



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

5th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

We're sure there will be lots to celebrate when we return to school!

Certificates will be presented when the children return to school

Weekly Update

The waiting is nearly over and we are looking forward to Monday when all the children will return to school. I think this lockdown has been harder than the first with colder weather inhibiting the opportunities to play outside and the feeling that we have done this all before. We hope that as a school we have found the right balance in providing remote education. We acknowledge that for many parents juggling several children all learning something different at the same time, using shared and unreliable technology as well as trying to do your own work has been a tall order.

I would like to make particular mention of the children of our critical key worker families, some of whom have been in school every day. For them this has been a particularly difficult time when they know parents' work is essential and they have to come to school but their friends are enjoying the freedoms of being at home – playing with their toys and games once school work is done, wandering out into the garden to play football or on their swing. Even being able to contact each other as and when they want. They have coped incredibly well.

This has been because the children have been so caringly supported by our team of learning support assistants who have been in school every day. I would like to thank them for everything they have done over the past eight weeks which has been above and beyond! They have been flexible in changing their working days and times so that we can cover every day allowing teachers to work from home and concentrate on the remote education for the majority of children. They had to quickly learn how to use Google Classrooms, set up Google Meets and although we had three groups, within each group there were often children from up to 5 classes each trying to follow their own programme of work as set by their class teacher. A heartfelt thank you from everyone!

As we prepare to return to school, I know that some teachers have asked that children bring in a specific piece of work. This will be used either for display or to continue a series of lessons. These will all be quarantined before use. Please do **NOT** send in any other completed work or items from home other than those specified in the detailed letter sent home last week. Teachers have responded to work as it has been uploaded and we do not need to keep any physical copies in school as they are all stored electronically. As you know we do not have lots of free space and we want to keep everyone as safe as we can at this time.

Today you should receive a letter from your child's class teacher about arrangements for parent consultation meetings, so please watch out for this. As we finalise the preparations, I hope that you have a good weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

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.



Are you concerned about child's safety on the internet and would like advice and support on how to keep them safe?

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



**Wednesday 17th 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



Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Sustainability and Caring for our World



As you will all know our school had solar panels installed last October. These panels will save our school around £5,000 on energy bills and avoid the emission of 9.9 tonnes of carbon (CO₂e) every year. The solar panels were funded by Essex County Council as part of an EU funded project called [Empower 2.0](#).

Did you know that families can also do their bit for the environment and save money on electricity bills too! Essex County Council has asked us to share with you the following opportunity for families to also benefit. Just join [Solar Together Essex](#) - this is a group buying scheme to help people interested in purchasing solar panels. It helps buyers through the process of purchasing high quality solar panels, offering lower prices than the open market and pairing up residents with trusted suppliers. [Register your interest](#) for free by 23rd March. You will receive a personal quote and it's up to you if you decide to purchase, there is no obligation.

The more people that register, the more competitive the offer [Solar Together](#) can secure.

Previous participant to the scheme, Elizabeth from Wickford said:

"The council-run scheme gave us the assurance of having qualified and reasonably priced contractors installing our solar panels. I cannot tell you the pleasure we have when watching our Smart Meter showing no electricity output when we use our washing machine."

