



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

9th October 2020

Dear Parents,

Reading Awards

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

Sophie T – **Ruby**

Rishi J - **Emerald**

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

Bikeability



Every year the children in Year 6 are given the opportunity to take part in Bikeability. This is a programme to help the children develop their bike riding skills so that they are safe when riding on the roads. The children work in small groups and the sessions begin with cycling on the school playground and progress to going out on the local roads. The children also have theory to study so that they understand the Highway Code.

The children enjoy their sessions and at the end are awarded with certificates to recognise the level of proficiency reached.

Governor News

Letters were sent out earlier this week regarding the election of a new parent governor. Mrs Georgina Clifford-Smith's term of office comes to an end this month and we would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment to the school, particularly in Chairing the Curriculum Committee.

If you have any questions about the role of the governor, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Gooding or leave a message with the school office and one of one of our current governors will contact you.

This is a very rewarding and interesting way of giving something back to the school.

Weekly Update

This has been another busy week in school and we are now beginning to look ahead to the second half of term and investigating how we can adapt our traditional events so that they can take place in a COVID safe way.

We will be holding meetings and tours for prospective parents in November and this year they will take place virtually. We are seeking permission from families of children in classes Jay and Hummingbird and letters were sent home this week. This is so that we can show short films of the classrooms, including the outdoor area, with the children working and playing. We are also setting some homework for all our Year 6 pupils and asking them to write a short piece about why a prospective parent should choose Danbury Park School for their child. The best entries will be selected and the children asked to read their thoughts to be captured on another short film. Again letters should have gone home this week. Full information for prospective parents is available on the school website on a dedicated page.

Essex County Council have set the school a new challenge in that they will no longer be holding central bank accounts for schools, so we are tasked with sourcing our own bank account and getting everything set up ready for the next financial year. The good news for parents is that we can finally source an online payment system for parents so at long last we will move into the 21st century and I know you will agree that this will make your lives so much easier. More details will come nearer the time but sorry this cannot take effect until April 2021.

We know that there has been lots of speculation nationally about the half-term break in October. As far as we are aware schools will close according to their published dates, so ours start on Friday 23rd October with school closed to children for staff training. We will then be closed the following week and re-open on Monday 2nd November.

Christmas Cards

Your child should have brought home a Christmas card design last week 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.

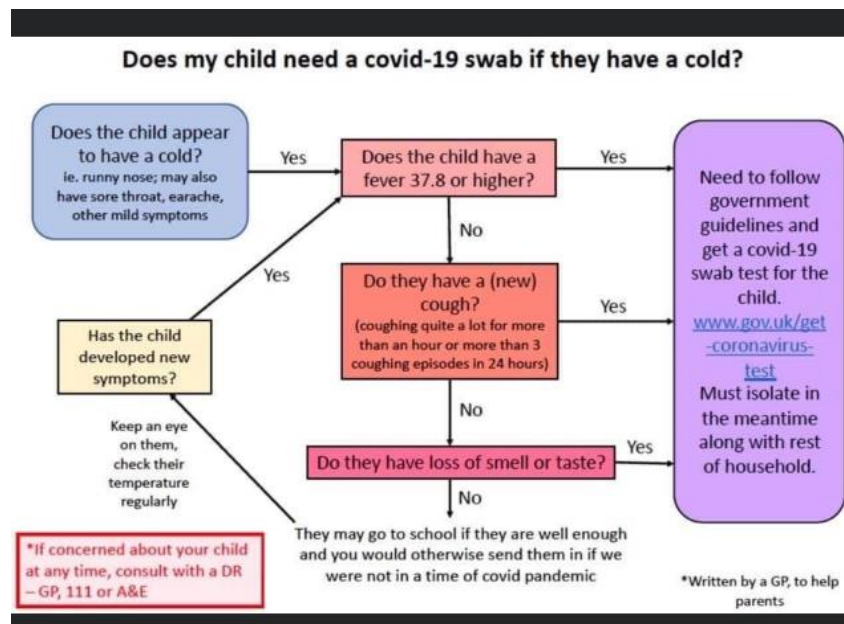
We have also noticed that some children are bringing lip balms into school and we would ask that these are left at home. The only things coming into school should be reading books, diaries, spelling books and some homework sheets. These should be in school book bags. PE kits should be left in school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



School Photos

Your child will have brought home a proof card for their school photos which were taken on Wednesday. These are now ready to view on the photographer's website www.getphotos.co.uk using the QR code on your proof card.




If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If you have not received your Proof or it has been lost please call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711.

The last date for orders to be made by is **5th November 2020**.

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

Please note that there is limited space in the car park at the front of the school. We have been made aware of cars blocking access through the car park at the front of the school. Causing blockage endangers the safety of pedestrians and prevents access to the school. 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.

