



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

15th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have passed their reading award this week:
More to follow next week!!!

Reading certificates will be presented in class or your child's Class Assembly this term.

Weekly Update

Last Friday the children in Class Avocet presented the first of our series of class assemblies to parents. It was great to be able to welcome visitors back into the school and it felt like another step closer to normality. This was the first time in 18 months that the children have had the opportunity to present to an audience and some of them initially described this event as "nerve-racking" and "scary".

The children did a wonderful job of working together in small groups to present some of the work they have done in class over the past five weeks. They supported each other, helped each other out and pulled together as a strong team. Their group articles on leisure activities and how these have changed over the past hundred years were insightful and full of interesting facts and detail. It was also good to see them talk about diversity and respecting differences which is an area they have been exploring in PSHE lessons. It also coincided well with our whole school assemblies this week on Black History Month. The children managed to fit in a song and a dance which added humour and light-heartedness. After the event the children were beaming and so proud of their achievement. Well done!

Today Class Eider are presenting their assembly, and next week it will be the turn of the children in classes Hummingbird and Jay, who are joining together for their very first class assembly.

This week we were pleased to see the return of Reading Partners where all the Year 6 children joined the children in Early Years to share books together. For the teachers this was one of those emotional moments. As adults we realised how the impact of these important bonding and mentoring activities had been lost during the height of the pandemic and we were so pleased to be able to re-introduce them.

Next week is parent consultation meetings. Please be prompt for your appointment, knock on the classroom door at your allotted time and don't be offended when we end the discussion after 10 minutes. We want to be fair to all families and we need to stick to time. You will have the opportunity to look at your child's work either before or after the appointment but we ask that you take a lateral flow test before attending, stay away if you are unwell and that children are left at home. There will also be a survey from governors to find out how you feel your child has settled back at school after the summer break and the disruption of the pandemic.

Class Flamingo's Design and Technology Morning



Last Friday Class Flamingo had a DT morning. This involved lots of different materials, lots of mess but also lots of fun! One of the best things about the morning was having some of our parents into help us with the tricky bits. They were amazing!!

The children had already designed their own aeroplanes (linked to our topic about Amelia Earhart) and discussed how they were going to join their wings and tails. They also looked at different ways they could decorate their own aeroplanes so, all that was left to do was make them!



The children brought in 2L plastic bottles each and some cardboard so they could reuse these items for our models.

Each and every child worked SO hard and sensibly. I was extremely proud of them. Their final products were excellent. Here are a few examples of the morning and the finished aeroplanes.



Our World, Our Future

Following on from our article last week about Class Cuckoo's *Our World, Our Future* responsibilities, we wanted to remind families who are new to Danbury Park that we have a black bin by the front reception area for the recycling of crisp packets. This type of packaging can't easily be recycled with other plastic items so working with the Danbury Community Group, we offered to be a collection point for the community.

The children are encouraged to put any crisp packets from lunch in the yellow bin in the hall and then the children from Class Cuckoo periodically empty this into the larger bin once we have estimated how much we have collected. We are sorry but we can't recycle any other plastic from packed lunches as these need to be washed first. We ask the children after eating to put all their waste back in their lunch bags so that you can recycle at home. It also helps parents keep track of how much the children are eating.

Families are welcome to bring crisp packets from home and put them straight into the black bin. When it is full we arrange for a collection and then the bin is emptied and everything is recycled correctly.

Morrisons It's Good to Grow Last chance 24th October

Remember to keep collecting the 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 customer's 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.

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. **Contact forms will be sent home next week for parents to check the information we hold is still correct and current.**

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

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

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!

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:

COVID-19 Support

The Local Authority has updated their guidance, detailed with the newsletter dated 17th September, showing the 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.

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!

Notification and Reminders




Guitars – Mrs Long would be grateful for donations of any guitars that you may have awaiting a good home. These would be used to enhance our music lessons.

