



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter

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16th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Henry C - **Silver**

Freya B – **Emerald**

Josh H - **Diamond**

Avy S – **Topaz**

Certificates will be presented in class by Mrs Gooding





Congratulations also to **Toby C** who after two trial sessions has been chosen for the Highly Talented Emerging West Ham Academy programme. His family and we are very proud of him. His mother told us that he strives constantly to be a better player and his honest and kind nature both on and off the pitch has been recognised. **Well done Toby!**

Weekly Update

I hope that you all had a good Easter break. The children are certainly full of energy and enthusiasm and seem pleased to be back.

I hope that you received and have had time to read the Parentmail about the Sports Clubs that we are organising for the weeks ahead. This academic year we have not been able to hold our usual programme of football, rugby, tennis and netball training clubs nor the Premier Sports Clubs and we wanted to give all the children an opportunity to get active and play outside with their friends. However, we have to remember that the Coronavirus is still out there and will be for some time, so with any activities we want to do our utmost to prevent any potential spread of the virus that would then impact on a larger number of children than necessary. The children have missed many days in school this past year, so our primary aim is to ensure the children can attend school as often as possible for as long as possible, so we are preserving our class bubbles. We hope that the sports clubs will support the children in increasing their level of physical activity and nurture their mental health and social skills. Please book places online directly with Premier Sports.

Our class curriculum maps for the summer term have been adjusted and adapted so that we can focus on areas of learning where the children need more support but also to help them build back their stamina. We have lots of additional exciting events planned for this term including:

-  Virtual inter-school sporting events;
-  Royal Mail Stamp Design Competition which will link to closely with our PSHE lessons;
-  The RCCE Growing Communities Competition, which this year will be a joint class effort;
-  *Our World, Our Future* class learning (more of this below).

Our children love learning and we want to build on this, capture their imaginations and motivate them to achieve highly. Our curriculum, as ever, will be broad, balanced, relevant and challenging in the best possible way!

In our assembly today, we marked the passing of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. We wanted to acknowledge all the good qualities that he represented during his long life including his steadfastness, resilience and commitment to his causes including conservation.

Our World, Our Future

This is the new title of our sustainability and waste management project. It came from discussions with the children about why this work is important. We are starting our project this term with simple steps that we can all take to make a difference.



Next week is the *Sustrans Big Pedal* which we probably know better as "Walk to School Week." We are encouraging families to leave the car at home and walk to school where it is safe to do so. We will be collecting data over the next two weeks by asking the children how they came to school and who walked with them, so that we can investigate how well we feel we are doing as a community and then research what more we might be able to do.

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.

Each class is taking responsibility for a different aspect of *Our World, Our Future* project and next week the children in Class Cuckoo will be leading the first in our series of zoom assemblies to tell the whole school about the dangers of single use plastic and what we aim to do as a school.

Here are Freya's thoughts:

Mrs Gooding signed a pledge that said we would use less plastic. Mrs Gooding received £250 to help reduce our plastic waste. We must improve our school so we can save the wildlife.	When plastic is made it also releases gases which causes global warming. Which you may think is nice but it's not. It means more rain which can cause flooding. The ice in the South and North Pole will start to melt, causing penguins to come down to warmer areas where they don't belong. Sea levels will rise and currents for the sea creatures will appear making it hard to move.	<h3>Interesting Facts</h3> <p>Turtle think that plastic bags are jelly fish (as they eat jelly fish and bags look like them)</p> <p>Scientists predict that by 2050 there will be more plastic in the sea than fish.</p>
Class Cuckoo has an idea to use different recycling bins for different items. For example: Green bins for containers, yellow for plastic classroom items like pens and cartridges, blue for aluminium cans and soil and red for food.		<p>BAGS HURT AND KILL TURTLES</p> <p>HELP FISH</p>

Here is Jessie's leaflet:

What is the problem with Plastic?

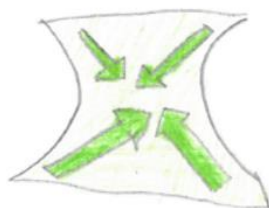
- Lots of plastic is not recyclable.
- It is Single-use plastic.
- It is Non-Biodegradable.
- It takes 1,000 years to breakdown.

Our Plan

Our plan is to buy new recycling bins with the donation of £250 pounds. We will place the bins around the School so people can recycle! Hopefully, this will encourage more people and children to not waste any sort of plastic cups or bags.

Plastic

Plastic may be very useful in people's life styles but it can be very dangerous in many ways. For example, animals on the beach especially: turtles, birds, fish and many more get hurt by plastic. Why do humans do this? Humans do this as an excuse because they don't know one piece of plastic can damage animals and their habitats! People who eat fish can get really hurt, because fish eat plastic that turns into micro-plastic. So basically humans are eating plastic too and it's very bad and dangerous! Recycling is an amazing thing that can help be a better world and place! Plastic can also ruin many food chains in the wild life and the environment!



How you can Help!

To help recycle plastic you need to throw your plastic into the new recycling bins. To help save the world and make it a better place we need your help! Remember our planet is an amazing place, so please look after it!

Facts

- Dumping plastic waste in the Ocean has increased by 10% every year for the past 20 years.
- Sadly 44% of seabirds, 43% of Ocean mammals and 86% of sea turtles ingest or become tangled in many man made plastic materials.
- Plastic takes over 1,000 years to degrade. 663 species around the world are harmed by plastic every year.

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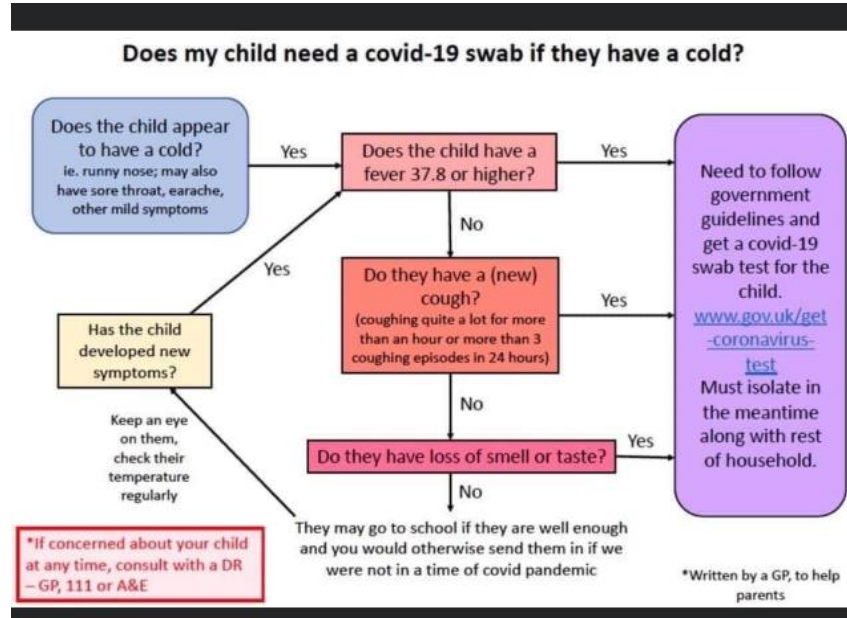


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COVID-19 Support

Now that we are back in school and households are 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.

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



Safeguarding

As it is *Sustrans Big Pedal* for the next two weeks and some of our older children are walking on their own to and from school, 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!

The 2 Johns

We have heard this week that the 2 Johns are planning on going ahead with the online safety workshops for the children, staff and for parents on 9th June. However, these will have to be delivered remotely. Parents will be issued with a link for a zoom meeting which will take place in the evening after the children have gone to bed. We would urge at least one parent from every family to join as you will be surprised and shocked at what you don't know but need to know, if you are to help your child navigate the online world. Please reserve the date!

More details to come nearer the time.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

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.

Governor News

We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Sophie Wilson who stood down as governor at the end of the Spring Term. Mrs Wilson has been a governor of the school for many years and she was Chair of Governors ten years ago when I was appointed headteacher. She has been a huge supporter of children's mental health and wellbeing and was instrumental in the school achieving the enhanced Healthy School award. We wish her and her family the very best for the future.

Healthy Schools Award

I am pleased to share with you the news that Danbury Park School has once again achieved the Essex Healthy Schools Award. This is in recognition of the hard work and impressive outcomes our school has achieved in 2020-21 to improve the health and well-being of our pupils through a whole school commitment and approach. Every two years our status has to be re-validated by an independent panel.

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>

Comic Relief – Thank you for your generosity in supporting this charity event. We raised an impressive £ 331.77.

School Lunches - Costs for Summer Term 2021

1st Half Term: 12 April – 28 May 2021 (excluding May 3rd) = 34 days at £2.25 = £76.50

2nd Half Term: 8th June – 21st July 2021 = 32 days at £2.25 = £72.00

Total for the Summer Term = £148.50

Please send monies in with your child via the book bags in a named envelope making cheques payable to **Danbury Park Primary School**. Please note the change of payee as we will have our own bank account next term. **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



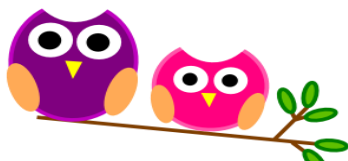
This term the School Lottery is giving away a prize that supporters will 'wheelie' want to win!

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.

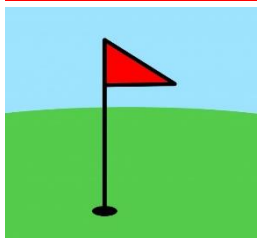
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
support@yourschoollottery.co.uk



DPSA News



DPSA Charity Golf Day - Friday 30th April



Would you like a day out in the fresh air, socialising with friends in a Covid secure way on a beautiful gold course with a chance to win a fantastic prize?

Join us then on the DPSA charity golf day at The Warren Golf Club, Woodham Walter.

The cost is **£45 per person including breakfast**

For more information and to book a place contact Nick Moore
at GOLF.DPSA@GMAIL.COM

Adventure Island Wrist Bands Vouchers - valid until the end of 2021



DPSA Adventure Island wristband vouchers are now 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 as they are **now £15 each** for all bands - you are saving £5 per voucher on the internet price and £10 on the 'on the day' price. Height restrictions do still apply on the individual rides



Adventure Island opens this year from **Saturday 17th April** and all vouchers bought can be exchanged at any time in 2021 for a 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 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.

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 to make sure you know what's happening and when.

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 good weekend.

The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 19th April

Week 2	Fillet of Fish or Quorn Dippers both in a brioche bun	New Potatoes Cucumber Sweetcorn	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Arctic Roll Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Monday				
Tuesday	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese or Vegan Mince Bolognese	Garlic Bread Peas Cauliflower Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Fruit Jelly Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Gammon in gravy with Yorkshire Pudding or Cheesy Stack Wrap	Mini Roast Potatoes Carrots Broccoli Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	100% Fruit Ice Lolly Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza or Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza	White and Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple crumble and custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Beef Burger in a roll or Quorn Burger in a roll	Chips Peas Baked Beans Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Crispy Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 19th April 2021 Walk to School Week

Mon 19th

2.45pm

Whole school assembly via zoom

Tues 20th

Weds 21th

2.45pm

Let's Present

Thurs 22th

7.00pm

Earth Day

Governor Resources Committee meeting - Budget Setting

Fri 23th

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