



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter

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

**11<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

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

Freya E - **Kryptonite**  
Jacob W – **Ruby** Phoebe N - **Ruby** Jacob S – **Diamond** Lucas B - **Diamond** Eve R – **Silver**

*Certificates will be presented in class by Mrs Gooding*

### Weekly Update

I hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful half-term break. The children have come back full of energy! At the moment we still have no guidance on the government plans for the further easing of restrictions. We are still making plans for the rest of the half-term but the details of how these will operate will have to be made nearer the time of each event dependant on the regulations at the time. So far we have in the diary:

Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 visit to Wat Tyler Country Park
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm	Meeting for parents of children joining the school in September
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photos
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July at 9.30am	New entrants to visit and children to meet their teacher for next year
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Taster Day at Sandon School
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am	New entrants to visit and children to meet their teacher for next year
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Pupil reports to go out to parents
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm	New entrants to visit
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 to visit Chessington World of Adventures
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July at 9.30am	Leavers' Assembly Last day of term

We hope this gives you an idea of what is happening. We are erring on the side of caution so events may not run the same as in previous years. Where possible we will invite parents to join us, although please be aware that we may have to split events and restrict numbers.

Next week as well as this being our traditional formal assessment time, the classes will also be enjoying some online reading session with published authors. This is a live-streamed literature festival for schools, celebrating some of the best writers and illustrators, organised Arts Council England and the Paul Hamlyn Trust. As ever, we will manage the tests sensitively but we feel that we have been back in school long enough now to carry out some formal tests and tasks so that we can get an accurate picture of what more we need to do. We will combine these with lots of PE, outdoor activities and some fun!

## Our World, Our Future

In the main hall Essex County Council has now installed a screen and link to our solar panels so that we can start to monitor how much energy we are generating. We can then start to compare our electricity usage with previous years to see how much we are saving in terms of energy and money.

We have also assigned different areas of this whole school project to each class so that as the children move through the school, they will develop a deep understanding of these issues and it will become a way of life.

<b>Jay</b>	<p>Caring for resources and equipment. Establishing <i>Tidy-up Time</i> Understanding that we cannot just replace equipment, there is a cost whether in monetary terms or to the environment.</p> <p>Starting to understand materials and how things are made, in particular paper. Paper and cardboard recycling. Paper making.</p>
<b>Hummingbird</b>	<p>For EYFS as above plus: Natural and manmade materials</p> <p>Solar panels and electricity. Championing the switching off of electrical equipment when not in use.</p>
<b>Goldfinch</b>	<p>The importance of eco systems, particularly bees and insects. Understanding about crops and pesticides. Growing vegetables. Growing flowers.</p> <p>Natural and manmade materials</p>
<b>Flamingo</b>	<p>Finding out where our food comes from and how we can shrink our carbon footprint. Researching the government fruit and vegetable snack scheme. Growing vegetables.</p> <p>Working with the catering team on where the ingredients for our school meals come from.</p>
<b>Eider</b>	<p>Deforestation and the effects on the planet and wildlife. The use of palm oil and its effects.</p> <p>Working towards the Blue Peter Green award.</p>
<b>Dove</b>	<p>The effect of cars and transport on the quality of air and the environment around the school, the locality and the wider world.</p> <p>Promoting Walk to School. Investigating further where our produce comes linking this with the local produce used by the Anglo-Saxons and the Mayans. Comparing their footprint with ours.</p>
<b>Cuckoo</b>	<p>The production and use of plastic. The effect of plastic on the environment.</p> <p>Promoting plastic recycling.</p>
<b>Budgerigar</b>	<p>Building on previous work on paper recycling and deforestation. How trees can combat pollution and global warming. Identifying places for more trees to be planted around the school and the local area.</p> <p>Working with Danbury Parish Council to promote green areas and to protect the local countryside. Promoting the project to plant trees to commemorate Queen Elizabeth 11's platinum jubilee.</p>
<b>Avocet</b>	<p>How solar panels work and the benefit to the environment. Researching alternative sources of energy.</p> <p>Interpreting school data based on the energy produced by the solar panels. Evaluating the impact of the work Danbury Park School is doing.</p> <p>Considering the global picture and comparing what the UK is doing with other countries.</p>

## Safeguarding

We hope that those of you who joined the parent workshop delivered by the 2 Johns this week found it both informative and useful. Many parents have let us know that although they found the messages hard, it did open their eyes to how criminals are operating now and the dangers posed for our children. Parents have also told us about changes they will be making around talking with their children about what they are doing online, playing with them and reassuring them they must tell an adult if anything occurs that makes them feel unsafe, confused or scared.

In previous sessions the 2 Johns talked about the online world being a journey and that parents need to go along with their child rather than just putting them on the train and waving goodbye! I think this is a good analogy to remember.

There are lots of good resources on the 2 Johns' website:

<https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/>

They regularly post updates on facebook and Twitter. They are well worth following as they have so much knowledge and experience.