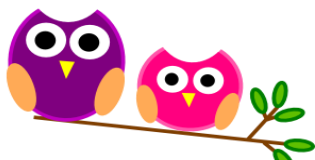
Long hair – Please remember that as part of our school uniform policy children should have their long hair tied back. This helps prevent the spread of head lice which are always a feature of primary school life but is also a health and safety consideration, especially during PE and physical activity.

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.

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

-  Christmas Card – Art Project – Parentmail plus original artwork and leaflet in bookbags.
-  Van Cols – Pupil Registration Cards – Parentmail.
-  Year 6 – School Journey July 2022



DPSA News



Dates for the Diary 2021

21st October - Christmas Tree Order Deadline

21st October – Closing Date for Design Your Own Monster competition

4th December – Christmas Fayre - 12noon – 2pm

DPSA AGM

Thank you to everyone who came along to the DPSA AGM on Wednesday, it was great to see so many new faces! We'd like to extend huge thanks to everyone who supported us throughout the year donating not only their money but their valuable time and skills. To summarise the discussions in the meeting, during our last financial year up to 31st August 2021 the DPSA made £5,373.98 in profit alone, a great achievement considering we didn't run one of our big three events – the Easter, Summer, or Christmas Fayres.

Because of the generosity of so many parents and donors, we were able to contribute the following to the school:

- Twinkl Subscription
- Additional work to the Daily Mile path
- Athletics Subscription
- Repairs to the Outdoor equipment
- Year 6 Dictionaries
- Multiple sports equipment
- Numicon

We also voted on the senior DPSA positions for the next 12 months as follows:

Joint Chairperson: Jo Emmerson and Louise Hensman

Treasurer: Nicki Butcher

Joint Vice Chair: Georgie Moore and Laura Sterry

Secretary: Eve Rush

The DPSA are always in need of willing volunteers with fresh enthusiasm so if you'd like to be involved in future fundraising events, please do get in touch at DPSA2020@yahoo.com, or join our DPSA Helpers WhatsApp group. If you would be interested in viewing the full minutes and financial breakdown of the meeting, please get in touch.

Christmas Trees



Pre-order your Christmas tree with the DPSA. The trees are premium quality Nordmann Firs with a choice of 3 sizes 5-6ft, 6-7ft, 7-8ft, which will be delivered directly to the school car park on Saturday 4th December from 10am. To pre-order your trees please email the completed order form (found on ParentMail) to DPSA2020@yahoo.com with full payment by **Thursday 21st October**. Payment details below.

Design Your Own Monster Competition

The DPSA Design Your Own Monster competition deadline is approaching so if you have an entry to submit, get it into the school office by **Thursday 21st October**. The competition costs £3 to enter and entry fees are payable by BACs. Please get in touch with the DPSA if you need another copy of the template and we can forward you the link.



Pre-loved School Uniform on Maternity Leave!

The DPSA would like to send huge congratulations and best wishes to Natalie, James and their family on the birth of their beautiful baby girl! We can't wait to meet baby Nancy at the school gates soon!

In the meantime, all second-hand school uniform sales are currently on hold until further notice.

Did you know we have a DPSA Facebook page?

All DPSA news and events are regularly updated on our Facebook page @DanburyParkDPSA.

DPSA BACS Details

Danbury Park School Association | Sort Code: 20-19-95 | Account No: 03049310 | Ref: Event, Surname & Class

Have a good weekend – The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week 2

Week beginning 18th October 2021

Monday	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
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	Sausages 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 Pepperoni Pizza or Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza	White and Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Green Salad Homemade Coleslaw	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple crumble and custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 18th October 2021

Mon 18th

Tues 19th

3.30 - 6.00pm

Parent Consultations

Weds 20th

2.45pm

Class assembly to parents of Class Jay

2.50pm

Let's Present in classes

Thurs 21st

2.45pm

Class assembly to parents of Class Hummingbird

5.30pm - 8.00pm

Parent Consultations

Fri 22nd

School Closed for staff training

Half Term Break

School reopens on Monday 1st November

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

Yours sincerely,
Carol Gooding,

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Autumn Term 2021

Date	Time	Event
October		
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		
3 rd	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