



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

18th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Ralph R - **Emerald** Olivia C – **Ruby** Brahman P - **Ruby** Zac C - **Diamond**
Darcie R - **Topaz** Sophia W - **Topaz**

Weekly Update

It seems that last year and this year have posed yet one challenge after another and no sooner do we make plans than they have to be re-arranged! I am sure that you heard the government announcement on Monday delaying of the lifting of COVID restrictions and that this will have caused some disappointment. This week schools received detailed guidance and regulations regarding end of term events and next week I will be attending a meeting with Clare Kershaw, ECC Director of Education, and Mike Gogarty, Essex Director of Public Health. What we do know is that we have had to rethink our induction programme for the children due to start with us in September (the parents should receive a letter today with detailed information) and also our “meet the new teacher” sessions and plans for Sports Day. Whilst as a school we can be flexible about when the children meet the new teachers, we will need to hold these outside to avoid bubbles mixing and to avoid possible cross-contamination of classrooms. We are now intending to do this on Friday 9th July, weather permitting!

We have taken the decision not to invite parents to Sports Day this year so that we can again be flexible over when and how this takes place as again it is weather dependent and may need to be changed at short notice. We are still charged with keeping the children in discreet bubbles so will need to schedule the events over several days. For the children’s sake, we want to ensure that a Sports Day takes place but we only have limited space, time and staff so we need our arrangements to be as flexible as possible.

We have been contacted by some secondary schools regarding their transition arrangements and induction days as they are also having to make changes and they will contact parents directly with details. We are working on two sets of plans for our Year 6 leavers’ assembly but we are asking that their parents reserve Wednesday 21st July from 9.30am to 10.30am for this event. We are still hoping to invite a restricted number of family representatives but again this may be weather dependent.

As a country we are moving forward in our battle with the pandemic. In school all staff are working hard to ensure that the children have the best experience we can offer but our paramount aim at this time is to keep pupils, staff and visitors as safe as we can.

Year 6 Visit to Danbury Outdoors

On 26th May, the whole of Class Avocet went on a trip to Danbury Outdoors where we tried out four activities including the zip wire, the aerial trekking, the obstacle course and the biking. There were four groups, one group occupying each activity.



The obstacle course focused on teamwork. One of the activities in the obstacle course was to push one of your teammates up an ungraspable tube to the top of a platform. Then when we reached the top we would have to pull the next person up using a rope. Then we did a competition where we had to use our arms and legs and stayed there until our opponent slipped down the tube. Another one of the excellent activities during the obstacle course was to give one of your teammates a foot up over a wall, then when the last person needed to come up the teammates at the top would pull them up and over the wall.

We also took part in biking. Firstly, we learnt how to change our gears and brakes by going round obstacles made by the instructor. After we were confident and settled with the appropriate size of bike, we ventured off into the woods. Then we followed a series of curved trails of hills before returning back to the main compound where we took off our helmets and prepared for the next activity.

One of the other activities was aerial trekking and some groups decided to do the highest level and conquered some of our personal fears. There were seven obstacles to get past whilst on a harness including some moving logs, ropes to swing across, a net to climb cross, swinging logs to walk across, more ropes to walk across, barrels to climb across and a swing to get back to the tower.

The zip wire was the next activity. You were buckled up at the top of the tower where we stood on a wooden platform whilst being buckled up. Then the instructor let go and we were off. After that, we passed the harness to the next person, who then had their turn. On our third or fourth go we took a ball and when we were above a target we would throw the ball and try and hit the middle of the target.

It ended at 4:30pm and overall was the most fun trip ever. Many people overcame their fears and were no longer afraid of heights.



Safeguarding



We have received this poster from Essex Police and would just like to make parents aware of what is happening so that you are well-informed.

Please remember that there are lots of good resources regarding online safety on the 2 Johns' website:

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

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!



- Help us raise essential school funds
- Tickets cost just £1 a week each
- Cash prize winner EVERY week
- You could even win the £25,000 jackpot!

To support your school, go to:
YourSchoolLottery.co.uk
and search for: **Danbury Park Community Primary School**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for T&Cs. Closing date for entries: 17th July 2021.

School Lottery

The School Lottery has been running now for nearly two years but we do need to boost the number of supporters in order to keep the prize fund level up and to maximise the donations to school.

The funds raised help us proceed with projects such as the EYFS outdoor area that otherwise we couldn't afford! We always have more that we want to do and now we would like to enhance our stocks of KS2 reading books and also Maths resources throughout the school.

Please remember to support our School lottery.

We would like to say a big thank you to those parents who over the years have donated their winnings back to the school. We are very grateful!

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

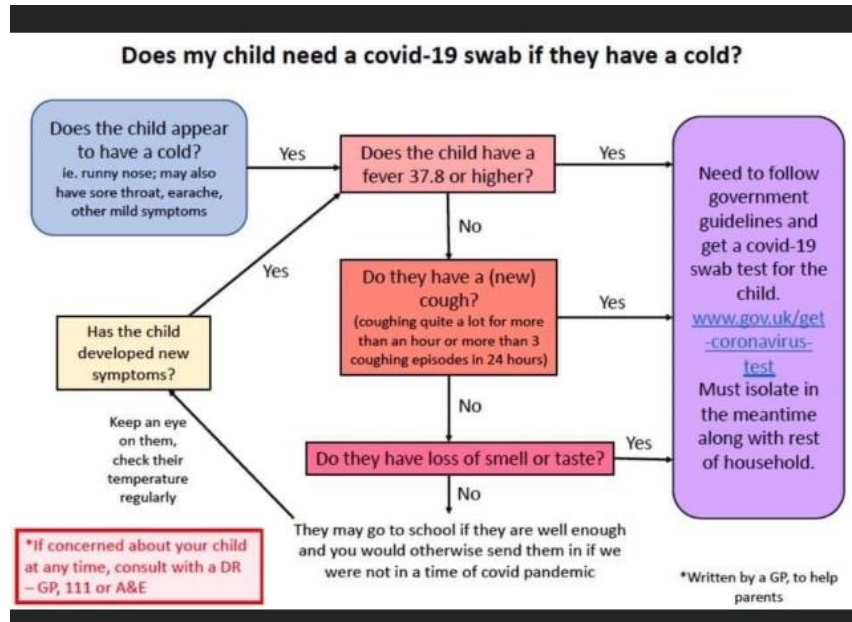
Total for the Summer Term = £148.50

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

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!

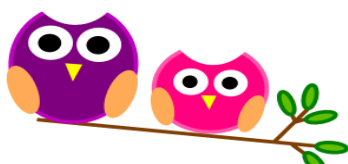
Ink Pens – if you have provided your child with a Lamy pen to use in school, please could you ensure that they have sufficient ink cartridges as well. School has a stock of the smaller cartridges which fit the pens sold in the school office but we do have the larger ones for Lamy or Parker pens.

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

 Class A – Health Education Letter



DPSA News



valid until the end of 2021



Adventure Island Wrist Bands Vouchers -

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 Westhorp222@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 to order and use the code **5641** at the checkout and we will automatically receive a donation for our funds.

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. 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 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 and we will get in touch.

Danbury Scout Group

www.danburyscouts.org.uk



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 21st June

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

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 21st June 2021 Assessment Week

Mon 21st

2.45pm Whole school assembly via zoom

Tues 22nd

3.20 - 4.20pm Class C Multi-Sports

Weds 23rd

2.45pm Year 6 visit to Wat Tyler Country Park
Let's Present

3.20 - 4.20pm Class F Multi-Sports

Thurs 24th

3.20 - 4.20pm Class J Multi-Sports
7.00pm Meeting for parents of new entrants

Fri 25th

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

Dates for Summer Term 2021

Wednesday 23 rd June	Year 6 visit to Wat Tyler Country Park
Thursday 24 th June at 7.00pm	Meeting for parents of children joining the school in September
Wednesday 30 th June	Class Photos
Tuesday 6 th July	Year 5 Taster Day at Sandon School - tbc
Friday 9 th July	Children to meet their teachers for next academic year Pupil reports to go out to parents
Wednesday 14 th July	Year 6 to visit Chessington World of Adventures
Monday 19 th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 20 th July	
Wednesday 21 st July at 9.30am	Leavers' Assembly Last day of term