



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

28th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Isabella F - **Emerald**
Ronny A - **Diamond**

Oscar N – **Ruby**
Khrisha J - **Topaz**

Claudia M – **Ruby**
Tom B - **Topaz**

Certificates will be presented in class by Mrs Gooding

Weekly Update

Today is the last day of the first half of the summer term and it has been so good to return to some form of normality in school. The children have coped incredibly well and have settled back quickly into routines and learning. We have been very busy with our *Bounce Back, Back Higher* curriculum not only in focusing on the essential English and Maths skills but on all subjects. Please take some time to look at the wonderful display work below celebrating the huge range of work the children have enjoyed.

I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed a SENCO and Pastoral Manager Mrs Katishe Macey, who will be joining us in September. She will be popping in over the course of the term to enable a smooth handover. She brings with her a wealth of expertise and experience as well as a firm belief in supporting all children in their learning and personal development so that they can be the very best they can. We will also be joined by Mrs Justine Higgins as our new Clerk to the Governing Body. Both are excited to be joining us and I know you will make them welcome.

As we prepare for the next half-term we still have no clear guidance from the government as to how schools will be affected by the possible further lifting of COVID restrictions. Whilst we have put a date in the diary of Monday 19th July for all the children to be involved in sporting activities i.e. Sports Day, we do not know if we will have to continue with class bubbles or if, or how many, visitors we will be able to invite into the school. At this time we feel that we will not be able to proceed with the traditional Open Afternoon so we anticipate that this will be a full school day and end at the usual time.

Danbury Outdoors are now getting busier and we have been asked to remind parents using the carpark that they must **NOT** park along the roadways in and out of the carpark. Last week a coach could not exit the carpark because parents had obstructed the roadway. This caused delays for the visiting school and reflects badly on our school. Please only park in the car parking area. We are fortunate to be able to use this space but we could lose this privilege if there are ongoing problems.

Please note that parents must check their e-mails over the coming four days in case we have any cases of COVID. The COVIDnotifications@danburypark.essex.sch.uk will be active as of today and full details were sent out yesterday.

I hope you have a restful and safe half-term break.

Talented Children

Henry C's mum has let us know that this week they found out that Henry (Class Cuckoo) has won 1st place in a national creative writing competition. The challenge was to write a 500 word story starting with the words: 'There was no doubt about it, I would have to go back.' Henry called his story 'Lost in the Labyrinth'.

As part of the prize, the author Alex Milway, who has written the Hotel Flamingo series and was part of the judging panel, has been recorded reading Henry's story out loud, which is very exciting! Below is the YouTube link. There were around 350 entries for the competition so we're thrilled and extremely proud of Henry that he won the 9-11 age category.

<https://youtu.be/vZ2fd9vcN5k>

Well done Henry a great achievement and what a wonderful prize!

Topic Work around the School

Last week we changed the displays around the school to reflect and celebrate all the topic work that has been taking place in class since the beginning of term. The children look forward to these lessons which encompass many subjects across the curriculum. Although there may be a focus on history or geography, it also gives us a purpose for English, art and design and technology work. The children are always very proud of their Topic Books and we know that they often follow up this work at home by researching topics more detail and linking them to their Let's Presents.





Sustainability Plastics

Last week the children in Class Cuckoo began to gather data on their plastic recycling project.

Hema, Charlotte, Ronny and Harvey joined Mrs Gooding to collect the plastics from all the recycling points around the school. They made a tally of all the different items grouping them together as best they could and then made a summary to display in the corridor. This is what we collected:

Item	Number
Tomato trays	9
Hand sanitiser bottle	1
Salad trays	2
Small bags	11
Medium bags	20
Large bags	8
Plug cover	1
Ink cartridges	3
Bottles (some used for DT)	24
Bubble wrap sheets	4
Tuck wrappers	18
*Zip wallets	2
*Spray bottle	1
Milk bottles	6
Yoghurt pots	13
Food pots	7
Salad pots	3
Crisp Packets	$\frac{1}{2}$ bin

Straightaway, we realised that the plastic zip wallets, although not brand new, and the spray bottle could be reused instead of recycled. We felt that there was still some use to be had out of them. We need to check if the cereal bar wrappers from the tuck can be recycled as some had foil backing. We emptied the crisp packet bin in the hall into the main bin at the front of the school and we estimated that it was half full.

