



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Ollie W – **Gold**

Emily B – **Topaz**

Charlie W – **Emerald**

Charlotte N – **Diamond**

Certificates will be presented in class by Mrs Gooding

Well done also to **Henry R** in Class A who recently raised over £800 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Like his family, we are very proud of Henry for thinking of others and using his own experience of diabetes to help other children in a similar situation. He is an excellent role model!

Weekly Update

This week our thoughts have been very much looking to the future and our **Bounce Back, Bounce Higher** school curriculum. As a staff we have been concerned about the negative tone in the press focusing on how far behind the children will be in their learning, the education they have missed and even calling them the “lost generation.” Through our regular Google Meets in January and February and now having had the children back in school for two weeks, we can see how hard you as parents have worked to support your children and we have been impressed by what the children have remembered and achieved. Thank you! This pandemic is not the children’s fault and we, as a school, do not want them to feel in anyway responsible for this situation.

At Danbury Park we are ever optimistic and supportive, so we have decided to avoid the term “catch-up” and we are talking about **bouncing back** in our learning and then achieving even more by **bouncing higher**. We are realistic and we know that there will be gaps in the children’s knowledge and skills but that is our challenge as educators - working in school is never a mundane, pedestrian job! We are always looking at new ways to teach, new ways to approach barriers in learning and then building on our joint years of expertise to refine what we know works well.

We will be planning how best to approach the Summer Term and planning an exciting term of sustained work, capitalising on what we hope will be better weather and no more bubble or school closures. There will be plenty of opportunities for sport, arts, creativity and the wider curriculum. We will also be putting in place additional support for some children who may need a boost and teachers will share this with parents in due course. Our approach is overwhelmingly positive and pro-active and we know the children will respond with their usual enthusiasm and willingness to have a go.

I am pleased to end with some further good news and to inform you that after the Easter break we will be joined by Mrs Emma Hammond in the school office. She will be working Wednesdays through to Fridays. We hope that she will enjoy being part of our school and I know you will make her very welcome.

Sustainability and Caring for our World

Now that the children have settled back into school, we have been re-energising our efforts to be as environmentally aware as we can. This is a commitment the school made some time ago but with the majority of children having to work from home over the past year, this has hampered our efforts. Sadly we still have to stay in our class bubbles and this is likely to continue for the rest of this year, so we do not have an active School Council to work on this project. In reality this has made us realise that it is everyone's responsibility so all classes will be playing their part and exploring relevant issues and sharing their findings with the rest of the school through special zoom assemblies over the course of the summer term.

This week in **Class Budgerigar** the children worked with Mrs Gooding to revisit the issue of sustainability. The children agreed with the following definition:

Sustainability is ensuring that the planet and all of its resources can continue to provide a home for the humans, animals and plants that live here now and in the future.

The children were looking in detail at **why** we need to be environmentally aware and **why** it is important to us as a school. They had a very good understanding of the need to maintain the delicate balance of our world and that small changes can have both negative and positive effects. They are busy working on an information leaflet to share this information with the rest of the school.

In **Class Cuckoo** Mrs Gooding, Mrs Evans and Mrs Anstee worked with the children to revisit the issue of plastic. This was a matter that some members of the School Council brought to Mrs Gooding's attention some two years ago and the children started work on this, but then COVID got in the way!

The children in Class Cuckoo agreed that we all need to understand exactly what the problem is with plastic so that we all know why we need to take action. We could see that just by making small changes such as using biodegradable glitter and not having single-use plastic cups at school events, we could instantly make a difference.

We were fortunate that last week we were awarded a £250 grant by Essex County Council so we will be setting up plastic recycling points inside the school building. We found out that we don't always recycle because we can't go to the bin in the carpark. We also want to monitor what plastics are being recycled so that we can look to reduce some of this. Class Cuckoo will be championing this effort, so to start the Year 5 children are working on a poster and the Year 4 children are writing a letter to Mrs Hind and the catering staff to seek their support in reducing and recycling plastics in the kitchen.

The children will be sharing their work with you in next week's newsletter.

Essex County Council Love Essex Project shared with us the following topical item so that adults at home can also play their part:

Mythbuster: How to recycle your Easter egg packaging

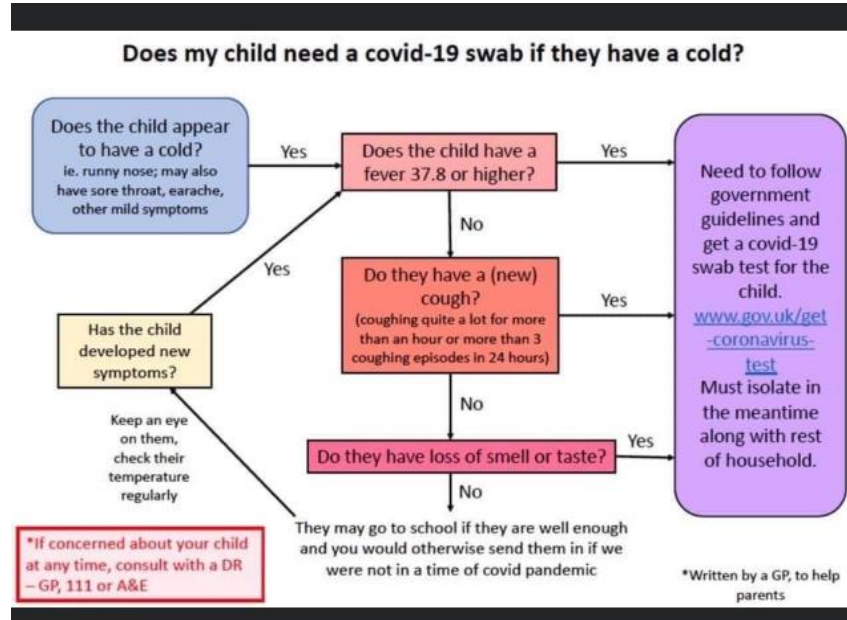
[80-90 million chocolate eggs are eaten each year in the UK](#). That means there's a lot of packaging to recycle. Here's our top tips on how to make your Easter as environmentally friendly as possible:

- Buy Easter eggs with the least amount of packaging as possible. [Some brands are even promoting plastic-free products](#).
- All cardboard can be recycled in [your kerbside collections](#)
- [Try the scrunch test with any foil](#) to make sure that you can recycle it. It's important to rinse off any food residue beforehand.
- Some plastic packaging will be recyclable, but [check your local kerbside collections](#) beforehand.
- Make your own Easter treats using the recipe ideas above or this [homemade Easter egg recipe](#) from ingredients you already have in your kitchen.

COVID-19 Support

Now that we are coming back to school and households will be mixing within class bubbles, it is vital that parents are vigilant for signs of COVID and act promptly. Please inform us if your child has suspected COVID or tests positive for COVID-19. 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.



Safeguarding

Now that the children are getting used to being back in school and some of our older children are walking on their own, it would be a good time to remind them about road safety. Main Road and the roads around the village do get very busy in the mornings and at the end of the school day. A gentle refresher in road safety would go a long way!

In April we will be participating in the annual *Sustrans Big Pedal* event which inspires pupils, staff and parents to be amazing and take active journeys to school.

On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking, wheeling or scooting to school. The school's best five days will determine our final position, but we can log journeys on all ten days if you wish.

More information will come after Easter.

Governor News

Letters were sent out last week regarding the election of a new parent governor.

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

This is a very rewarding and interesting way of giving something back to the school. The closing date for nominations is Friday 26th March at 9.00am.

Children's Well-being

The Essex Wellbeing Service has developed a navigator service to both signpost and provide a triage service depending on the needs of our pupils and their families.

- To access the [Essex Wellbeing Service](#) navigators, phone this number: 0300 303 9988
- This is accessible from the 8th March 2021.
- Families can use this directly, or request support from school.

Recovery and Return to Educational Settings suite of resources has two further webinars for families:

- Part 1: [Looking after yourself](#) (28mins)
- Part 2: [Looking after your family](#) (39mins)
- Essex Local Offer: [Coronavirus support wellbeing and mental health](#)

We have been asked to share these links with our families to provide you with some helpful advice and information to support you and your family's emotional wellbeing and mental health.

- The previous recovery and return to educational settings suite of resources can be found on the [Essex Infolink Covid-19 page](#).
- The Essential Living Fund is available for families who need emergency help with heating, water, food, bills and other essential household items. Families can call 0300 7900 124 (8:45am-5:00pm).
www.southend.gov.uk/ELFforessex

National and local research findings are indicating that social, emotional and mental health needs continue to be a priority and concern. There are four themes that Essex County Council has prioritised:

- Essex's social, emotional and mental health pillars of support
- Disordered eating
- Self-injury (self-harm)
- Loneliness and isolation

If you need any support please contact either your child's class teacher or the office and we will be able to discuss any matters with you and help you find the right support.

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 or the volunteer group on 07395 904761

Danbury Library

Good news! Danbury Library re-opened on 10th March for its Click and Collect service. They will be open for this on:

Wednesdays	2.00pm – 5.30pm
Friday	9.00am – 5.00pm
Saturdays	9.00am – 1.00pm

This is a great way to get hold of some new books. Please see the library for more details.

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>

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

Last week of term from 22nd March = 5 days at £2.25 = £11.25

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

Please only pay for this term's lunches as we are changing our bank account after Easter.

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.

School Lottery



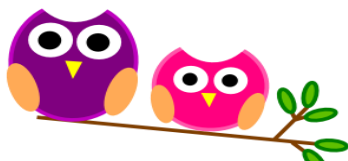
This term the School Lottery is giving away a prize that supporters will 'wheelie' want to win!

Everyone who supports our lottery before 17th April is in with a chance of winning an amazing £500 to spend on bikes and/or accessories at The Bike Factory.

Please support the School Lottery. The funds we raise mean we can do improvements that otherwise we could not afford such as the remodeling and refurbishment of the Early Years outdoor classroom. Our next project is to purchase some new reading books for the juniors.