Web link to use: <https://bit.ly/3sJwlaE>

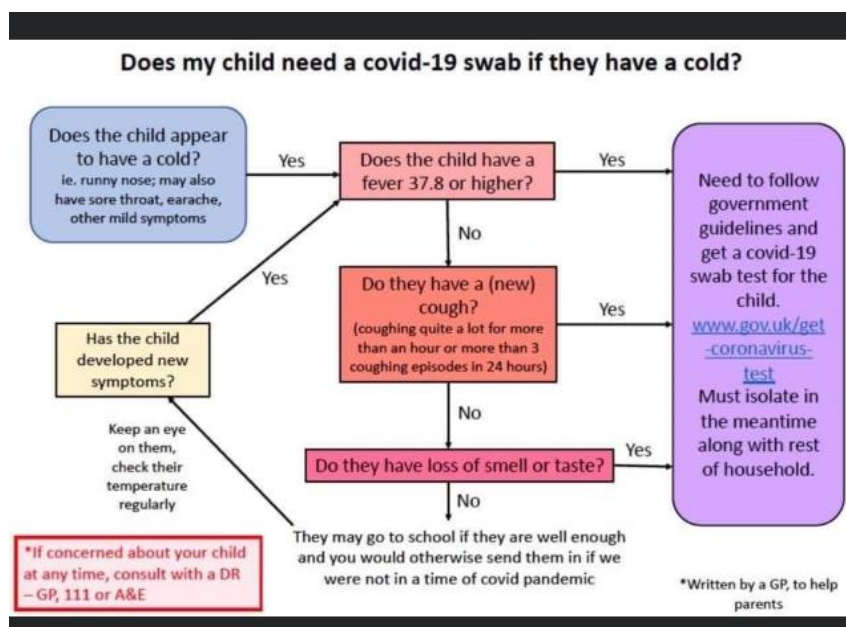
☀ **Power your home with solar** ☀



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.



COVID Home Testing

On Friday Essex County Council wrote to primary schools asking us to support them with a pilot of a new national scheme for home testing of families with children attending school. Essex were asked to pilot this scheme so that the local postal system could be tested over last weekend if possible, prior to the national launch. The DFE have now announced the launch of this scheme nationally.

Households, childcare and support bubbles will now be eligible for twice-weekly home testing. Those individuals will be able to order a box of lateral flow tests to be delivered to their home (or they can collect from a convenient location).

It is important to note that this scheme is not for staff or secondary students who should use the school based kits, or for primary pupils who are still not eligible for testing. The kits are for the remaining household, support or childcare bubble adults.

A copy of the letter with more detail is available on the COVID Information page of the school website.

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.

Children's Well-being

The [Essex Wellbeing Service](#) are providing navigators to help schools find the right support for pupils' and their families' emotional wellbeing and mental health needs on the return to education. This is an early intervention offer to provide additional support to education settings on top of what you will already be offering.

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.

Comic Relief – Friday 19th March

School would still like to support national charity events and we are planning for the children to come to school on **Friday 19th March** wearing non-uniform and if possible something **red**. On this occasion, we would ask that we stick to non-uniform with **NO** dressing up or wacky hair or make-up.

This year because of COVID we ask that the children do **NOT** bring comic relief noses into school but reserve them to play with at home with their families. This is to keep us all as safe as we can. Whilst supporting the charity.

We will collect donations so please send this in to school via the book bags. This year you may prefer to make an online donation direct to the charity and we do understand.

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.

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 8th 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 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.

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 will be reopening from 10th March for its Click and Collect service.

They will be open for this:

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.

School Lottery



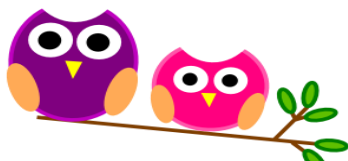
This term the School Lottery is giving away a prize that supporters will 'wheelie' want to win!

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



DPSA News



Bag2school Wednesday 14th April 9am



Please 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!

School Tea-towels – the perfect Mothers Day gift!



We still have a few tea-towels left so if you would like to order one please do so by email thedpsa2020@gmail.com with order details – child's name and class, how many KS1 or KS2 tea-towels, make payment to the DPSA bank account and we will arrange to get them to you.

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.

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 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?



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 + energy contracts 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. You just need an email address and a password to register. Just visit: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/danburyparkcommunityprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-n4



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>

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 and we look forward to seeing you all back at school next week. 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.

The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 8th March

Week 1 Monday	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza or Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Pasta Twists Cucumber Sweetcorn	KS2 only Jacket Potato	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Pork Sausages Or Linda McCartney Vegetarian Sausages	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans Green Salad	KS2 only Jacket Potato	Chocolate Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Turkey in gravy with Yorkshire Pudding or Roasted Quorn Fillet	Mini Roasted Potatoes Carrots Peas	KS2 only Jacket Potato	Ice Cream Pot Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Chicken Nuggets Or Macaroni Cheese	White/Wholegrain Rice Sweetcorn Green Salad	KS2 only Jacket Potato	Strawberry Delight Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet Or Vegetable Nuggets	Chips Peas Cucumber	KS2 only Jacket Potato	Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

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

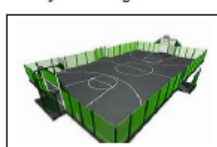


Image 5 - Multi use Games Area

Part 1 - Your Details

1. Name: 2. Contact Number:

3. Email Address:

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

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
Aerial 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:

