



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter

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

**26<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

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

**Ava B – Platinum**

**Sophie T – Diamond**

**Harry V - Emerald**

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

### Weekly Update

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term and to the good news that schools will be re-opening to all children from 8<sup>th</sup> March! The staff at Danbury Park School all breathed a sigh of relief as with the falling infection rate and success of the vaccination programme, we can now see a light at the end of the tunnel and we look forward to seeing the children back in school.

We do have to remember, however, that the country is still in lockdown and that the virus is still an ever present danger. We are reviewing our Risk Assessment and will do all that we can to keep children and adults as safe as we can at this time. We will continue with the practices that we had in place in the Autumn Term and today, you will receive a separate letter via Parentmail to remind you of the details. We know that the children will be excited to return to school and see their friends and that some will be nervous. We will be taking things slowly and allowing time for them to get used to being back in a classroom and to remind them of our routines. Life has certainly not returned to normal so please be patient if reading books are not changed as quickly as you would hope! We ask that parents set a good example by dropping off and collecting children on time, leaving the site promptly and that you observe all social distancing regulations.

We are aware that some children left their PE kits in school in December. We are sorry but we cannot encourage non-essential visits to school to collect these at this time and we still only have a skeleton staff on site. We will send these home on Monday 8<sup>th</sup>. Please could these be washed and returned the next day as PE lessons will take place.

The teachers are busy organising parent consultation meetings to take place before the Easter break. These will be either using zoom/Google Meets or telephone if you would prefer. A letter will be sent out next week with details.

Next week is Book Week and the teachers have planned a range of activities around a chosen book or story. This is something we always do, although this year in a slightly different format. The office will send you a link via Parentmail for your child's electronic Book Token so that you can purchase one of the special books. We hope that this will be a different and interesting week for your child as we prepare to switch back to teaching in person. For this reason Google Meets may operate differently and all class work needs to be uploaded by noon on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. There is certainly a lot happening behind the scenes to get ready for Monday 8<sup>th</sup>!

## Safeguarding

We have received the following warning from the 2 Johns regarding children playing ROBLOX and broadcasting live on TIKTOK:

*Over the past week it has become a significant trend for children to use TIK TOK Live to broadcast via Live Stream to numerous random people. Children are posting videos on TIKTOK and then promise to go live if they can hit the required 1000 followers on TIKTOK. Once they go Live they can then connect real time with everyone. Many children are now Live Streaming themselves playing the massively popular game 'Adopt Me' in ROBLOX. They are using their Live Stream to shout out for followers to play with them on ROBLOX in particular 'Adopt Me'*

*In their Live Stream they are giving people a shout out if they give them a cool pet within Adopt Me. We have watched a Live Stream today and within 15 minutes a young girl had managed to add numerous people to her friends list on ROBLOX, many of these in turn were then giving her 'Pets'. Normally you would have to spend a lot of money to obtain the pets she now has. The girl was using the TIKTOK live interface to then communicate with the people who had donated the expensive pets.*

*It was very clear from the nature of the chat that the situation was highly exploitative. In addition the girl was then putting up screen shots of her friends accounts and encouraging the viewers to friend them and donate pets to them. She was filming a friends account as the friend count immediately started to grow.*

*We have been talking extensively about children using third party chat apps to get around chat restrictions in games but this is the first time we have seen gaming chat being carried out over TIKTOK. It's our belief that if this situation follows the normal trends then many of our children could copy this and put themselves at risk of harm. The Pandemic has had a profound impact on children and we are alarmed by the number of them that appear to be Live Streaming on various apps, in many cases they appear to go to their 'Followers' online to replace the normal interaction they have with their peers at school.*

*Used safely utilising the safety features in ROBLOX we have no issues with the game Adopt me, our issue relates to the use of 3rd party apps to circumnavigate the various safety features.*

If you would like to find out more, please check out their website or book onto one of their workshops.



**The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service presents  
Virtual eSafety Parent Workshops with**



**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
8.00pm – 9.30pm**

*These free parent's workshops will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. How they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without the parent's knowledge.*

This includes :

- Favourite apps and games.
- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe.
- Stranger Danger message that parents are familiar with and make it ready for 2021



To book your place now please call us on **0300 247 0014**  
Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

[www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk](http://www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk)



**Let's work together to keep the children safe!**

## Considerate and Caring Children

Holly in Class D shared with Mrs Ireland that she had put a presentation together based on the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Her mum then shared this with over 6000 global employees, and it received many likes.

This is quite an achievement and what a thoughtful and forward thinking idea. She received a green Blue Peter badge.

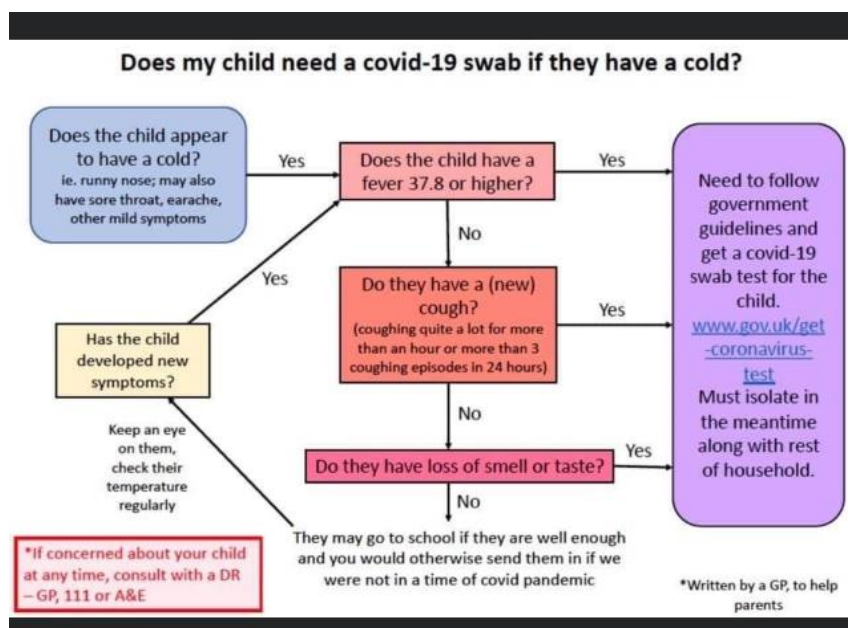


Well done Holly, we are proud of you!

## 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.



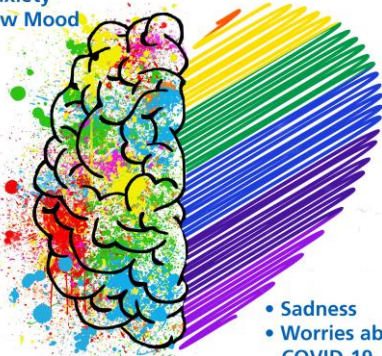
## Children's Well-being

Following on from Children's Mental Health Week, below are some useful resources from the School Nursing Team which you may find helpful.

### How are you?

NHS

- Anxiety
- Low Mood



- Sadness
- Worries about COVID-19

Counselling for Children and Young People (5-18 years)

**01245 348707**

or email: [cypcounselling.kidsinspire@nhs.net](mailto:cypcounselling.kidsinspire@nhs.net)

Need to talk to someone? We can help.

A service for Castlepoint and Rochford, Mid Essex and Southend

The Children's Society

#### Online Activities

1<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 via Microsoft Teams

You can access Microsoft Teams via the internet or download the app



Note: By booking a place, you are giving your consent to share any interactions you use during the online session with other participants, eg- Video streaming and audio content. Participants are required to use their camera and use headphones during the cyp virtual session.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 AM	Mindfulness and Relaxation Families	Self-Care For You Mixed ages CYP	Staying Active Families	Self-Care For You Parents	Yoga Families
12 PM	Conflict resolution and managing anger 13-19	Staying Safe in a Virtual World Mixed ages CYP	Strong Resilience and emotional wellbeing 13-19	Boot camp Mixed ages CYP	Lets get Art Mixed Ages CYP
2 PM	Creative Creations Mixed Ages CYP	Strong Resilience and emotional wellbeing 8-12	Conflict resolution and managing anger 8-12	One Community 13-19	
4 PM	Coping through Covid Families	Yoga Families	Family Fun Families	Staying Active Families	

To book your place, please check out our website: [www.childrenssociety.org.uk/east/services/safe-in-essex](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/east/services/safe-in-essex) or contact [Essexreferrals@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:Essexreferrals@childrenssociety.org.uk)

Safe in Essex Advice Line 10am – 2pm: 07725 639571 (if unanswered, leave a message and someone will contact you)

For more ideas go to: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

There is also a pinboard of information for parents and carers, covering the main themes and the support that is available for children, young people and their families at:

<http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk/family-support-group-weekly-drop-in-virtual-pin-board/>

and at [advice for parents](#) .

## Community News

Danbury Park School continues to work with our local community and we will share with you each week information that we think families might find useful.

### Danbury Coronavirus Volunteer Group and Loved by Danbury

These two groups are still operating in the village to support families in need. Please do not hesitate to contact them:

Stephanie Smith at [info@lovedbydanbury.co.uk](mailto:info@lovedbydanbury.co.uk) or the volunteer group on 07395 904761

## 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.**

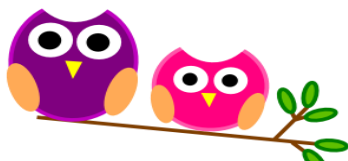
## School Lunches - Costs for Spring Term 2021

3 remaining weeks of half term from 8<sup>th</sup> March = 15 days at £2.25 = £33.75

**Please send in monies for this period as soon as possible when the children are back as we have to close our books for the financial year end at the end of March. Thank you.**

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.

**Temporary Midday Assistant post** – we would like to recruit an extra Mid-day Assistant to cover up to 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



## 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 29<sup>th</sup> February

<b>Week 1 Monday</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Pasta Cucumber	<b>KS2 only</b> Jacket Potato	Shortbread Biscuit Fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken Nuggets Or Quorn Dippers	Rice Sweetcorn	<b>KS2 only</b> Jacket Potato	Jelly Fruit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pork Sausages Or Linda McCartney Vegetarian Sausages	Creamy Mash Baked Beans	<b>KS2 only</b> Jacket Potato	Chocolate Cake Fruit
<b>Thursday</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	<b>KS2 only</b> Jacket Potato	Ice Cream Pot Fruit
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Fingers Or Vegetable Nuggets	Chips Peas	<b>KS2 only</b> Jacket Potato	Flapjack Fruit

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding  
Headteacher



## PUBLIC CONSULTATION -

### NEW EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES FOR DAWSON MEMORIAL FIELD

Danbury Parish Council are looking to enhance and improve the recreation facilities within our Village for our younger residents and we are looking for your views on the equipment proposed (as shown in images below)

#### How can you get involved?

Just fill in the form overleaf and return it to the Parish Office, Old School House, Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NQ

Alternatively complete the Survey online via the link-  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R3T9TPV>

Please submit your completed questionnaire by  
15 March 2021

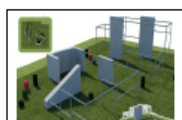


Image 1 - Parkour



Image 2 - Aerial Runway

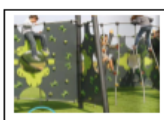


Image 3 - Climbing



Image 4 - Trim Trail

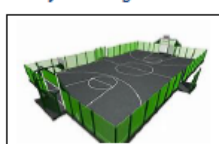


Image 5 - Multi use Games Area

#### Part 1 - Your Details

1. Name: ..... 2. Contact Number: .....

3. Email Address: .....

4. Age Range: (Please circle) Under 10years 10 - 16years 16 - 21 years 21 years+

#### Part 2 - Type of Facility

Please indicate by circling the response for each image (for illustration only) as shown overleaf, the equipment you would be in favour of:

Parkour (Image 1)	YES	NO	Don't Know
Ariel Runway (Image 2)	YES	NO	Don't Know
Climbing (Image 3)	YES	NO	Don't Know
Trim Trail (Image 4)	YES	NO	Don't Know
Multiuse Games Area (Image 5)	YES	NO	Don't Know

#### Part 3 - Additional Comments

Please let us know if there are any other types of recreational facilities you wish the Parish Council to consider:

#### Part 4 - Data Protection

I consent for my data and information to be collected and stored for the purpose of being contacted and to process my interest into activities in Danbury. This data will be processed by Danbury Parish Council. Your data will be stored for up to 12 months and will be anonymised thereafter. Your data will not be shared with a third party. You can request that your information is deleted at any time. Data will be processed and held securely and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018 (and any updates).

Signed:

Date:

