



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter

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

**15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

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

**Jacob W – Emerald Oscar R – Diamond Caleb H – Silver**

*Certificates will be presented when the children return to school*

### Weekly Update

At the end of our second week back after Christmas, we are beginning to settle into yet another new normal and find our way through what we now know will be school closure until at least February half-term.

As you know at Danbury Park we are always anxious to provide the very best we can for the children, and the teachers and teaching assistants have gone above and beyond over the past two weeks acting swiftly to put work in place and supporting families. We have now discussed how we can make this manageable and sustainable for the children, the staff and parents long term. Today in addition to this newsletter, you will receive a second Parentmail explaining how remote education will work over the coming weeks and we ask that you look out for this and spend some time reading it over the weekend.

We have two small groups of children of critical key workers in school and we thank those parents who have followed the guidance and are only taking places where there is no adult working from home and there is no alternative. Whilst the COVID infection rate is still very high, we must keep the mixing of households and exposure to the virus to the minimum. This way we protect our families and our staff. We would like to thank all those who are working tirelessly in the NHS and particularly on the frontline at this time covering additional shifts to help save lives.

The teachers have been very impressed by all the work that the children have been completing and they have enjoyed their “live” teaching sessions this week seeing and talking with them. We know how difficult this situation is for them and know how important personal contact is! Whilst the majority of our children are learning from home, each week in the newsletter we will celebrate some of their work so that we can continue to share our experiences and achievements.




Please remember that we are still here for you and that the office is open every day. If you need any support either phone the office or contact the class teacher via their class email.

## **Safeguarding**










### **Keeping your Children Safe Online**

The children will be going online more over the coming weeks and the teachers are reminding them about protocols for using Google Meets. Below is a reminder of our Acceptable Use Agreement and Online Safety Rules:

#### **When using Google Classrooms, adults and children should remember to think about:**

-  **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?

#### **Our Code**

-  We use our own personal login and password and we don't share it with others.
  -  By using our personal login and password, we are consenting to participate in the stream.
  -  We keep our personal information such as our address, date of birth or phone number private.
  -  We use school-allocated email addresses, not personal ones.
  -  We do not use video-conferencing on a one to one basis and use it only when instigated by an adult.
  -  During online activity, we will be in a neutral area (i.e. not in a bedroom or bathroom).
  -  We make sure that other people cannot reproduce and distribute the stream.
  -  We only send files or comments that are relevant for learning.
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-  If you are worried about anything you see or hear when using Google Classrooms, you can let Mrs Gooding know by phoning the school on 01245 224994 or by e-mail at [admin@danburypark.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@danburypark.essex.sch.uk).

Remember that your child can also use their Xbox or PlayStation to access Google Classrooms. Both consoles are simple and there are instructions online: <https://www.pocket-lint.com/apps/news/google/155204-how-to-use-google-classroom-on-xbox-and-playstation> .

You can do this on the following devices: Xbox One, Xbox Series S, Xbox Series X, PlayStation 4, PlayStation 4 Pro or PlayStation 5

You will just need a USB Keyboard to plug into that device to enable this function.

Remember also to set parental controls.

### **Keeping in Touch**

As in the previous school closure, schools have been asked to ensure that we have regular contact with children and parents. The children will be taking part in at least weekly Google Meets with their teacher and we know that parents often make an appearance helping their children login. Many of you have also been e-mailing teachers with questions.

To help us manage this “keeping in touch” responsibility, we would ask that once a week, you send your children's class teachers a brief e-mail to say that you are okay or ask for help if you need it. Some of you will already be in regular contact with Mrs Trussell and with the school office but if we don't hear from you, please don't be offended if we phone just to see if the family is okay and if there is anything we can do to help.

For anything urgent or more serious, please phone the school office. It is manned from 8.30am – 4.00pm every week day and either Mrs Gooding or a senior member of staff will be on duty and able to help. We are here to support you!

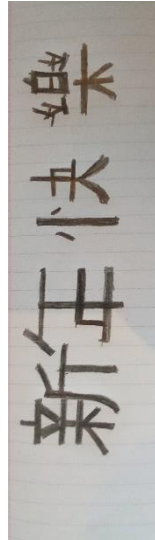
***Be wise, be happy, belong***  
**Let's work together to keep the children safe!**

## News from Class Avocet

Class Avocet's topic this term is China and the children have been creating some careful and detailed Chinese writing.



Lily



Harry



Thomas D

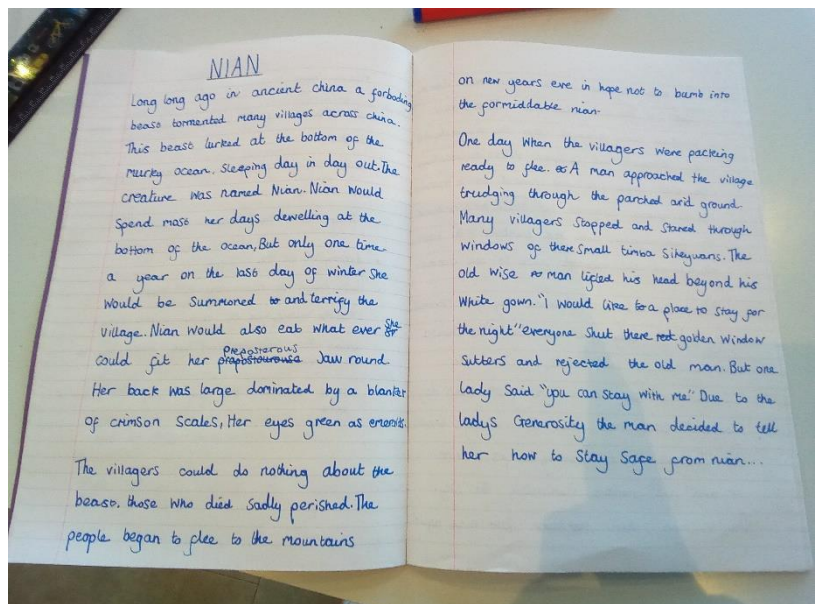


Freya



Caius drew this wonderful Chinese dragon, using the traditional colours of red and yellow.

Ben B wrote this story using powerful and traditional language. A Nian is a ferocious monster with short teeth and fangs from Chinese folklore and myths.



## Community News

Danbury Park School is continuing to work with our local community and we will share with you each week information that we think families might find useful. Here are a couple of suggestions for families to get some exercise during school closure.

The Danbury Coronavirus Volunteer Group has set up a Get Danbury Walking initiative with the aim of seeing if villagers can replicate the feat of Phileas Fogg from the novel by Jules Verne by circumnavigating the globe in 80 days. You can submit your steps as a family. The Challenge is running from 1st Dec to 19th Feb. The link below shows total progress so far by villagers:

[https://www.danburycorona.com/get-danbury-walking?fbclid=IwAR09dimieke1c26\\_TVCrjtu5QbD2NOWB0Vdfuiv7I6h3PgT3yU-7psbQ9QI](https://www.danburycorona.com/get-danbury-walking?fbclid=IwAR09dimieke1c26_TVCrjtu5QbD2NOWB0Vdfuiv7I6h3PgT3yU-7psbQ9QI)

An added bit of fun is that people are encouraged to take a photo of something interesting on their walks and post it to the village facebook page with hashtag *getdanburywalking* with the question "Where am I?" People can then guess where you are. Here's the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/getdanburywalking>

Joe Wicks is also restarting his very popular "PE with Joe" sessions from this week. He is streaming them live from his YouTube channel Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9am lasting just 20 minutes. Like last time, the sessions will be saved on the channel so families can do them at a time to suit them if 9am doesn't work.

## Printing of Children's School Work

We have also heard that many local estate agents are supporting families by printing children's school work, many for free.

Those we know of are:

Martin & Co, Unit 3, The Spinney, 121 Main Rd, Danbury, Chelmsford CM3 4DL

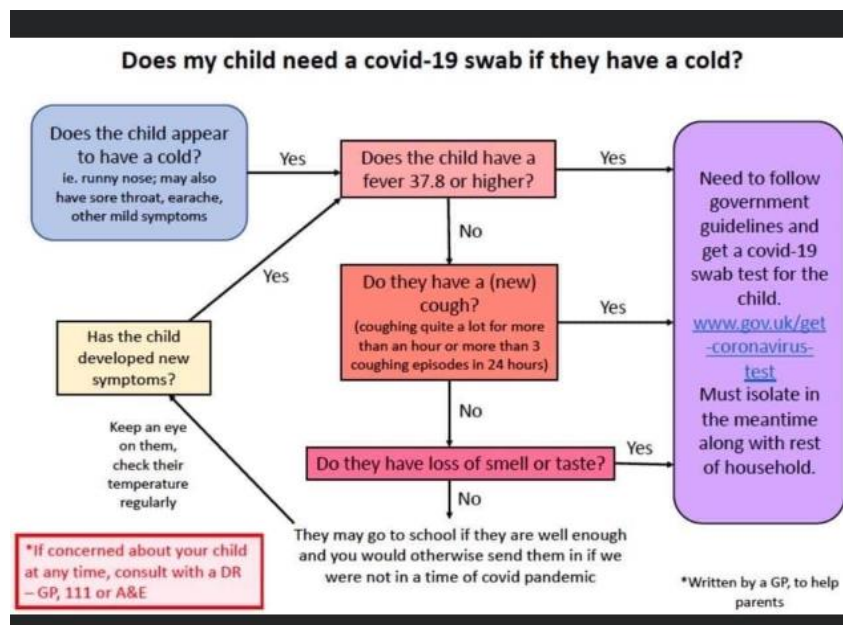
Charles David Casson, Imperial House, Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1NY

If you know of any others please share the information with other families.

## COVID-19 Support

Schools are still being asked to collect information for the government and even if your child is not eligible to be in school, we still need to be informed if your child tests positive for COVID-19 or is isolating due to being in direct contact with a case. You can do this by leaving a message on the school answer phone, speaking to the office staff or by e-mail.

We thought this might be useful to parents in trying to decide if their child needs a test.



## Emergency School Closures – SNOW!

As we approach the time of year when inclement weather and snow is more likely, we would like to advise you of the school's emergency closure procedure. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly but there may be rare times when the site is unsafe or insufficient staff can get into the school and closure is unavoidable. Please note that the local radio stations no longer give out announcements.

Schools will notify Essex County Council and the information will be available on their website at: <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

We will also put a message out on Parentmail and on the scrolling news on the first page of the school website. We will aim to do this by 7.30am.

If the weather and traffic are bad, please take care and get to school safely. We will understand if you delay your journey and arrive later than the usual time.

**Even though school is only open to a small number of children, we may still have to close in adverse weather conditions.**



## 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.

## School Lunches - Costs for Spring Term 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Half Term = 29 days at £2.25 = £65.25

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term = 25 days at £2.25 = £56.25

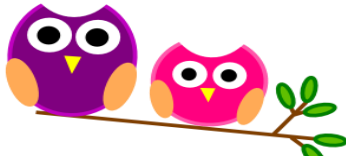
**Total for Spring Term = £121.50**

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. Thank you. Please note Key Stage 1 and EYFS are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

## Admissions to Primary Schools for 2021-22

Essex County Council have asked us to remind parents that the application process for places for children due to start school in September 2021 will close on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. All parents need to apply for a place including those with older children already in primary school. Details are available on:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/topic/admissions>



# DPSA News



## School Tea-towels.



We still have a few tea-towels left so if you would like to order one please do so by using the form that was sent out or by emailing [thedpsa2020@gmail.com](mailto:thedpsa2020@gmail.com) and we will arrange to get one to you.

## Children's Christmas Performance DVD

For this year only, as these last few months have been particularly exceptional and difficult for some, the DPSA has arranged to rent out the Christmas Performance DVD to those of you who were unable to get hold of a copy of it before the school holidays but would still like to see your child or children perform. It will cost £3 for 3 nights or £5 for a week to rent. Please email [dpsadvdrental@hotmail.com](mailto:dpsadvdrental@hotmail.com) and we can arrange a suitable time for collection and drop-off with you. Payment will be required at the time of you receiving the DVD.

## Name Labels



Stikins are name labels for clothes and school equipment. They are a great way to ensure items are never lost again and they are very easy to use as they just stick in. The same label can be used for clothes, shoes, water bottles, etc. Visit the website [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) to order and **use the code 5641** at the checkout and the DPSA will automatically receive a donation for our funds.

## Co-op Community Cards



The Co-op are currently adding an extra 50% to the donations they make which is a huge boost to the fund-raising. Extra cards are available at the school office.

## Online Shopping?



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](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/danburyparkcommunityprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-n4)

You just need an email address and a password to register. Every time you make a purchase on-line through the easyfundraising website the retailer donates a percentage to the school.



Please use this link to get to the Amazon Smile site (which is exactly the same as the main Amazon site) and shop raising funds for the DPSA. <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/285968-0>

## 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 [Westthorp222@mail.com](mailto:Westthorp222@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 things important things.

**Have a good weekend.  
The DPSA**



# Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January

<b>Week 1 Monday</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Pasta Cucumber	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit Fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken Nuggets or Quorn Dippers	Rice Sweetcorn	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jelly Fruit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pork Sausages 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 Fruit
<b>Thursday</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Pot Fruit
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Fingers or Vegetable Nuggets	Chips Peas	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Flapjack Fruit

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding  
Headteacher





**Sweep The Floors With This Prize!**



**WIN**

**Landxcape Robotic Lawnmower**

**+**

**Eufy BoostIQ RoboVac Cleaner**

- Support your school this term
- Weekly cash prizes up to £25,000
- Ticket cost just £1 a week
- Help boost school funds when we need it most

To start supporting your school, go to:

**YourSchoolLottery.co.uk**

and search for: **Danbury Park Community Primary School**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).