In school the children enjoyed the sessions and the teachers made time for them to talk about any aspects that they wanted to follow-up. We found that whilst the Year 1 pupils were generally not familiar with the intricacies of the games they play and were therefore relatively safe, from Year 2 onwards, they knew a great deal about what they were doing, how to negotiate games but not necessarily how to stay safe. A lot of this came from their innocence and trust in others.

Over the coming weeks, we will continue our work through our PSHE lessons, particularly about peer pressure and making wise decisions. If you are at all concerned, please contact your child's class teacher.

**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](http://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

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

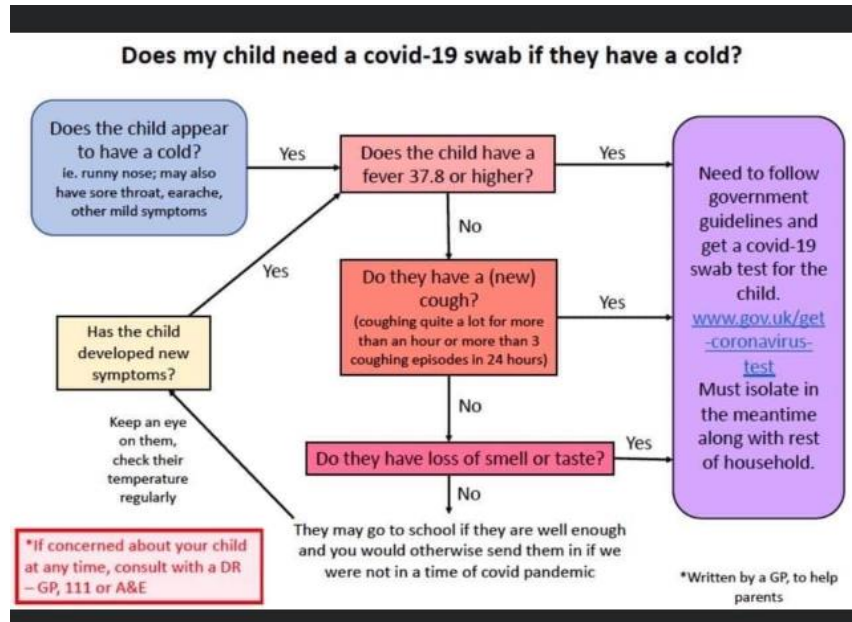
**Total for the Summer Term = £148.50**

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

## COVID-19 Support

Now that the new COVID variant is becoming more prevalent and households are mixing, 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.



## Notification and Reminders

**Choking Hazards** - On Monday members of the teaching staff attended First Aid training and we were asked to remind parents that the number one reason for children choking is them trying to eat whole grapes, tomatoes and olive. We want to encourage healthy eating so just cut them in half which reduces the risk!

**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.

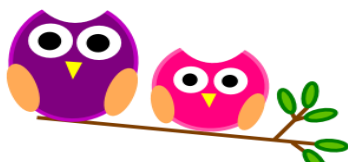
**School Reading Books** - Can parents please check at home for any school reading books. We are missing quite a few new books from the infant selection. Thank you!

**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

- Letter to Year 6 parents regarding behaviour at the park after school





# DPSA News



## 2<sup>nd</sup> DPSA Charity Golf Day – next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 golf 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Co-op loyalty cards



If you use a community card at the Co-op in Danbury or at the Quadrant in Chelmsford, the school will receive a financial contribution for every transaction made. Cards are available at the school office.

## Stikins Name Labels



Stikins name labels are a great way to ensure items are never lost again. They are very easy to use as they just stick in and they do stay in place through multiple washing cycles. The same label can be used for clothes, shoes, water bottles, etc. Visit the website [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) to order and use the code **5641** at the checkout and we will automatically receive a donation for our funds.

## 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**



***Can You Help Danbury Scout Group celebrate its Centenary?***

Over the last 100 years the Group will have had hundreds of beavers, cubs, scouts, explorers, venture scouts as well as many adult supporters and leaders through its doors.

Later in the year we are planning to invite members past and present to a fun day to celebrate this significant milestone, share in the memories we discover and look forward to the ongoing success of the Group.

If you were involved with Danbury or Little Baddow Scouts, we'd love to hear your stories and memories, we'd also love to see any old photos or memorabilia from your time Scouting in Danbury and Little Baddow.

If you have anything to share please email your contact details, your story and any photographs to [info@danburyscouts.org.uk](mailto:info@danburyscouts.org.uk) and we will get in touch.

***Danbury Scout Group***

***[www.danburyscouts.org.uk](http://www.danburyscouts.org.uk)***



## Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June

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

### Dates for the Diary Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Assessment Week

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup>**

2.45pm

Whole school assembly via zoom

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup>**

3.20 - 4.20pm

Class B Multi-Sports

**Weds 16<sup>th</sup>**

2.45pm

Let's Present

3.20 - 4.20pm

Class E Multi-Sports

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>**

3.20 - 4.20pm

Class H Multi-Sports

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup>**

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 2022-23 will follow shortly.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding  
Headteacher