



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

17th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following pupil who has passed their reading award this week:

Daisy P - Gold

Reading certificates will be presented shortly.

Congratulations to Daisy P who obtained a merit in her grade 2 modern theatre dance exam.

Weekly Update

Life in school seems to be settling down and it was great to see so many families at the *Bouncy Castle Welcome Back to School* event on Monday. We received lots of compliments about how good it was to be able to socialise again on the school grounds and particularly about our older children being so kind, helpful and respectful especially with the younger children. Thank you so much to the members of the DPSA who organised this event. Next week we have the DPSA school discos which again will be a welcome return to normality. At the Autumn Term disco we do not invite the Reception children as we found in the past that they can find it noisy and overwhelming and after a long week in school, they are tired. They will be able to join us from January when they will have found their feet and be able to fully enjoy the music and dancing!

As we move forward we are pleased to welcome volunteers back into school. We appreciate that circumstances may have changed but if you used to volunteer and we have all the safeguarding checks in place, please speak directly with the class teachers to let them know your availability. If you are new to volunteering, please also speak with the school office so that we can provide you with the application form and get safeguarding checks underway. As we have not had volunteers in school for some time now, it is essential that I meet with everyone to welcome you all and go through our Volunteers' Handbook and particularly Child Protection. I shall be holding a meeting on Wednesday 29th September at 2.15pm in the school hall. If you are unable to make this meeting, please let the office know and I will arrange a second meeting. However all volunteers will need to attend a meeting prior to coming back into school.

This week I spoke with Mrs Fleur Medcroft and we are really excited to be working with Danbury Village Library to set up a new Book Club for our Year 6 pupils. This is a trial and we know that children at our school are avid readers and there will be lots of interest! Fleur is hoping to run a series of clubs so that if your child does not get a place this time, they will in the future. The Year 6 children are all bringing home a flier today and more information can be found further below.

Sadly Mrs Linda Thirkettle, our Class Jay LSA, will be leaving us at the end of next week but I am really pleased to inform you that Mrs Ellie Fraser has been appointed as our new LSA. Mrs Fraser has worked at the school in many roles over the past few years supporting individual pupils and stepping in to cover absent class LSAs, as well as being part of the MDA team. We wish Mrs Thirkettle well as she spends more time with her family and we hope that Mrs Fraser will enjoy the new challenge of Class Jay.

Year 6 Book Club

This week I spoke with Mrs Fleur Medcroft, who used to work at our school and is now known to many of you as the village librarian, about a very exciting new project. Danbury Library is seeking to run a book group for Year 6 pupils and they are really excited to be working with Danbury Park to trial this.

The group will run at Danbury Library and will initially run for 5 weeks starting 29th Sept (not including half term) on Wednesdays from 5:15-6:00pm. Fleur aims to make the time fun, sitting outside so children are asked to wear warm clothes and bring a camping chair and blanket. Books will be provided as will any materials required for activities, there is no required reading standard, just an enjoyment of reading and a willingness to join with others to share that pleasure. For atmosphere as we explore a mystery book together

For further details or any queries please contact Fleur at the Library.

There are spaces for up to 8 children, to book a place please email fleur.medcroft@essex.gov.uk. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Fleur is very excited to be able to be part of this project and so are we!

Morrisons It's Good to Grow

On Monday 6th September Morrisons launched 'It's Good to Grow' initiative and Danbury Park School has registered so that we can collect tokens to exchange for gardening equipment. The programme aims to encourage school children to get outdoors and get growing, helping them to understand where their food comes from and how to grow their own fruit and vegetables, in order to make healthier food choices now and in the future. We do have a school garden and we hope this year to get the children back involved with this activity this year.

To take part, customers just need to have a *My Morrisons* account and every time they swipe when they shop they'll collect **Grow Tokens**.

How does this work?

- Between Monday 6th September and Sunday 24th October for every £10 spent in store or online, customers will get 1 Grow Token which they can donate to their chosen school
 - Exclusions apply, including tobacco and fuel sales
- Customers will use their *My Morrisons* app or card when paying to collect their Grow Tokens
 - Token cannot be retrospectively added to a customers account
- Customers can select the school they'd like to donate their tokens to within their *My Morrisons* account
- From 1st November schools will be able to redeem their Grow Tokens against a wide variety of gardening equipment
- Schools will start receiving their order between the end of January and the end of March.

Please let friends and families know and support us!