After half-term four more children from Class Cuckoo will help Mrs Gooding collect and analyse the plastic we have collected. Each fortnight a different group will work with her so that everyone has a turn.

Over time we hope that we will be able to identify patterns and maybe reduce what we recycle through better choices in the first place.

Safeguarding

The 2 Johns have now confirmed that they will definitely be going ahead with their planned workshops on **Wednesday 9th June** although these will be held remotely. All children, except those in Early Years, will take part in the sessions under the guidance of their class teachers as part of our Computing curriculum. The sessions are tailored to each age group and deal sensitively with the potential dangers and how the children can start to take increasing responsibility for keeping themselves safe.

The parent workshops will look at the online world and how our young people are using it and how they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet often without parents' knowledge. All the sessions are up to date and as such, often change on a monthly basis, if not sooner, to reflect the changing risks faced by children and parents in 2021 both pre and post COVID and take into consideration the increased online activity by our young people and how they have adapted to the online world.

This is something that in the experience of the 2 Johns, many parents are still struggling with. This also includes the children's favourite apps and games. They will look at the dangers the children face not only from predatory people but also how they are being groomed in games. They will explore how all our young people are being influenced online and forming ideologies and views that might be diametric to their parents', which can also give them a skewed view of the world, as well as how influencers work, which can lead our children to conduct dangerous challenges.

The good news is that there will be suggestions for solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe which range from settings on apps to safe use of games and how parents should approach the online arena. The 2 Johns will take the Stranger Danger message that parents are familiar with and make it relevant for 2021.

This week all parents received an invitation and link to join the parent session which will start at 8.00pm after most children are in bed! We hope you will take full advantage of this opportunity funded by the DPSA.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!



School Lottery

Please remember to support our School lottery.

Thank you to those parents who over the year have donated their winnings back to the school. We are very grateful!

The funds raised help us proceed with projects such as the EYFS outdoor area that otherwise we couldn't afford!

The *Kid Around* Magazine that we used to send out in paper form has now gone digital.

The May relaunch is full of articles that parents might find of interest including things to do with the children this half-term. Click the image opposite to read or use the link below:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/9a127000-6abb-4a1f-aed7-7c20951a7d45>



Children's Well-being



PHEW!

Parenting Help for Emotional Wellbeing



"I cannot stop worrying"
"I don't want to go to school"
"They don't seem very happy"
"They seem to be unable to cope with their emotions,
and I don't know how to help them"

The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing service are offering a 30 minute virtual appointment for you to discuss your current challenges and offer strategies to best support your child or young person's emotional wellbeing.

We can signpost you to online resources and recommend services that best support your child or young person's needs.



Last **Monday** of the Month (excluding Bank Holidays)
Appointments available throughout the day
Please contact 0300 247 0014 to book

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

Services commissioned by:



National Book Tokens

The National Book Token scheme are offering schools and parents the opportunity to win Book Tokens. The more people who enter and nominate the school, the greater the chance of the school winning the prize draw.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>



Win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school

Win our massive £5,000/€5,000 National Book Tokens prize to refresh the school library for generations of children to come. The winning entrant also takes home £100/€120 of National Book Tokens just for them. Whether you work in a school or have school-aged children yourself, you'll know the importance of a good school library – and not just for learning.

School Lunches - Costs for Summer Term 2021

1st Half Term: 12th April – 28th 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

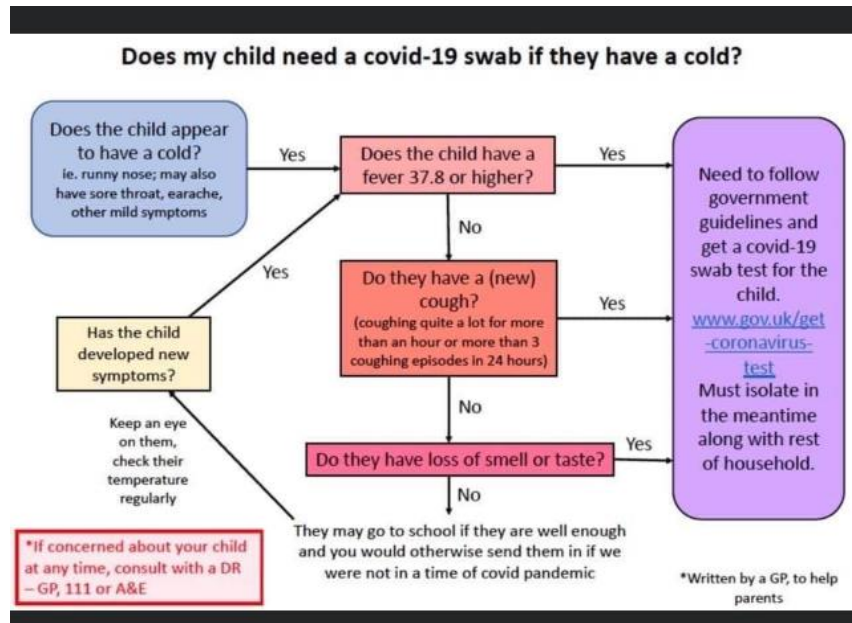
Total for the Summer Term = £148.50

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 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. Please note Key Stage 1 and EYFS are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

COVID-19 Support

Over the half-term break please follow the guidance in the letter sent out by Parentmail on 27th May to inform school of any confirmed cases. Please use COVIDnotifications@danburypark.essex.sch.uk

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



Notification and Reminders

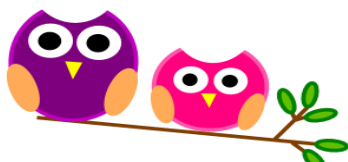
Ink Pens – if you have provided your child with a Lamy pen to use in school, please could you ensure that they have sufficient ink cartridges as well. School has a stock of the smaller cartridges which fit the pens sold in the school office but we do have the larger ones for Lamy or Parker pens.

School Reading Books - Can parents please check at home for any school reading books. We are missing quite a few new books from the infant selection. Thank you!

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>

Letters/Parentmail sent out this week

- 📧 Arrangements for reporting positive COVID-19 cases over half term
- 📧 2 Johns workshop meeting information.
- 📧 Year 6 trip to Chessington World of Adventures.



DPSA News



'2 Johns' Internet Safety Evening - Wednesday 9th June 8pm (Save the date and time now!)

The DPSA has funded this online Internet Safety Evening for all school parents and carers to attend. The 2 Johns are retired police detectives who specialise in delivering bespoke e-safety training so please do join us at this live event.

The session covers a whole range of issues affecting our children in 2021 and at the end parents will have a totally different understanding of the term 'Stranger Danger'. These sessions are immensely useful and really shouldn't be missed.

Find out more about them on Facebook at 'EST E Safety Training' where you will see the numerous 5 star reviews and recommendations they have received.

2nd DPSA Charity Golf Day – Friday 18th June



Would you like another chance of 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 second DPSA charity golf day at The Warren Golf Club, Woodham Walter.

The cost is **£50 per person including breakfast** and automatic entry into the 'longest drive' and 'nearest the pin' competitions.

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** 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.

Second-hand School Uniform

Second-hand school uniform items - jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and PE kit - are now being sold via Natalie W. Let Natalie know what you are looking for by emailing her at Westthorp222@mail.com and she will be able to tell you what is in stock and arrange to get it to you. Items are now selling from £2 each. Any donations (no grey uniform, thank you) can be left in bags under the counter at the school office.

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 7th June

Week 1				
Tuesday	Local Butcher's Pork Sausages or Vegan Sausages	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans Peas Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jam Tart and custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Turkey in gravy or roasted Quorn fillet in gravy both with Yorkshire Pudding	Mini Roast Potatoes Carrots Cauliflower Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Peaches and Ice Cream with wafer Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Chicken Nuggets or Macaroni Cheese	White and Wholegrain Rice Sweetcorn Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet or Omelette	Chips Peas Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Red Velvet Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 7th June 2021

Mon 7th School closed to pupils for staff training

Tues 8th
3.20 - 4.20pm Class B Multi-Sports

Weds 9th
2.45pm Online Safety Workshops with the 2 Johns
3.20 - 4.20pm Let's Present
8.00pm Class E Multi-Sports
Online Safety Workshop for Parents (zoom)

Thurs 10th
3.20 - 4.20pm Class H Multi-Sports
7.00pm Governors' Resources Committee Meeting

Fri 11th
2.45pm Chance to Shine Cricket for E, D C and B in lesson time
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.