



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

8th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have passed their reading award this week:

Eve R – **Gold** Poppy E - **Topaz** Sophie T - **Topaz** Gracie B - **Emerald**

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

Weekly Update

In assembly today we announced our school councillors for the year:

A	B	C	D	E
Poppy R	Hema M	Petr L	Lexie F	Arthur M
Oliver M	Oscar R	Sophie W	Jayden C	Florence C
F	G	H	J	
Amber H	Chemmy W	Poppy R	Harriet C	
Jensen B	Oliver O	Stanley F	Piers B	

Deputies

A	B	C	D	E
Bella G	Evie M	Freya B	Luke P	Sophia W
Jacob S	Henry C	Leo P	Willow E	Stanley B

Each class held their own democratic election for these positions. Candidates had to present a speech to their class mates explaining why they would be the right person for the job and what they hoped to achieve during their year on the council. Then each child voted for who they thought would be best for the role. In the assembly each child was presented with a special red badge which we know they will wear with pride. Mrs Evans (Class Cuckoo's teacher) leads our school council and she will be arranging meetings with the children so that they can discuss and agree on their projects for this year. The school council are important in that they represent the children's opinions and work together on projects, which make a real difference to our school.



DPSA Play Equipment

Last week saw another big step forward with the introduction of play boxes for the children to use at break times. We have class rotas so that there is plenty of space for the children to play and use the equipment and this means during the week the children have the opportunity to use the adventure play equipment on each playground, to share some books in the gazebos, use their play box resources or just play with their friends. Over the next few months we will re-introduce football for Key Stage 2 and expand the use of the play boxes to lunchtimes.



We would like to say a big thank you to the DPSA who funded the boxes and the equipment.

Our World, Our Future

This week some of the children in Class Cuckoo had their first introduction to their class responsibility for the *Our World, Our Future* project. Over the year the children in Class Cuckoo will learn about how plastic is made, where the materials come from and then how difficult it can be to dispose of and the repercussions. The children help monitor the plastic recycling stations that we have around the school so that they can report to the rest of the school on how well we are doing and make suggestions about what more we could do. Since the start of the new school year, we have collected:

Item	Number
Tomato trays	10
Hand sanitiser bottle	0
Salad trays	9
Small bags	47
Medium bags	0
Large bags	0
Ink cartridges	2
Drinks bottles	48
Bubble wrap sheets	1
Cups	3
Soap bottle s	3
Milk bottles	18
Yoghurt pots	48
Food pots	8
Salad pots	8
Glue sticks	1
Crisp Packets	$\frac{1}{2}$ bin



We found paper towels, tissues and non-recyclable plastic items in the bins.

We need to remind:

- 🗑 everyone about what plastic is recyclable;
- 🗑 adults to wash out their yoghurt and food pots.

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:

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Essex County Council

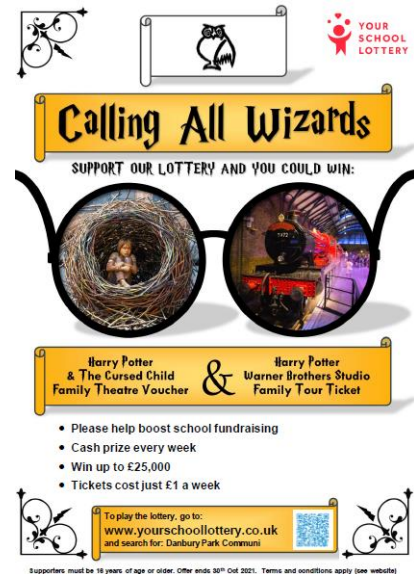
School Lottery

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!

Governor News

Last 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.

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 for Midday Assistants on Wednesdays and Fridays. 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

Piano Lessons – Mrs Long was not in school today (Friday). Any music lessons missed will be made up at the end of term.

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.

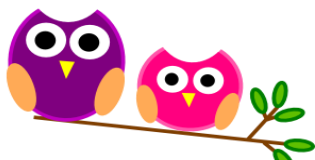
Free School Meals – Due to Covid-19 we understand that your circumstances may have changed or may change in the near future and you may now be eligible for free school meals. To check eligibility please contact Essex County Council on 0345 603 2200 or for more information and online application go to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

Community Badminton - are really keen to get pupils active again and try out a new sport. They would love to see some of our pupils pick up a badminton racket and join their coaching sessions. They are currently offering a 15 day free trial at a new junior coaching session at Danbury Sports & Social Centre. Parents can book via their website here: <https://essex.communitybadminton.org/Coaching/Junior>

Letters/Parentmail sent out this week

 Infants – Reading books to take home and share.

 Van Cols – Pupil Registration Cards - Parentmail



DPSA News



Dates for the Diary 2021

8th October – Ice-cream Friday (weather dependant)
13th October – DPSA AGM & post drinks at The Bell (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

Pre-order your premium quality Nordmann Fir Christmas tree with the DPSA. There's a choice of 3 sizes 5-6ft, 6-7ft, 7-8ft, which will be delivered to the school car park on Saturday 4th December from 10am. To pre-order 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 – School Hall

Hear about PTA activities over the last 12 months, decide how money raised is spent plus an opportunity to help or join the committee. The meeting will be followed by a few drinks in The Bell.



Design Your Own Monster Competition

Templates have all now been sent out in book bags and completed entries should be returned to the school office. It's just £3 to enter (payment details below) and lucky winners from both EYFS/KS1 and KS2 will both receive a crocheted monster based on their very own design. **Closing Date Thursday 21st October**. Should you need another template, please email DPSA2020@yahoo.com and we'll send over the link.

DPSA Christmas Fayre – 4th December

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's Christmas Fayre! If you've not experienced one of our Christmas Fayres before, you'll not want to miss it! There will be:

- A Santa's Grotto
- Christmas Stalls
- Tombola
- Christmas Hamper Raffle
- The Grand Raffle with prizes up to £100 cash
- Secret Gift Room
- Food and drinks for everyone

What We Need

The Christmas Fayres involve the whole school, and we'd love your help! In a nutshell we need:

- Willing volunteers to display Christmas Fayre Church & Hawes boards on their lawn.
- Donations for the raffle – if you have a business you'd like to promote to parents this is a great way to do it!
- Wrapped chocolates and adult gifts (ie toiletries, bottles etc) for the tombola.
- Secret room gifts – where children choose and wrap a secret gift for parents and grandparents.
- Good quality toys and children's books/DVDs – for our second hand toy stall.
- Cake bakers for the refreshments stall.
- Helpers on the day – never too early to ask!

If you think you can help, please get in touch at DPSA2020@yahoo.com.

DPSA Facebook page? Follow us @DanburyParkDPSA 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



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 11th October 2021

Week 1	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
Monday				
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 11th October 2021

Mon 11th

9.30am

Year 6 Bikeability Training

Tues 12th

9.30am

Year 6 Bikeability Training

12.45pm

Year 4 Swimming (5/5)

Weds 13th

12.45pm

Year 5 Swimming (5/5)

2.50pm

Let's Present in classes

7.00pm

DPSA AGM- all welcome

Thurs 14th

9.30am

Year 6 Bikeability Training

Fri 15th

9.30am

Year 6 Bikeability Training

2.45pm

Class Eider's Assembly for parents/carers

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
October		
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		
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