



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

19th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Joe F - **Bronze** Jayden C- **Diamond** Finella K – **Ruby** Florence C- **Emerald**

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

Weekly Update

This week we have started to make firm plans for Christmas at Danbury Park. Unfortunately the COVID situation is out of our control but we need to plan ahead and we know that families appreciate having dates in advance so that you can also manage your busy schedules. The DPSA Christmas Fayre preparations are well under way and we have seen lots of donations coming into the school. The children are busy making the traditional mobiles to decorate the school hall and they are also making items for their Enterprise Project. Usually the children run a class stall to sell their items to raise funds for their classes but this year they will be selling them directly to families and a letter will follow shortly from the class teachers.

By now you should have received a letter about the Christmas plays, of which there are three this year. We didn't want any child to miss out so we split the juniors into two smaller groups to make the numbers in the school hall manageable. Please return your ticket requests as soon as possible.

On Wednesday 1st December we will be putting up the Christmas tree as well as the stage. The stage is quite easy to assemble but is just very heavy. If anyone is able to help us, we would be grateful. Mr Lawday, our caretaker, and I are in school from 7.30am and it should take no longer than an hour. If you can help, please let the school office know. Thank you.

Every year we hold a toy collection in aid of Chelmsford Children's Social Care Services and we will again be doing this. It may amaze us but there are many children living in the Chelmsford area who will have anything but a merry Christmas and so it is great for our school to bring some happiness into some disadvantaged children's lives.

Families are invited to bring in a new or very nearly new toy, game, puzzle etc. wrapped in Christmas paper to put under the tree in the hall. Please leave one end of the donation open and label it clearly "boy aged 5 – 7" as appropriate, so a 10 year old does not get a baby's rattle! Donations may be left under the Christmas tree in the hall from Thursday 2nd December to be collected on Thursday 9th December.

Finally well done to the children in Class Cuckoo who presented a great assembly last Friday sharing their learning about the Romans including a catchy song and maths using Roman numerals.

Winter Reading Challenge

This year the Library Service are running a special Winter Reading Challenge. We know our children love to read but this might give them another dimension so please help them and encourage them to participate. Mrs Medcroft says:

Essex Library Services are excited to bring you the Winter Reading Challenge.

Come and meet the Animals of Snowy Wood. Connie the fox and her friends need to help Fraser the squirrel get a good night's sleep, and your pupils can help!

*All the children need to do is read six books and climb to the top of our reading tree. From **Saturday 27 November**, they can collect their giant tree bookmarks from any Essex library. They'll receive a stamp for every book they read and if they manage to read six books by **Saturday 19 February**, they'll receive a gold star sticker*

Everyone who signs up will be entered into a prize draw to win some fantastic prizes, including signed books and days out.



The poster is for the Essex Library Services Winter Reading Challenge. It features a light blue background with a banner at the top that says 'Lots of prizes to be won!'. Below this, the Essex Library Services logo is displayed with the tagline 'Read, learn, connect.' and a central graphic of a tree made of books. A large green banner across the middle reads 'Winter Reading Challenge'. Below the banner, the text says 'Sign up to the Winter Reading Challenge and be entered into a prize draw to win one of these fantastic prizes!'. A list of prizes follows: Explore Essex Explorer Passes, valid for one year; Sky Ropes Session for two, to be taken by 31 August 2022 (subject to availability); Essex Outdoors school holiday activity days, for one child aged 8-16, to be taken by 31 August 2022 (subject to availability); Wilderness Foundation activity afternoon, Chatham Green centre, for children aged 5-11 (and their parents and siblings) to be taken Saturday 26 April 2022; Signed books, from authors Emma Beswetherick, Catherine Emmett and Vassiliki Tzomaka; and Love Essex goodie bags. At the bottom, it says 'Full terms and conditions can be found on our website: libraries.essex.gov.uk'. The bottom of the poster features logos for Wilderness Foundation UK, Love Essex, Explore Essex, Essex Outdoors, and Essex County Council.

Sign up to the Winter Reading Challenge and be entered into a prize draw to win one of these fantastic prizes!

- Explore Essex Explorer Passes, valid for one year.
- Sky Ropes Session for two, to be taken by 31 August 2022 (subject to availability). Min age of two for the junior course, min height of 1.22m for the main course.
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Talented Pupils

Congratulations to Zachary H who competed in his first swimming club gala at Woodham Ferrers Swimming Club on Saturday night and won a bronze medal in the under 9's front crawl race.

Well done Zachary!



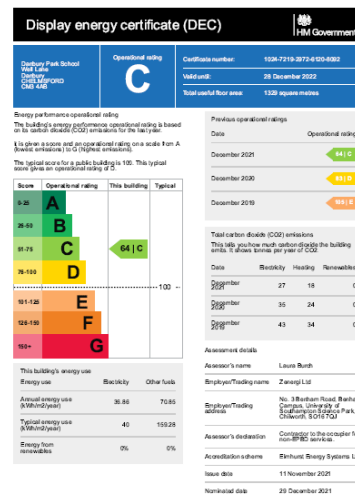
Our World, Our Future

We are pleased to announce that our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint are having an effect and we have received our recent Energy Certificate showing that we have moved from D to C which is a big step forward.

The link to our school's contribution to the Essex Climate Change project is available on:
<https://youtu.be/hsQDd86SBBE>

You will see that our children are very thoughtful, reflective and care about their future.

Please also see the notice at the end of the newsletter about a meeting of the Sustainable Danbury Group.



Friday 19th November

Today Friday 19th November we participated in Children in Need by inviting the children to come to school in non-uniform wearing something spotty or stripes. In our whole school assembly we took some time to think about why we do this and how we can help others.
 News on our fundraising efforts next week.

Safeguarding

We would like to remind parents about the great work that the NSPCC do to support children and families. They have some excellent resources online particularly about how to open up the conversations about personal safety and to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. Please take some time to look at their website particularly *talk pants*:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

We hope to do some work with them in the summer term.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!


COVID-19 Support


The Local Authority has updated their guidance to Covid 19 in school aged children. A parentmail was sent out on 1st November 2021 detailing this information which should help parents and gives advice on what should be done in the case of your child having COVID or being a close contact of someone with Covid 19.

Children's Well-being

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from your
family


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  

Being Considerate to our Neighbours

Last week we were contacted by one of our neighbours asking that children and parents respect their private property in Well Lane and refrain from climbing up the grass bank and walking along and then behind the large tree where they have placed fencing. Sadly they have witnessed children pull this down and walk behind it to get behind the tree. Their biggest concern is the children's safety as there are many low level and sharp branches that could cause serious injury to a child and/or their eyes.

As this is happening at the beginning and end of the school day and the children are in uniform, they are easily identifiable as being a member of our school. We would ask that parents talk to the children and help them respect our neighbours' property.

School Lottery

The School Lottery has been running now for over 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>

WIN CHRISTMAS!

WIN

HUGE FOOD HAMPER
LUXURY CHRISTMAS TREE
TABLE & TREE DECORATIONS

FESTIVE DOOR WREATH
BUBBLY & CHOCOLATE
LIGHTS, CANDLES & STOCKINGS

- Give a little back by supporting our lottery
- Help boost school fundraising
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Weekly cash prizes, up to £25,000

To play now, go to:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Danbury Park Community



Supporters must be 18 years of age or older. Offer ends 11th Dec 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!

Applications for School Admissions September 2022

Reminder for Pre-school Parents

The statutory closing date for applications from parents of preschool children for a school place in the Reception year group from September 2022 is **15th January 2022**.

Full information is available on the Essex County Council website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.
The application round opens on Monday 8th November and all applications are made via this site.




Notification and Reminders

Chelmsford Food bank – We received a big thank you this week for the amazing 61kg that we donated.

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

-  Parentmail - Pay360 – online payment system for school dinners.
-  Christmas Plays 2021 – all year groups
-  Phonics Screening Check 2021

Emergency School Closures – SNOW!

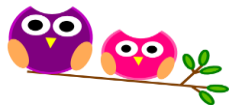
As we approach the time of year when inclement weather and snow is more likely, we would like to advise you of the school's emergency closure procedure. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly but there may be rare times when the site is unsafe or insufficient staff can get into the school and closure is unavoidable. Please note that the local radio stations no longer give out announcements.

Schools will notify Essex County Council and the information will be available on their website at: <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

We will also put a message out on Parentmail and on the scrolling news on the first page of the school website. We will aim to do this by 7.30am.

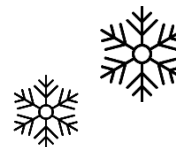
If the weather and traffic are bad, please take care and get to school safely. We will understand if you delay your journey and arrive later than the usual time.

If you have not yet joined *Parentmail*, please ask at the office.



Dates for the Diary

- * 04/12/21 – 12 noon to 2pm – Christmas Fayre
- * 13/12/21 – Filming of the Christmas Plays
- * 28/01/21 – School Disco (All years)
- * 26/03/21 – Easter Egg Hunt



DPSA Christmas Fayre – 4th December 2021 – 12 noon to 2pm

This year the Christmas Fayre will be slightly different, as we're planning to have lots of indoor and outdoor fun, so remember to wrap up warm! To keep mixing to a minimum, a lot of our stalls will be outside and there will be a one-way system inside the school. We will have a couple of inflatables and a snowman hunt for the kids, plus mulled cider, beers, for the parents, so avoid driving to fully take advantage!