Every ticket sold, helps us.

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
support@yourschoollottery.co.uk



Bag2school Wednesday 14th April 9am



Please do have a clear out over the Easter holidays and 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 and do tie the bags up. We can no longer collect cushions, duvets, pillows or blankets. Please bring to the school **on the day only** and leave on the tarpaulin on the grass in the car park at the front of the school by **9am**. Neighbours, families and friends are welcome to donate too!

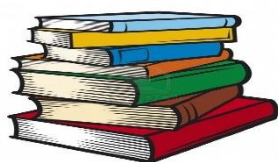
Second-hand School Uniform

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 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. Any donations can be left in bags under the counter at the school office.

Class D Rep Needed for the Summer Term

If you are able to help class D acting as their Class Rep for the summer term please let your current Rep know or email sallyj@doctors.org.uk

The Big Childrens' Book Collection



The Big Book Collection of donated children's books over the last couple of years has added **several hundred books** to the school library. If you have any **good quality books or audio CDs** your children no longer use or have outgrown please leave them in a bag in the box by the school office. We are looking for all types of books in good condition from Early Years Foundation up to year 6 - fiction, poetry, non-fiction. Thank you.

Other ways to help raise money for the school



Stikins code 5641



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.

If you'd like to join our team organizing events and raising money for the school, please message us on Facebook and we'll be in touch.

Have a lovely weekend.

The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 22nd March

Week 3 Monday	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake	Garlic Bread Peas Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Brownie Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Homemade Minced Beef Wrap or Roasted Vegetable Wrap	White/Wholegrain Rice Green Salad Sweetcorn	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cranberry Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Local Butcher's Pork Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding Or Cheddar Whirl	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Strawberry Fruit Jelly Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Homemade Pork Meatballs in tomato sauce or Vegetarian Meatballs in tomato sauce	Pasta Twists Sweetcorn Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Omega 3 Fish Fingers Or Vegetable Nuggets	Chips Baked Beans Peas	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sponge Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher



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FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



EASTER HOLIDAY SOCCER COURSE PROGRAMME

COURSE COST	DATE	TIME	AGE	VENUE	TOTAL
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SOCCER COURSES "YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THE BEST, JUST THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE."

COURSE CODE	DATE	TIME	AGE	VENUE	TOTAL
CF1	29-30 MARCH (2 DAYS)	9.30-2.30	4-14	CHELMER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL (OUTDOOR)	£35
CF2	6-9 APRIL (4 DAYS)	9.30-2.30	6-14	CHELMER PARK, GALLEYWOOD (OUTDOOR)	£50
CF3	6-9 APRIL (4DAYS)	9.30-12.30	4-6	CHELMER PARK, GALLEYWOOD (OUTDOOR)	£30

GOALKEEPER COACHING SPECIALLIST COACHING FOR THE ASPIRING GOALKEEPER

GK1	29-30 MARCH (2 DAYS)	9.30-2.30	6-14	CHELMER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL (OUTDOOR)	£40
GK2	6-7 APRIL (2 DAYS)	9.30-2.30	6-14	CHELMER PARK, GALLEYWOOD (OUTDOOR)	£40

!!!!!!FOR AN ADDITIONAL £20 GOALKEEPERS ON GK2 ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE LAST 2 DAYS OF THE SOCCER COURSE CF2!!!!!!

AGE BANDS CAN BE FLEXIBLE ON COURSES, PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

FOOTBALL IN THE PARK PERFECT SHORT TASTER SESSIONS. LOTS OF FUN WITH A BALL

CF4	8 APRIL	1.00-2.15	4-7	CHELMER PARK, GALLEYWOOD (OUTDOOR)	£5
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WE WILL BE FOLLOWING ALL GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES AND FA ADVICE RE COVID 19

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

PLEASE LIKE OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE: [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CHELMSFORDCITYFCFOOTBALLINTHECOMMUNITY](https://www.facebook.com/chelmsfordcityfcfootballinthecommunity)

PLEASE BRING SUITABLE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR FOR FOOTBALL OUTSIDE ON GRASS, PLENTY OF NON-FIZZY DRINK, A HEALTHY MORNING SNACK IF ON CF1,2,3 OR GK1 OR GK2, AND A PACKED LUNCH IF ON CF1,2 OR GK1 OR GK2

PLEASE FILL IN THE APPLICATION BELOW AND RETURN IT WITH PAYMENT TO:
CHRIS FINCH, FITC, 3 CLARK WAY, BROOMFIELD, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, CM1 7ZS.
(IF CONFIRMATION IS REQUIRED PLEASE TICK THE BOX FOR E-MAIL CONFIRMATION)
CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO CHELMSFORD CITY FC.

For further details contact Chris Finch, Community Officer on 07990673213 or

stoppercoach@aol.com



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

ADDRESS.....
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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.

PHONE.....EMERGENCY

PHONE.....

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

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

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.....



SUPPORTING FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

**J P PLUMBING HEATING
&
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