



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Freddie P – Diamond

Reading certificates will be presented shortly.

Weekly Update

This week has seen the new children in Early Years coming in through the school gate on their own and the vast majority have coped with this amazingly well. Of course the teachers are all still on hand to help and our older children have also been very considerate and offered helping hands but many of them are independently making their way into class. We understand that from time-to-time families may be running late but we have noticed that some of the older children are arriving just as the gate is closing. Please make sure that you child is in school before the 9.00am start so that they have time to hang up their coat, sort out their belongings and be prepared to start learning. Coming in late does cause the children to get upset as they want to be ready on time.

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Linda Thirkettle, Class Jay's Learning Support Assistant who has been with us for nine years. In the infant assembly the children presented her with cards made by the classes and we wished her well. She has volunteered to come in to help when she has some free time so we will still see her around.

This week we also say goodbye to Mr Peter Irvine, one of our school governors. Mr Irvine has been a governor (as well as father and grandfather of staff and pupils) for many, many years and he was instrumental in helping convert the bungalow from the caretakers' residence into a learning space currently used by Woodland Montessori. This term Mrs Katherine Moulding has moved from being a parent governor to a co-opted governor, so we now have two vacancies to fill. Next week we will send out the paperwork to start the search for a new parent governor so please check book bags.

We have now added to our list of dates and events for the term and you will see that Year 6 will shortly be doing their Bikeability training which teaches the children how to be safe when on their bikes on the road. We have also added dates for class assemblies. A detailed letter will be sent out by each class nearer the time to remind you of how these will work but we wanted to make sure you could keep these dates free. We still need to operate in a COVID safe way so we will need to restrict visitors to two per family.

We have the DPSA school discos tonight and another step forward to normality. Please note that at the end of the Infant Disco, children are collected using the back door through the staff carpark.

Talented Children

Congratulations to Darcie R in Class B who last Sunday played in the tennis finals day at Danbury Tennis Club. Darcie played and won her U10 Green Ball summer championships final! It was a very close and tense match (lasting nearly 1 ½ hours) and she was a worthy winner!



Her name will be engraved on the trophy.
Well done Darcie, we are very proud of you.



2021 Harvest Collection

This harvest we are again pleased to be able to support local people by collecting tinned and dried food for the Chelmsford foodbank. The foodbank provides short term emergency food to people in crisis. Food is given as an intervention strategy which allows care professionals, such as Housing Support Officers, CAB advisers, Social Services, doctors etc, time to put longer term measures in place. People are given enough food for three days. Food is distributed from the foodbank centre based at the Trinity Methodist Church, Rainsford Road.

At the foodbank centre people also have access to information about other services and support organisations. All food given out by the foodbank is donated by generous members of the public. Everyday people experience crisis in our community for a variety of reasons from redundancy to ill health to an unexpected bill on a low income. Some simply struggle to make ends meet.

Harvest Shopping List

Tinned food

Fish
Fruit
Meat
Custard
Potatoes
Spaghetti
Tomatoes
Rice Puddings

Sachets

Mash
Soup
Pasta
Custard

Packets

Rice
Biscuits
Sponge Puddings

Other

Fruit Squash
Long life Milk
Chocolate Treats
Long life Fruit Juice
Jam/Honey/Spreads

Non-Food stuff

Shampoo
Handwash
Shower Gel
Deodorants
Tin Openers
Tooth Brushes
Washing up Liquid
Washing powder & liquid

Additional items

Printing paper
Permanent markers
Ball point/gel pens

We want to help our local foodbank feed people in need. Please join with us by donating food so that those less fortunate don't go hungry.

N.B Please make sure all food is packaged, in date and undamaged. Thank you!

All donations of food can be brought into school between **Monday 27th Sept and Friday 8th October 2021.**

If you have a car and are able to volunteer to deliver the food to Chelmsford please let the office know.

Thank you

Year 6 Book Club

Last 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 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 last week 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.

Year 7 Secondary School Places

We have been asked to remind parents of children in Year 6 that the closing date for making applications for secondary school place closes on 31st October 2021. These can be made online at:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

The secondary schools are all holding open days so please check their individual websites for details.

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>

Calling All Wizards

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY AND YOU COULD WIN:

Harry Potter & The Cursed Child Family Theatre Voucher & Harry Potter Warner Brothers Studio Family Tour Ticket

- Please help boost school fundraising
- Cash prize every week
- Win up to £25,000
- Tickets cost just £1 a week

To play the lottery, go to:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Danbury Park Community Primary School

Supporters must be 18 years of age or older. Offer ends 30th Oct 2021. Terms and conditions apply (see website)

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.

Notification and Reminders

Long hair – Please remember that as part of our school uniform policy children should have their long hair tied back. This helps prevent the spread of head lice which are always a feature of primary school life but is also a health and safety consideration, especially during PE and physical activity.

Coats – The weather will start to turn cooler and it looks as if it will be rainy next week. Please make sure that your child has their coat with them as we will still go out to play even if it is drizzling.

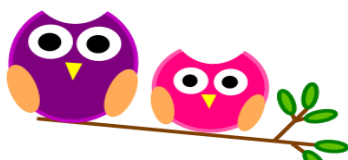
Toys – If you are having a tidy up at home now that the children have returned to school, we would be grateful for any donations for our Early Years classes. We are particularly looking for small world play sets with figures, lego, building bricks, toy cars etc. If you are unsure, please check with Miss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

 Year 6 – Bikeability letter and consent form



DPSA News



Dates for the Diary 2021

Friday 24th September – Back to School Disco (years 1-6 only)

Friday 1st October – Ice-cream Friday (weather dependant)

13th October – DPSA AGM & post drinks (all welcome)

4th December 2021 – Christmas Fayre

Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who donated to Bag2School on 13th September. We're thrilled to announce you all raised £213 which is a fantastic achievement!

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 - £2.50
- KS2 (years 3-6) - 7.15-8.30pm - £3.00

We will also be selling the usual treats:

Drinks - 50p

Sweets - 20p

Crisps – 20p

Glow sticks – 50p each or 3 for £1

Raffle tickets (KS2 only) – 20p each of £1 for a strip

Face glitter - £1



Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help, your response has been amazing! We do have enough help for Friday but if you'd like to help at future events, please get in touch.



Special Thanks

The DPSA would like to say a huge thank you to Carol Flatman (Albert L's nan) who over lockdown spent a huge amount of time creating all the beautiful toys we were able to sell at the events held recently. She not only donated her time, but she donated all the items to the DPSA. Thank you, your efforts really have helped the school!

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.

Pre-loved School Uniform

Great quality second-hand school uniform items (jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and PE kit) are available to buy from Natalie W. Let Natalie know what you are looking for by emailing her at Westthorp222@mail.com and she can tell you what is in stock. Items are selling from £2 each.



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 27th September 2021

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

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 27th September 2021

Mon 27th

Tues 28th

12.45pm

Year 4 Swimming

Weds 29th

12.45pm

Year 5 Swimming

2.15pm

Meeting for volunteer helpers with Mrs Gooding in the school hall

2.50pm

Let's Present in classes

Thurs 30th

Fri 1st

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
27 th		Donations to school for Foodbank
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	9.30am 6.30pm 7.00pm	Year 6 Bikeability Training Pay Committee meeting Personnel Committee meeting
5 th	9.30am 12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 6 Bikeability Training Year 4 Swimming 4/5
6 th		Individual School Photos
6 th	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 5 Swimming 4/5
7 th	9.30am 4.30pm tbc	Year 6 Bikeability Training Curriculum and Pupil Related Committee meeting
8 th	9.30am	Year 6 Bikeability Training
	2.45pm	Class A Assembly
11 th	9.30am	Year 6 Bikeability Training
12 th	9.30am 12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 6 Bikeability Training Year 4 Swimming 5/5
13 th	12.45pm – 3.00pm	Year 5 Swimming 5/5
	7.00pm	DPSA AGM – all welcome
14 th	9.30am	Year 6 Bikeability Training
15 th	9.30am	Year 6 Bikeability Training
	2.45pm	Class E Assembly
19 th	3.30 – 6.00pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
20 th	2.45pm	Class J Assembly
21 st	2.45pm	Class H Assembly
	5.30pm – 8.00pm	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
5 th	2.45pm	Class B Assembly
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
	2.45pm	Class C Assembly
16 th	9.30am or 10.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
19 th		Children in Need
	2.45pm	Class D Assembly
26 th	2.45pm	Class F Assembly
Week beg 29 th Nov		Whole School Assessment Week
December		
4 th	2.45pm	Class G Assembly
	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



DANBURY COMMUNITY CITIZENS ADVICE

Citizens Advice Chelmsford are offering a new advice and support service for the Danbury Community.

Citizens Advice can offer support in areas such as Benefits, Income Maximisation, Debt, Housing, Consumer, Employment, Legal and many other areas you may feel you need support with.

Please contact us on our dedicated telephone number and speak to one of our Community Information Assistant Volunteers on: -

01245 951339

Or refer yourself via our web-form at: [Danbury Citizens Advice \(chelmsfordcab.org\)](https://danbury.chelmsfordcab.org/)

Or email us at: - danbury@chelmsfordcab.org

Please find more information at: <https://danbury.chelmsfordcab.org/>

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