



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Poppy H – Diamond

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

Weekly Update



Last Friday the children in Year 5 took part in Road Safety Pedestrian Training with the Safer Essex Road Safety Partnership. The pupils were reminded how they should behave when they are near the road, including how to cross the road in the safest way. They were also reminded why they should always wear a seat belt and the importance of wearing their cycle helmet. Every pupil was given a fluorescent bag to remind them to Be Bright, Be Seen. The children, as ever, were a credit to the school and their families and we received an e-mail complimenting them on their excellent behaviour. We would encourage all families to reinforce this learning with your children following **Stop, Look, Listen and Think**. For more information and additional free resources visit <https://saferessexroads.org/> and <https://www.think.gov.uk/>.

At our first full governing body meeting of the year held last weeks governors reviewed their Statement of Behaviour principles. This document set the expectations of the governing body for the school and is an important document that then filters down into our suite of behaviour policies. This is freely available on the school website or from the school office. I am pleased to say that the children's behaviour on return to school has been excellent but we know that they are children and in order to learn, we often have to make mistakes. As ever we support every child in being the best that they can be. Mrs Macey, our new SENCO and Pastoral Manager is settling into life at Danbury Park well and she is always happy to support families. She can be contacted either on the school gate at the beginning and end of the day or through the school office.

You may have seen the new notices on the adventure play equipment. This is because over the summer the Local Authority revised their Health and Safety guidance for schools and we now need to clearly signpost and regularly remind parents that children cannot use the equipment out of school hours or without school supervision. I am pleased that since re-opening the school at the end of the day, families have followed and respected our expectations, so thank you!

Next week we have individual school photos for the children. If you would like a photo of a pre-school sibling or a family group with a pre-school sibling, the photographer will be available on Wednesday 6th October from 8.20am until 8.50am in the school hall. We will take care of all other family groups during the school day.

Talented Children



Following on from last week's newsletter, we have also been told about more budding tennis stars: Freddie P in class Dove and George G in class Eider. They were the finalists in the U8 red ball tournament at Danbury Tennis Club. Freddie won the match with it being very close in the second set 12-10. They are both holding their trophies.

Ophelia S in Class C has also shared with us her triumph in her recent swimming club competitions where she won a silver medal for front crawl and then later a gold!

Well done!



2021 Harvest Collection

The Chelmsford Food Bank has updated their lists for this year which does differ from that published last week. If you have already contributed, don't worry your donation will still be used and is appreciated. These are the items that are in short supply:

Tinned fruit
Sponge pudding
Powdered custard
Jams and preserves
Long-life fruit juice
Small and medium coffee
Chocolate bars (eg Kit Kat)
long-life milk (semi-skimmed)
Powdered potato- small and medium packets
Men's shampoo
Ladies deodorant
Nappies size 4 and larger
washing up liquid
Small/medium washing powder/liquid/gel/tablets

Food boxes are nutritionally balanced and the above items are those which are currently in short supply. 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

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

Governor News

This week you should have received a letter regarding our parent governor vacancy. Please consider coming forward for this rewarding and interesting position. If you would like more details, please speak with either Mrs Gooding, one of our current governors or leave a message with the school office and we will get back to you.

Nominations close on Friday 15th October 2021 at 9.00am.

Morrisons It's Good to Grow

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.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Children's Well-being

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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:
NHS Essex & Salford

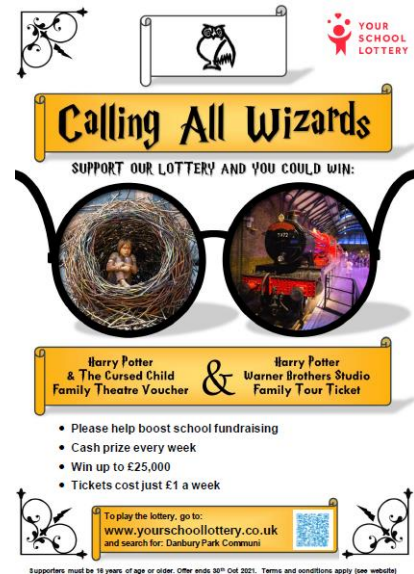
School Lottery

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**

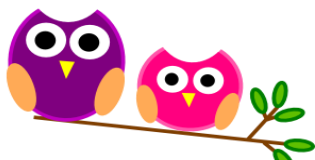
Please pay monies for the rest of the term as soon as possible. Thank you.

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!



Well done to all the entries we had in the summer for the Royal Mail design a hero's stamp competition. Our School has received this great certificate to display as we are included in the Guinness World Records.



DPSA News



Dates for the Diary 2021

1st October – Ice-cream Friday (weather dependant)
13th October – DPSA AGM & post drinks (all welcome)
21st October - Christmas Tree Order Deadline
21st October – Closing Date for Design Your Own Monster competition
4th December – Christmas Fayre - 12noon – 2pm

Christmas Trees



Christmas is just around the corner and what better time to think about ordering your Christmas trees! Back for the second year The DPSA are offering you the chance to pre-order a Christmas tree and at the same time raise much needed funds for the school. 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.

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. 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 in The Bell for any new parents to join us or just get to know everyone.

Design Your Own Monster Competition

For Halloween this year The DPSA are running a Design Your Own Monster competition! There will be one lucky winner from both EYFS/KS1 and KS2 who will both receive a crochet monster based on their very own design, handmade by the wonderful and talented Carol Flatman. The competition costs £3 to enter and entry fees are payable by BACs. A pack will be sent home in your child's bookbags. Once completed please return to the school office clearly labelled with your child's name and class. **Closing Date Thursday 21st October.**



Back to School Disco – Friday 24th September

Thanks to everyone who helped at the school discos, your help as always is invaluable. The children had a wonderful time and we're thrilled to announce we made **£847.05!** Well done to everyone involved!



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.

DPSA BACS Details

Danbury Park School Association | Sort Code: 20-19-95 | Account No: 03049310 | Ref: Child's Name & Class

Have a good weekend – The DPSA

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.

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



All Years – Parents Evening



Nomination form/ Letter for election of Parent Governor



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 4th October 2021

Week 3	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
Monday				
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	Iced Finger Bun 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

Yours sincerely, Carol Gooding, Headteacher

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 4th October 2021

Mon 4th

9.30am Year 6 Bikeability Training
6.30pm Governors Pay committee meeting
7.00pm Governors Personnel Committee meeting

Tues 5th

9.30am Year 6 Bikeability Training
12.45pm Year 4 Swimming (4/5)

Weds 6th

8.20am Pre School / Sibling photos
9.00am Individual School Photos
12.45pm Year 5 Swimming (4/5)
2.50pm Let's Present in classes

Thurs 7th

7.00pm Year 6 Bikeability Training
Governors Curriculum Committee meeting

Fri 8th

2.45pm Year 6 Bikeability Training
Class Avocet's Assembly for parents/carers

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

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Dates for Autumn Term 2021

Date	Time	Event
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 \(chelmsfordcab.org\)](http://danbury.chelmsfordcab.org/)

Or email us at: - danbury@chelmsfordcab.org

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

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