We've had some amazing donations for the Raffle so thank you to those who have contributed so far. Tickets have been sent home for you to purchase, and we have plenty more available from the school office if you need them. Raffle Prizes include the following:

1st Prize - £100 Cash (Donated by Church & Hawes)

2nd Prize - £75 John Lewis Voucher (Donated by Victoria Louise Property)

3rd Prize – Dulce Gusto Coffee Machine (Donated by the Flatman family)

Other prizes: dog grooming session, podiatry voucher, fitness classes, Totes gifts, gin, wine, John Lewis vouchers, Kelly Bronze turkey, donations from The Bell and The Generals Arms, Peaches Beauty voucher, Nail voucher, Stikins labels, B&Q vouchers, Robinsons Fish & Chips, and a trip to the Bicknacre Tea Rooms!

We Need You!

We still need your help with donations, gifts, and chocolate for the Christmas Fayre so if you can help with any of the following please get in touch or leave donations neatly at the school office:

- * Unwanted Christmas Jumpers
- * Chocolate bars and adult gifts (ie toiletries, alcohol 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
- * Cake bakers for the refreshments stall
- * Helpers for an hour on the day



Thank you to a Class C dad at the school who has very kindly offered to be our new Santa – thanks Daniel, you've saved the Grotto!

If you would like to help, please get in touch at DPSA2020@yahoo.com.

Stamptastic



Stamptastic sell personalised name stamps usable on most fabrics, so if you'd like to try an alternative to stickers it's well worth looking into. Every time an order is placed for a Name Labels Deluxe Bundle with our PTA Code **CM34AG** you will receive a FREE white fabric pen worth £4.99. Please use the following link to see more:
<https://bit.ly/STAMPCM34AG>.

Did you know we have a DPSA Facebook page?

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

Have a good weekend - The DPSA



Week 1

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 22nd November 2021

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza or Homemade Cheese and (V) Tomato Pizza	White/Wholegrain Pasta Cucumber Sweetcorn	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Local Butcher's Pork Sausages or (V) Vegan Sausages	Creamy Mashed Potato Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Marble Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Homemade Chicken Korma with Naan Bread or Homemade Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma (V) with Naan Bread	White/Wholegrain Rice Mixed Vegetables Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Peaches and Ice Cream Pot Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Chicken Nuggets or (V) Macaroni Cheese	Crispy Diced Potatoes Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Apple Crumble and Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Omega 3 Fish Fingers or (V) Omelette	Chips Baked Beans Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sponge Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

School Lunches - Costs for Autumn Term 2021

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 is now available for Classes A-E. Please look out for the Pay360 Education email and follow the instructions to activate your account. If you are having problems with this please ask at the School Office.

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 22nd November 2021

Mon 22nd

1.25pm-3.15pm

Classes A & B Hockey sessions

Tues 23rd

6.00pm

Year 6 School Journey meeting for parents

Weds 24th

9.15am

Class Hummingbird and Class Jay - Visit from Animal Encounters

2.50pm

***Let's Present* in classes**

Thurs 25th

Fri 26th

2.45pm

Class Flamingo Assembly

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

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding
Headteacher



Sustainable Danbury Public meeting

Thursday 25 November at 7:30pm
St John's Church meeting rooms

Sustainable Danbury is holding an informal public meeting to present the groups aims and objectives and to answer questions.

- Community Energy and how residents can take a stake in future renewable energy generation
- Promoting sustainable lifestyles and assisting residents to transition to Net Zero
- Biodiversity: promoting actions that will alleviate the decline in biodiversity



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Danbury Park Community Primary School Dates for Autumn Term 2021

Date	Time	Event
November		
23 rd	6.00pm	Year 6 – School Journey to York meeting
24 th	9.15am	Class H & J – Animal Encounters – in class visit
26 th	2.45pm	Class F Assembly
Week beg 29 th Nov		Whole School Assessment Week Year 2 Phonics Screening
30 th Nov	9.15am	Language Leaders from Sandon School to work with Year 6
	9.30am	Prospective parents tours
December		
1 st	9am	Flu Immunisation –whole school
3 rd	9.15am	Pre-school liaison activities
	2.45pm	Class G Assembly
4 th	12.00 – 2.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre
8 th	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
13 th	tbc	Filming of Christmas Plays
14 th	9.15am & 1.45pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Play
15 th	9.15am & 1.45pm	KS2 Christmas Play
16 th	9.15am & 1.45pm	KS2 Christmas Play
17 th	Pm	Christmas Party
		End of Term

Spring Term 2022

8 th February	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes
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10 th February	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes
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