

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



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

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

Dear Parents,

**Congratulations** to the following children who were successful in the *Danbury Contact* Poetry Competition:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: *Nature* by Tilly H (formerly Class A)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: *Lockdown* by Emma B (formerly Class A)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: *Rules* by Ava B (now Class B)

Their poems are printed in the August/September edition, so please make sure you get a copy! They each received a well deserved £10 Book token.

*Well done!*

### Welcome Back!

I hope that you had an enjoyable summer despite the restrictions of the current situation.

I am delighted that we are able to welcome all children back to school, even if this means adapting our usual routines in order to keep everyone safe. I am pleased that we had near 100% attendance on Thursday and Friday and over 170 children eating school dinners. This is a resounding vote of confidence in the school's ability to cope with the challenges presented by the pandemic. Although the day is requiring military precision to timetables and schedules, the children have all settled well and seem happy to be with their classmates and friends again. The children are adapting well to lots of handwashing and they are enjoying being with their new teachers in person.

I am sure over the coming weeks that the start and end of day routines will speed up so that we can bring the timings closer. I know that for some of you this is problematic and we understand that with siblings, you cannot be in two places at the same time. I am sorry but we cannot routinely accept children earlier than their allocated times nor keep children after school as we do not have the space nor staff and need to keep class bubbles separate. However, should there be an exceptional occasion or event at the end of the school day, we would, of course, look after the children until such time as you can get here. The regulations and guidance are to keep everyone as safe as we can and this is paramount in all we are doing at this time. We are also reviewing where Classes A, B and C can congregate before and after school as we are aware that Danbury Outdoors are re-opening and that there is a lot of vehicular movement in the area.

As we settle in to our new routines, we will let you know of any changes that we are making. We are trying hard to issue all children with a reading book but we are having to limit the number of times these can be changed in a week, so we do appreciate your patience.

At the moment we are unable to hold face-to-face meetings with parents, but we want to maintain contact with you. Where possible please use Google Classrooms if you want to contact the class teachers. They will only have time after the end of the school day to read these communications and return phone calls, so if there is anything urgent, please contact the school office and they will pass on the message.

## Talented Children

At the end of last academic year, we were pleased to hear that Albert received his 'Managers Player of the Year' award. His mum told us that he plays for Danbury and Bicknacre FC U8s. He was the top goal scorer this season (well, the half of it they were able to play) and scored 30 goals. But a notable moment that his coach was very proud of was when one of his teammates was playing in goal and was feeling a little upset because they were losing. Seeing his teammate upset, Albert quickly ran to him and swapped shirts, going in goal for him. His family are very proud of him!



Well done, Albert!

## 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.

## 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.

**Temporary Midday Assistant post** – we would like to recruit an extra Mid-day Assistant to cover 5 days a week for 1½ hours per day on a temporary basis. This would be for an immediate start and a job share would be considered. Please contact Jacki Brooke in the office for more details.



# DPSA News



## Class Reps for this year

Thank you to all of the Class Reps from last year who did an excellent job, your help was very much appreciated. The Class Reps act as a link between the DPSA, school and parents to hopefully improve communication. Class Reps are a great way of making sure you never miss important things like dress down days and events. The Reps we have so far are:-

Class A	VACANT	
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	VACANT	
Class E	Ellie F	<a href="mailto:ellie.fraser@outlook.com">ellie.fraser@outlook.com</a>
Class F	VACANT	
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 classes A,D,F or H. Please do email your Class Rep directly so they have your contact information to add to their list.

## Adventure Island Wrist Bands

**Adventure Island is open October half term and every weekend until 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Bag2school – Monday 5th October 9am



Please donate unwanted clothes (adult and child), 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 grass at the front of school by **9am**.

## Shopping online? Don't forget to use easyfundraising

If you shop online go via [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and you can raise money for the school at no cost to yourself at all. Simply register on the easyfundraising website (you just need an email address and a password) and search for Danbury Park School. Select from a list of hundreds of well-known retailers you'd like to shop with and you'll be directed to the retailers' web site as usual but any purchases you make will earn the school commission.

## 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 things important things.

**Have a good weekend.  
The DPSA**



## Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

<b>Week 2</b> <b>MONDAY</b>	Fillet of Fish Or Quorn Dippers in a brioche bun with mayo	Jacket Wedges Cucumber	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Rice Crispy Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese or Linda McCartney Vegetarian Mince Bolognese	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	100% Fruit Ice Lolly Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	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	Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Pasta Twists Sweetcorn	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Arctic Roll Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY	Local Butcher's Pork Sausage or Vegetarian Quorn Sausage	Chips Peas	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Viennese Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

### Dates for the Diary Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Mon 7<sup>th</sup>

2.45pm

Whole school assembly via zoom

Tues 8<sup>th</sup>

Weds 9<sup>th</sup>

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>

Fri 11<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