



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter

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

**23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

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

Jessica W – **Ruby**   Abbie G – **Topaz**   Poppy R – **Silver**   Daisy P – **Silver**   Emily B – **Silver**

*Certificates will be presented in class by Mrs Gooding*

### Weekly Update

This week we have been making the most of the lovely weather and the children in Class Jay have been helping me sow some seeds and plant up the tyres in the EYFS area. We have planted: mint and parsley, carrots, beetroot, radishes and rocket. We hope that when they are grown, we can taste them as some of us did not know what these herbs and vegetables were like.



Next week the Reception children in Class Hummingbird are going to help plant some seeds to grow tomatoes but we know that they will need to stay in the warm until they are strong enough to go outside. Mr Lawday, our caretaker, has been busy and this is our wonderful bug hotel. We want to encourage the wildlife into our school grounds so we are providing them with a special place to live.

All classes marked Earth Day on Thursday and the classes will give us reports next week on their commitment to Our World, Our Future project. The children in Class Cuckoo are leading our zoom assembly today to share with the school their work on plastic recycling and there will be more information in coming newsletters. Next Friday we are also participating in the national Daily Mile challenge and we are planning for every class to have a go!

Mrs Emma Hammond is now settling into her new position in the school office and I know you will make her welcome. We are pleased to have her on board and she will be working Wednesdays through to Fridays.

## 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.



This week the *Sustrans Big Pedal*, which we probably know better as “Walk to School Week” continues. Si it’s not too late to make difference! 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 from this week and next 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.

## Caring Children

Charlotte and Sophie from Class Dove and Emily from Class Flamingo organised and ran a Brownie cake sale during the Easter holidays on behalf of Little Haven's Hospice. This was very thoughtful of them particularly at a time when charities are struggling to hold fundraising events themselves.

The girls raised an impressive £220! Well done!



## School Lunches - Costs for Summer Term 2021

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

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

**Total for the Summer Term = £148.50**

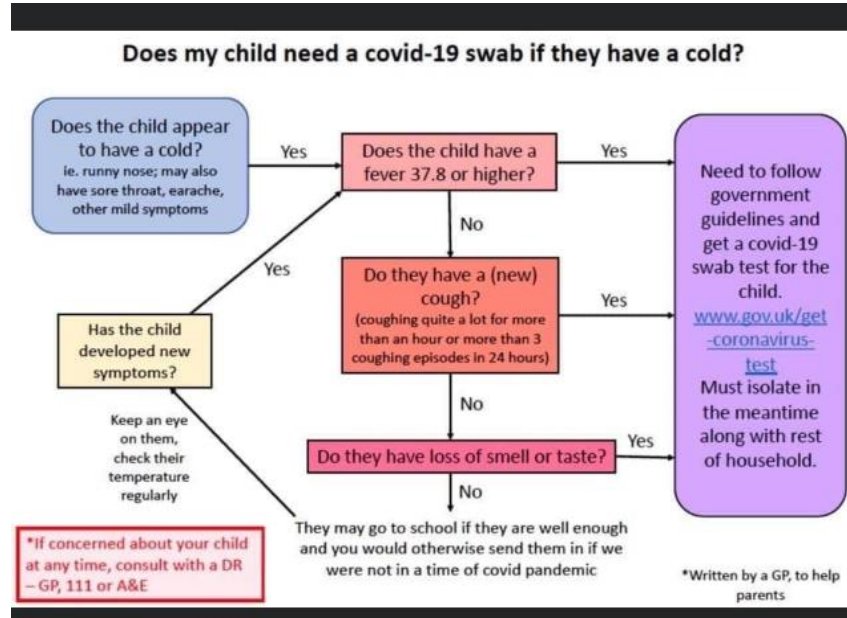
Please send monies in with your child via the book bags in a named envelope making cheques payable to **Danbury Park Primary School**. Please note the change of payee as we now have our own bank account and no longer come under the ECC umbrella.

**This change also means that meals should be paid for in advance 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.

## 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* continues next week 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!

You may have seen the visit from our local police officers last Tuesday morning. They have made a commitment to get out and about more in the villages and they want to become a visible part of our community, so expect to see more of them. They are happy to talk with you about any local concerns.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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!

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

## Notification and Reminders

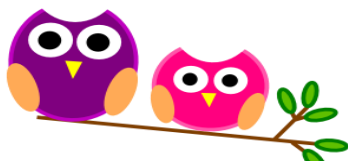
**Free School Meals** – Due to Covid-19 we understand that your circumstances may have changed or may change in the near future and you may now be eligible for free school meals. To check eligibility please contact Essex County Council on 0345 603 2200 or for more information and online application go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

**Ink Pens** – If your child has their pen licence, could you please make sure that they have their ink pen and cartridges in school. We hold a stock of the small cartridges but these do not fit Parker or Lamy pens. Ink pens are available from the school office at a cost of £1.50.

**PE Kit** – Please ensure that your child has their full kit in school. Whilst the weather is getting warmer, it can be chilly first thing so the children do need a PE sweatshirt to wear.

### Letters/Parentmail sent out this week

-  Royal Mail Design a Stamp class work
-  Year 4 Multiplication Tests
-  Class Topic Letters



# DPSA News



## Bag2school Thanks



Thank you to everyone who brought in bags of unwanted clothes and household linen last week for the Bag2school collection. We are pleased to say we raised an amazing **£204** which is a fantastic result.

The next Bag2school will be **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September** so start sorting now!

## the end of 2021

## Adventure Island Wrist Bands Vouchers - valid until



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** and there is only one band for all ages - 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 is now open (check their website for times) 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.

## DPSA Charity Golf Day - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April – now fully booked!



Thank you for all your amazing support. The DPSA charity golf day at The Warren Golf Club, Woodham Walter is now fully booked! We are hoping to organise another day after half term so watch this space for further information.

## Second-hand School Uniform

Second-hand school uniform items - jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and PE kit - are 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 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 26<sup>th</sup> April

<b>WEEK 3</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake or Vegetable Nuggets	Garlic Bread Cucumber Sweetcorn	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Brownie Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Monday</b>				
<b>Tuesday</b>	Homemade Minced Beef Wrap or Roasted Vegetable Wrap	White and Wholegrain Rice Peas Carrot Sticks	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Giant Oaty Cookie Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Wednesday</b>	Local Butcher's Pork Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding or Cheddar Whirl	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans Green Salad	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple crumble and custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Homemade Pork Meatballs or Vegan meatballs both in tomato sauce	White and Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Green Salad	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit with fruit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Friday</b>	Omega 3 Fish Fingers or Cheese and Tomato Quiche	Chips Peas Cucumber	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sponge Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

### Dates for the Diary Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Walk to School Week (contd)

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup>**

2.45pm Whole school assembly via zoom

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup>**

3.20 - 4.20pm Class A Multi-Sports

**Weds 28<sup>th</sup>**

2.45pm Let's Present  
3.20 - 4.20pm Class D Multi-Sports

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>**

3.20 - 4.20pm Class G Multi-Sports  
7.00pm Full Governing Body Meeting

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup>**

2.45pm Daily Mile Challenge  
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