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!

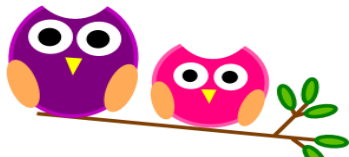
There is no excuse for bad driving and parking!

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.

Danbury Food Bank - The Danbury Food Bank organised by the Danbury Coronavirus Volunteer group is continuing to operate and 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.



DPSA News



DPSA AGM this 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. A link will be sent out to all parents via Parentmail very soon.

Pre-order Christmas Trees with The DPSA



Don't miss your 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. **Order deadline is Monday 26th October.**

Childrens' Pumpkin Carving Competition



This competition is also new for this year. Children need to create 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**

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.

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 and she will be able to let you know what is in stock and arrange to get it to you. Items are now selling from £2 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

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 12th October

Week 1 Monday	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza Or Quorn Dippers	Pasta Twists Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Local Butcher's Pork Sausage or Linda McCartney Vegetarian Sausages	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Chicken served in Gravy or Roasted Quorn Fillet in Gravy	Mini Roasted Potatoes Carrots	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Pot Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Chicken Nuggets Or Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Wedges Sweetcorn	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sponge Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet or Vegetable Fingers	Chips Peas	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	100% Fruit Ice Lolly Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 12th October 2020

All week Year 6 Bikeability

Mon 12th

2.45pm

Whole school assembly via zoom

Tues 13th

8.00pm

DPSA AGM via Zoom

Weds 14th

Am

2.45pm

School Nursing Team to measure the EYFS children
Let's Present

Thurs 15th

Fri 16th

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.

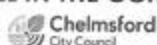
Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

Ideas for Half-term Break



CHELMSFORD CITY FC FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



OCTOBER HALF TERM INDOOR/OUTDOOR SOCCER COURSES

COURSE CODE	DATE	TIME	AGE	VENUE	COST
SOCCER COURSE					
CF1 (2 DAYS)	MONDAY 26 TH OCTOBER TUESDAY 27 TH OCTOBER	9.30-2.30	4-12	CHELMER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL COURT RD, BROOMFIELD, CHELMSFORD, CM1 7ER	£38

GOALKEEPER COACHING SPECIALIST COACHING FOR THE ASPIRING GOALKEEPER					
GK 2 (2 DAYS)	MONDAY 26 TH OCTOBER TUESDAY 27 TH OCTOBER	9.30-2.30	6-12	CHELMER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL COURT RD, BROOMFIELD, CHELMSFORD, CM1 7ER	£40

"YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THE BEST, JUST THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE."

COME AND HAVE FOOTBALL FUN WITH QUALIFIED COACHES.
YOU WILL BE COACHED ACCORDING TO AGE AND ABILITY.

PLEASE LIKE OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE: WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CHELMSFORDCITYFCFOOTBALLINTECOMMUNITY

PLEASE BRING SUITABLE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR FOR INDOORS AND OUT ON GRASS, PLENTY OF NON-FIZZY DRINK, A HEALTHY MORNING SNACK AND A PACKED LUNCH.



PLEASE FILL IN THE APPLICATION BELOW AND RETURN IT WITH PAYMENT TO:
CHRIS FINCH, FITG, 8 CLARK WAY, BROOMFIELD, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, CM1 7ZS.
(IF E-MAIL CONFIRMATION IS REQUIRED PLEASE TICK THE BOX)
CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO CHELMSFORD CITY FC.

For further details contact Chris Finch, Community Officer on 07990673213 or choppercoach@aol.com

COURSE CODE..... CHILDS NAME..... AGE.....

ADDRESS.....

MEDICAL PROBLEMS.....

PARENT'S E-MAIL.....

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE SENT INFO ON FUTURE COURSES VIA E-MAIL PLEASE TICK THE BOX ☐

IF YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR CHILD TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES PLEASE TICK THE BOX ☐

IF YOU REQUIRE E-MAIL CONFIRMATION PLEASE TICK THE BOX ☐

YOUR INFORMATION IS NEVER SHARED WITH ANY THIRD PARTY AND IS ONLY USED IN REGARD TO PROMOTING CCFC FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

I AGREE TO SELF CHECK FOR COVID 19 SYMPTOMS ANYONE FROM MY FAMILY ATTENDING EACH SESSION AND FOLLOW GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES IF SYMPTOMS SUGGEST POSSIBLE INFECTION.

PHONE..... EMERGENCY PHONE.....

SCHOOL..... FOOTBALL CLUB.....

I understand that Chelmsford City FC and its employees accept no liability for loss or damage to property or for personal injury however caused, except by negligence.

Signature: Parent/Guardian.....

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SUPPORTING FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

