



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome Back!

I hope that you all had a good summer break and managed to catch up with family and friends, some of whom you may not have seen for some time. The children came into school yesterday smiling and were pleased to be back with their friends. Some were a little apprehensive when they experienced what are our normal morning routines for them, this was the first time they have come into school through the main gate. With the staff's support and friendly smiles, they quickly found their way to their new classroom and settled into their new class.

We welcomed some of our new Reception children this week and the rest of the cohort will be joining their classmates on Monday. They certainly enjoyed their day playing with the dinosaurs, the water tray and sand, and listening to stories. They were confident, happy and eager to get involved. Well done!

Over the summer we have been busy with plans for this coming year and over the next few weeks we will share these with you. One significant date is that the school year will now end on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 as the Local Authority is giving schools an additional day's holiday in lieu of the extra Bank Holiday in June to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Dates for school activities including class assemblies and parent consultation meetings will follow shortly.

You may have noticed that the grass on the school field is very long and there are some tall weeds appearing. Unfortunately our contractor is experiencing staffing difficulties and the growing conditions have been ideal this summer! We are on the waiting list (along with many other local schools) and the grass should be cut soon and the weeds addressed.

We would like to remind you that we are a nut free school so please check items in packed lunches carefully. We do have children and staff with potentially life-threatening allergies. The children in the infants do not bring any tuck into school as they are provided with free fruit and vegetables from the government. In the juniors tuck should be either fruit or vegetables, with the option of a healthy bar snack on Mondays, but we will be discussing this further once the new school council is elected.

We have lots of plans for this year and are keeping our fingers crossed that these will all be able to go ahead with minimum disruption from COVID. One is the installation of an outdoor gym for the junior children to encourage more physical activity and channel energy. At the moment we are caught up in bureaucracy but if there is any parent or family member who can give me some advice on planning permission, I would be grateful. Please either phone or e-mail the school office. In the next few weeks we will be ready to launch our new online payment system for parents which will make everyone's life smoother! Please look out for a letter with details.

As ever if you are unsure about anything, your child's class teacher or the office will be more than happy to help.

## Morrisons

### It's Good to Grow

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September Morrisons are launching '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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!**

## Safeguarding

**We have been asked to pass on this urgent safeguarding alert from Southend Police:**

Our online safety experts have been alerted to an extremely dangerous website and app called '**Monkey**', which allows users to have video calls with strangers. The platform markets itself as 'an alternative to *Omegle*, with a *TikTok* vibe'. Our online safety experts reviewed and tested this platform and have found that it contains large amounts of inappropriate, disturbing, and harmful content transmitted via web cameras.

### **What is Monkey?**

- Monkey is an online video chat service that is similar to Omegle or Chat Roulette, with a TikTok style interface.
- Users can talk to strangers from all over the world via webcam.
- Once a conversation is finished, or one user wishes to leave the conversation or talk to someone else, they click 'next' and are presented with a new user who could be from anywhere in the world.
- Users are asked to select their gender before meeting people.

### **Age Rating?**

- The **website** states that all users must be over 18, but there is zero age verification. Users only have to tick a box to confirm that they are over 18. **Google Play Age Rating:** Parental Guidance.
- The app is currently **only available** on Android devices.

## Another Chance to hear from the 2 Johns

Are you concerned about child's safety on the internet and would like advice and support on how to keep them safe? The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service are pleased to present:

### **Virtual eSafetyParent Workshops with**

**Tuesday 14th September 2021**

**8.00pm –9.30pm**

These **free** parent's workshops will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. How they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without the parent's knowledge.

This includes :

- Favourite apps and games.
- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe.
- Stranger Danger message that parents are familiar with and make it ready for 2021

To book a place now please call us on **0300 247 0014**

Monday –Friday 9am-5pm

**Let's work together to keep the children safe!**

## 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:



## 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 -**

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: 2<sup>nd</sup> September – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 = 36 days at £2.25 = **£81.00**

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: 1<sup>st</sup> November – 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## COVID-19 Support

Some of the government guidance on COVID has changed over the summer holiday. We will be sending out a detailed leaflet from the NHS and the government which we hope you will find useful. The advice is:

### **What should I do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?**

If your child has any of the main COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at home.

You should arrange for them to get a PCR test and tell your child's school the test results. Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better.

If the test is negative, they should go to school as normal. If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice.

### **What happens if my child has been in contact with someone with COVID-19 symptoms?**

If your child has been identified as a close contact, you will be advised that your child takes a PCR test. They should isolate whilst they await the results of the test.



They will not have to continue to self-isolate, unless they have a positive PCR test result.

