if symptoms develop during the school day?**

If a pupil or staff member develops symptoms of the coronavirus, they will be sent home and advised to self-isolate immediately, only leaving the house to access a test.

If a pupil is waiting to be collected, they will be moved, if possible, to a room where they can be isolated. Ideally the door is to be closed with a supervising adult the other side of the door. However, if the child is too distressed or too young to be left an adult will sit with the child to help ease their worries. The adult will be wearing, gloves, apron, face mask and a visor whilst they are waiting with the pupil.

Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation.

If it is not possible to isolate them, they will be moved to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.

If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate bathroom if possible. This room will be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.

### **How does the school dispose of potentially contaminated waste?**

The school must dispose of waste from people with symptoms of coronavirus, such as disposable cleaning cloths, tissues and PPE:

- put it in a plastic rubbish bag and tie it;
- place the plastic bag in a second bin bag and tie it;
- put it in a suitable and secure place marked for storage for 72 hours.

Waste should be stored safely and securely. The school will not put the waste in communal waste areas until the waste has been stored for at least 72 hours. Storing for 72 hours saves unnecessary waste movements and minimises the risk to waste operatives. This waste does not require a dedicated clinical waste collection in the above circumstances.

If, in an emergency, the school must remove the waste before 72 hours, it must be treated as Category B infectious waste. The school must:

- keep it separate from your other waste
- arrange for collection by a specialist contractor as hazardous waste

The school will be charged for this service.

### **What will happen if a pupil or staff member begin to display symptoms outside of school?**

The individual must not come to school. Please seek a test and please let the school know the outcome of the test as soon as you receive it.

If the individual arrives at school after informing us they are showing symptoms and before we have heard the outcome of the test, they will be sent home immediately.

### **How do you access a test?**

Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

The options for the test are:

- at a local test site today and get the results tomorrow
- with a home test kit if they cannot get to a test site, results expected within 72 hours

Anyone with symptoms can get a coronavirus test, whatever their age.

### **What happens if a pupil or staff member tests positive? How are others identified who need to self-isolate?**

When an individual tests positive for COVID19 the NHS Test and Trace programme is engaged. For schools, this means:

- The Essex Contact Tracing Team (ECTT) will liaise with that individual to understand their recent movements.
- The team will contact the school to carry out a 'rapid risk assessment' and confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious.
- The school does have the following information readily available for the ECCT team:
  - Which pupils and staff are in which groups in school,
  - Which pupils attend before/after school clubs (when these are up and running),
  - The names of pupil's siblings so the ECTT team have the full picture.
- The school must send home those staff and pupils identified as having been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person (during the infections period as advised by ECTT)
- The ECTT will also liaise with the family (if it is a pupil) to identify any out of school/social close contacts. Schools are not expected to know which contacts their staff or pupils have had outside of school.

Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the pupil or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms. If this occurs, they must follow the process for anyone who develops COVID19 symptoms; self-isolate and seek a test.

### **Self-isolation following a positive test**

If an individual tests positive they must continue to self-isolate for **at least 10 days** from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school/ college only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste (anosmia). This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal.

The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill.

Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the **full 14 days**.

'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'

### **Does the school inform Public Health of positive case/s?**

Yes, if there is a confirmed case within the school in a member of staff or pupil, we must inform Public Health.

### **How is the area cleaned following a case of COVID-19?**

All surfaces that the symptomatic person has come into contact with must be cleaned and disinfected, including; bathrooms, door handles, telephones, grab-rails in corridors and stairwells.

Use disposable cloths or paper roll and disposable mop heads, to clean all hard surfaces, floors, chairs, door handles and sanitary fittings.

Areas where a symptomatic individual has passed through and spent minimal time, such as corridors, but which are not visibly contaminated with body fluids can be cleaned thoroughly as normal.

Any cloths and mop heads used must be disposed of and should be put into waste bags.

The minimum PPE to be worn for cleaning an area where a person with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) is disposable gloves and an apron.

Hands should be washed with soap and water for 20 seconds after all PPE has been removed.

### **Who should access a test?**

The symptomatic individual should access a test as soon as possible.

The symptoms for testing are:

- High temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);

- New, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you’ve noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Contacts of this individual should only access testing if they themselves become symptomatic.

If a contact who has been asked to self-isolate, goes on to display symptoms, accesses a test but it is negative – they still cannot return to school until they have completed their 14 day isolation period (this is because they still might go on to become positive during the 14 days).

### **When can they return to school?**

Where the original individual tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the pupil/staff member tests positive – they may return to school/ college after **10 days** from the onset of their symptoms and then return only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste (anosmia). This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone.

If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal.

If someone is symptomatic, tests positive and works with a vulnerable group/individual, who has greater vulnerability than the general population, it is sensible they are excluded for **14** rather than 10 days.

### **How do they access learning when they are isolating?**

Pupils in Years 1 to 6 will have work uploaded to Google Classrooms. Children in Reception class will have work sent to them via Tapestry.

### **What is defined as ‘close contact’?**

Close contacts are defined as:

- Direct close contacts - face to face contact, for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin);
- Proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes);
- Travelling in a small vehicle, like a car.

### **Will the whole school close if one person has a positive test?**

No – as we are following the guidelines rigorously and ensuring class bubbles don’t mix, we do not expect to close the whole school but we will follow Public Health England or the Essex Contact Tracing Team guidance on this matter.

### **Should the school close to deep clean?**

It is not necessary to close the whole site to deep clean as a result of a case of COVID19. It is advised that, if possible, children/staff are moved away from the area in which the symptomatic individual has been in order to clean.

### **If a group of people are asked to isolate but individuals within that group return a negative test, can they return to school?**

Those identified by the Essex Contact Tracing Team must self-isolate for 14 days. This is because it may take a number of days for symptoms to show, in the meantime the individual could return a negative test but then go on to become positive.

### **Will the school inform all parents/carers if the school has a positive case confirmed?**

Yes - we will inform you of a positive test but we will not release any details of the individual who has tested positive however it will be obvious which year group it is as they won’t be in school.

## 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](http://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 <sup>st</sup> Half Term	3 September – 22 October 2019 = 36 days at £2.25 = £81.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Update on the School Crossing petition.

Mrs Pain, Chair of the DPSA has forwarded to me an update from Cllr John Spence regarding the petition for a pedestrian crossing in Well Lane. The relevant officers again are now promising Cllr Spence that the initial review will take place in October. This will provide the information which will determine if there is a case for significant works. Mr Spence's next challenge after that is to persuade the Chelmsford Local Highways Panel to provide funding!

### Parking

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 cars cannot move through the car park. This endangers everyone's safety!**

There is no excuse for bad 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.



# DPSA News



## Class Reps for this year

The Class Reps we have so far are:-

Class A	Louise H	<a href="mailto:louiseavee@gmail.com">louiseavee@gmail.com</a>
Class B	Emily T	<a href="mailto:ecbailey@hotmail.co.uk">ecbailey@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Class C	Michelle P	<a href="mailto:michelle@s4b.online">michelle@s4b.online</a>
Class D	Claire G	<a href="mailto:clareg11bert@yahoo.co.uk">clareg11bert@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Class E	Ellie F	<a href="mailto:ellie.fraser@outlook.com">ellie.fraser@outlook.com</a>
Class F	Natalie W	<a href="mailto:Westhorp222@mail.com">Westhorp222@mail.com</a>
	And Kelly A	<a href="mailto:kanderson4778@gmail.com">kanderson4778@gmail.com</a>
Class G	Bonnie	<a href="mailto:bonniet2011@hotmail.co.uk">bonniet2011@hotmail.co.uk</a>
	and Kim U	<a href="mailto:Kimberly.underwood87@gmail.com">Kimberly.underwood87@gmail.com</a>
Class H	VACANT	
Class J	Natalie W	<a href="mailto:natalieweterings@gmail.com">natalieweterings@gmail.com</a>

Please email [sallyj@doctors.org.uk](mailto:sallyj@doctors.org.uk) or message on Facebook as soon as possible if you'd like to volunteer for class H we do need somebody urgently (it could be shared). Please do also 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**.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> December for you to collect. Look out for the flyer and order form on Parentmail coming to you soon.

## DPSA AGM Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 [Westhorp222@mail.com](mailto:Westhorp222@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**



# Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September

<b>Week Monday</b>	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Pasta Twists Cucumber	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	Local Butcher's Pork Sausage or Linda McCartney Vegetarian Sausages	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Wednesday</b>	Diced Chicken served in Gravy or Roasted Quorn Fillet in Gravy	Mini Roasted Potatoes Carrots	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Pot Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken Nuggets Or Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Wedges Sweetcorn	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sponge Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Friday</b>	Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet or Vegetable Fingers	Chips Peas	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	100% Fruit Ice Lolly Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

## Dates for the Diary Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

**Mon 21<sup>th</sup>**

**2.45pm**

**Whole school assembly via zoom**

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Weds 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**2.45pm**

**Let's Present**

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>**

**7.00pm**

**Full governing body meeting**

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup>**

**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