School Clubs

We are so pleased that after a long wait we can now put back in place our schedule of before and after school clubs. You will see that many of them are run by Premier Sports, with whom we have a longstanding and productive relationship. Please note that places on these clubs are booked directly on their website. The Infant Multi-skills Club is very popular and we are looking at how we can run an additional club for those children who did not initially get a place.

Details of Chelmsford City Football, Art Club and Tag Rugby have now been sent home with details of how to register.

We hope to start our lunchtime French and Spanish clubs again as soon as possible once the children are well settled into the lunchtime routines.

	Before School	After School
Monday		Brownies Private hire school hall 4pm – 6pm (after Half Term)
Tuesday		Chelmsford City Football 3.15pm-4.15pm Years 2, 3 & 4 Premier Netball Club 3.15pm-4.15pm Years 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday		Multisports 3.15pm-4.15pm Years R, 1 2 & 3
Thursday	Premier Girls Football 8.00am – 8.55am Years (4 if spaces) 5 and 6	Premier Boys Football 3.15pm-4.15pm Years (4 if spaces) 5 & 6
Friday		KS2 Tag Rugby with Maldon Rugby Club 3.15pm-4.15pm (KS2) Art Club with Mrs Butler 3.15pm-4.15pm Years R - 6

Safeguarding

It is important that you let school know if your child is going home with a different family or adult at the end of the school day. We have a duty to keep your children safe so please do not be offended if when we cannot find permission for your child to go with someone else, we hold them in school and phone you to check what is happening. A note in the school reading diary for infants is sufficient. For Key Stage 2 children we ask for a separate letter so that it doesn't get missed or a phone call to the office in the morning.

The older children brought home letters about walking home from school on their own and these permission slips are kept on file and shared with the class teachers.

Please also remember to keep the school office informed of any changes, details of new childminders and any changes to contact phone numbers. We are required to have **TWO** contact numbers on file in case of emergencies and for child protection reasons.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

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

The September launch 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>



COVID-19 Support

The Local Authority has updated their guidance and today with the newsletter you should have received their latest letter and flow chart to help parents know what to do in the case of your child having COVID or being a close contact.

The main clarification is that if your child is required by Test and Trace to take a PCR test because they have been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID, they can still come to school whilst they await the result.

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:



School Lottery

The School Lottery has been running now for two years and we would like 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.

Support our school and buy your chance to win here -

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/danbury-park-community-primary-school>



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!

School Lunches - Costs for Autumn Term 2021

1st Half Term: 2nd September – 21st October 2021 = 36 days at £2.25 = **£81.00**

2nd Half Term: 1st November – 17th December 2021 = 35 days at £2.25 = **£78.75**

Please pay monies for the rest of the term as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.

Our new online payment system for parents will be available shortly. Watch this space!

Midday Assistant Vacancies

We still have vacancies within our Midday Team including for a senior Midday Assistant. If you are interested in working with the children during the lunchtime period, please call into the office for an application form and more details.

Welfare Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Welfare Assistant to work with our early years children. If you are interested in this position, please call into the office for an application form and more details.







Notification and Reminders

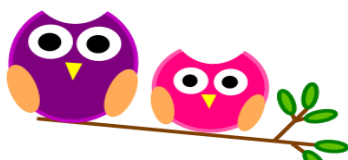
Toys – If you are having a tidy up at home now that the children have returned to school, we would be grateful for any donations for our Early Years classes. We are particularly looking for small world play set with figures, lego, building bricks, toy cars etc. If you are unsure, please check with Miss Bridge, Mrs Crouch and Mrs Smith.

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 **not** have the larger ones for Lamy or Parker pens.

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

-  EYFS – Reception – Parent meeting
-  Year 3 – Welcome to year 3
-  Year 3 – Maths Calculation policy
-  Year 3 – Home School Agreement
-  Years 5&6 – Girls only assembly - parentmail
-  Year 4&5 – Swimming update - parentmail



DPSA News



It's been a busy week for the DPSA, but we are thrilled with the response we received from our recent events. There was a fantastic turn out from Danbury Park School families at the Little Baddow Festival, and our stall made over £500! A big thank you to everyone who helped on the day, especially Jo Emmerson and Laura Sterry who will probably be finding glitter for weeks!

We'd also like to thank everyone who donated unwanted clothes and shoes to the Bag2School collection. We're yet to find out how money much you all made, but we'll keep you posted!