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

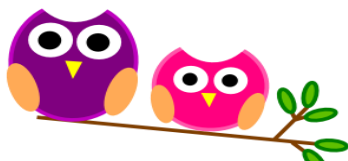
**Free School Meals** – Due to Covid-19 we understand that your circumstances may have changed or may change in the near future and you may now be eligible for free school meals. To check eligibility please contact Essex County Council on 0345 603 2200 or for more information and online application go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

### **Letters/Parentmail sent out this week**

-  Year 6 – Permission to walk home from school form (Thur)
-  KS2 – After school Rugby booking form (Fri)

## 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.



# DPSA News



Welcome back everyone! We hope you all enjoyed your break this summer, and we can't wait to welcome the new intake of children to Danbury Park this year.

## Class Reps

Thank you again to all of the Class Reps from last year who did an excellent job, your help was very much appreciated. The Class Reps act as a link between the DPSA, school and parents to hopefully improve communication. We've had a fantastic start to the year so far, it's only 3<sup>rd</sup> September and all classes have a new rep to take us into the Autumn term:

Class A	Emma Ambor	<a href="mailto:theambors@gmail.com">theambors@gmail.com</a>
Class B	Michelle Parmenter	<a href="mailto:michelle@s4b.online">michelle@s4b.online</a>
Class C	<a href="#">Clare</a> Gilbert	<a href="mailto:clareg1lbert@yahoo.co.uk">clareg1lbert@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Class D	Ellie Fraser	<a href="mailto:ellie.fraser@outlook.com">ellie.fraser@outlook.com</a>
Class E	Sarah White	<a href="mailto:mrssarahwhite@outlook.com">mrssarahwhite@outlook.com</a>
Class F	<a href="#">Eleanor</a> Evans	<a href="mailto:eleanor.evans0712@gmail.com">eleanor.evans0712@gmail.com</a>
Class G	Natalie Weterings	<a href="mailto:natalieweterings@gmail.com">natalieweterings@gmail.com</a>
Class H	<a href="#">Sally</a> Nichols	<a href="mailto:sally.nichols@outlook.com">sally.nichols@outlook.com</a>
Class J	Emma Graves & Katie Forwood	<a href="mailto:e_c_ireland@hotmail.co.uk">e_c_ireland@hotmail.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:katie.grant@sky.com">katie.grant@sky.com</a>

Thank you to all our new Class Reps for volunteering!

## Dates for the diary 2021

- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Little Baddow Festival (tickets available online at <https://littlebaddowfestival.co.uk>)
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September (before 9am) – Bag2School
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September (after school) – Bouncy Castle Day
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September – School Disco

## Bag2school – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September (before school)

Please donate unwanted clothes (adult and child), paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, belts, ties, soft toys, and also household linen, duvet covers, pillow cases, towels and curtains. Please use plain black bin bags or similar. Bag2School can no longer collect school uniform or workwear, cushions, duvets, pillows or blankets. Please bring to school on the day only and leave on the grass at the front of school by 9am.

## Bouncy Castle Day – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September (after school)

After school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September the DPSA will be hosting a Bouncy Castle Day in the school field. Wrist bands are available to purchase in advance at £7.50 each / £14 for two / £20 for three.

Payments should be made directly to the following account but please remember to email [dpsa2020@yahoo.com](mailto:dpsa2020@yahoo.com) to let us know you've paid. Account Name: **Danbury Park School Association**; Sort Code **20-19-95**; Account Number: **03049310**; Reference: **Your child's name**. Wrist bands will also be available to buy on the day at £8 each. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to bring along friends and family!

## 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.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Week 2

<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>	Sausages 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 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup>**

**9.30am**

**New entrants in H and second group in J join their class mates**

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Weds 8<sup>th</sup>**

**2.50pm**

**Let's Present in classes**

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding  
Headteacher

Our ref: JEV

1 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Plume Academy Open Events – 9 September to 21 October 21**

I hope that you have all enjoyed a good start to the academic year and that your children are enjoying being back with their peers and teachers at school. It is also that time of year where you realise how quickly your children are growing up and secondary school is fast approaching!

We are very much looking forward to introducing our academy to you as a potential secondary school choice for you and your child. We are always hugely proud to hold our Open Events and we will be aiming to give you a feel for our ethos, key features and what to expect when you are a member of the Plume family.

We are continuing to ensure that we adhere to a number of crucial safety guidelines and this includes avoiding mass gatherings at our academy. Therefore, whilst we advise that you look at a variety of schools, we would be delighted if you would be able to join us virtually for our Open Evening and then in person for a socially distanced tours.

The virtual evening event will be held via Microsoft Teams on **Thursday 9 September, starting at 6pm**. The evening will involve parents and carers accessing the presentation via the link on our website, and this will then be followed by a live question and answer session.

The following week, commencing on Monday 13 September and continuing through to....., we will be encouraging families to book a tour of our Mill Road Campus where years' 7 and 8 are taught. The tours will allow you to see what goes on in a typical day and see first-hand evidence of how our students thrive in their learning environment. In order to book a tour, please contact our Mill Road Campus reception on 01621 879803.

We very much look forward to meeting you and your child in person.

Yours sincerely,



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