Finally, thank you to all who attended the DPSA's first Bouncy Castle Day. Once the initial frenzy died down, the children had a fantastic time! We look forward to running the event again in 2022. We're proud to announce we raised over £750 from ticket sales, snacks, drinks and ice creams. Thanks again to all the wonderful helpers on the day!

Dates for the Diary 2021

- Friday 17th September – Ice Cream Friday
- Friday 24th September – Back to School Disco (years 1-6 only)
- 13th October – DPSA AGM & post drinks (all welcome)
- 4th December 2021 – Christmas Fayre

Back to School Disco – Friday 24th September

We are holding a "Back to School Disco" to kick off the new term. The DPSA will run a disco every term but restrict the Autumn term disco to years 1-6 only. The disco can be quite daunting to the EYFS children, but we look forward to welcoming them to their first disco in January 2022.

- KS1 (years 1+2 only) - 6.00-7.00pm
- KS2 (years 3-6) - 7.15-8.30pm

We're still looking for a few volunteers to help at the Disco, so if you could spare some time, it would be much appreciated. Please contact us at dpsa2020@yahoo.com or your class rep for details.

DPSA AGM – Wednesday 13th October 2021 - 7pm

The DPSA AGM will be on Wednesday 13th October at 7pm in the school hall. Please do come along and hear about how much was raised last year and what the money has been spent on. New parents are always welcome to join the DPSA committee, or sign up to our DPSA Helpers WhatsApp group. The meeting will be followed by a social event so any new parents to join us and get to know everyone.

Did you know we have a DPSA Facebook page?

All DPSA news and events are regularly updated on our Facebook page @DanburyParkDPSA. Please click Follow to make sure you know what's happening and when.

**Have a good weekend
The DPSA**



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 20th September 2021

Week 1 Monday	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza or or Southern crumb Quorn burger in a bun	White and Wholegrain Pasta Cucumber Sweetcorn	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Tutti Frutti Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
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

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 20th September 2021

Mon 20th

Tues 21st

12.45pm

Year 4 Swimming

Weds 22nd

12.45pm

Year 5 Swimming

2.50pm

Let's Present in classes

Thurs 23rd

7.00pm

Full Governing Body Meeting

Fri 24th

6.00pm - 7.00pm

KS1 Disco (no Reception children this time)

7.15pm - 8.30pm

KS2 Disco

Full term dates for the academic year 2021-22 and 2022-23 are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Autumn Term 2021

Date	Time	Event
September		
18 th		Consortium 11+ tests
20 th		Consortium 11+ tests
21 st	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 4 Swimming 2/5
22 nd	9.15am	Reading Meeting for EYFS parents
22 nd	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 5 Swimming 2/5
23 rd	7.00pm	Full Governing Body meeting
24 th		Year 5 Pedestrian Safety Activities
	6.00 – 7.00pm	KS1 DPSA School Disco
	7.15 – 8.30pm	KS2 DPSA School Disco
28 th	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 4 Swimming 3/5
29 th	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 5 Swimming 3/5
October		
4 th	6.30pm 7.00pm	Pay Committee meeting Personnel Committee meeting
5 th	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 4 Swimming 4/5
6 th		Individual School Photos
6 th	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 5 Swimming 4/5
7 th	4.30pm tbc	Curriculum and Pupil Related Committee meeting
12 th	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 4 Swimming 5/5
13 th	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 5 Swimming 5/5
	7.00pm	DPSA AGM – all welcome
19 th	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes
21 st	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes
22 nd		School closed for staff training
25 th – 29 th		Half-term break
November		
3 rd	9.30am or 10.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
4 th	7.00pm	Resources Committee meeting
8 th	9.15am - 10.00am	Class Jay Stay and Play
9 th	1.45pm	Open afternoon for prospective parents
11 th	7.00pm	Governor Training
12 th	9.15am - 10.00am	Class Jay Stay and Play
16 th	9.30am or 10.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents

19 th		Children in Need
Week beg 29 th Nov		Whole School Assessment Week
December		
4 th	tbc	DPSA Christmas Fayre
8 th	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
13 th	tbc	Filming of Christmas Plays
14 th	9.30am & 2.15pm tbc	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Play
15 th	1.45pm & 6.00pm tbc	KS2 Christmas Play
17 th	Pm	Christmas Party
		End of Term

Spring Term 2022		
8 th February	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes
10 th February	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes