



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter

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

**26<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

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

Daniel S- **Emerald** Caleb H- **Emerald** Luke P- **Diamond**  
Phoebe N – **Diamond** Myah E - **Bronze**

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

### Weekly Update

With only three weeks left to Christmas and lots of learning still to do, life in school is busier than ever. The school plays are taking place in the last week of term but we will still be learning throughout this week, although maybe with a festive theme, so it is important that the children continue to come to school.

The DPSA members are getting ready for next Saturday's fayre and after that on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December, we will put the traditional post-box in the hall so that the children can post their cards. There has been much said in the media about not sending cards but we are happy to support those children who want to continue this age-old tradition. Please look for cards that are produced from responsible sources and recycle the envelopes and cards in due course. Please make sure cards are clearly marked with the recipient's names (surname as well if possible) and the class name as this helps our Year 6 postal delivery service! The children need to bring their cards into class in the morning and then the teachers will give them time to visit the hall to post them.

We have scheduled Christmas dinner for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December and this will be an extended lunch break so that the children have plenty of time to enjoy their food. The Year 6 children will be joining their EYFS reading partners for the meal. This is always an enjoyable event and we hope you will encourage your child to participate. Please note that there is no additional cost for this meal and there will be no jacket potato option. On that Wednesday we are inviting the children to come to school in a Christmas jumper or cardigan to wear with their usual school uniform trousers, skirt or pinafore.

The toy collection in aid of Chelmsford Children's Social Care Services is underway and 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 will be collected on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Finally well done to the children in Class Dove who did a great assembly last Friday. They had so much to share with us covering the whole topic of the Anglo-Saxons that they kept going until 3.15pm! It was lovely to hear the musicians playing again and we look forward to more musical events soon. Well done!

## 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 features the Essex Library Services logo with the tagline 'Read, learn, connect.' and a banner for the 'Winter Reading Challenge'. It lists prizes such as Explorer Passes, Sky Ropes Session, Essex Outdoors school holiday activity days, Wilderness Foundation activity afternoon, signed books, and Love Essex goodie bags. It also mentions that full terms and conditions can be found on the website [libraries.essex.gov.uk](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk). Logos for WilderNESS, LOVE ESSEX, Explore Essex, essex outdoors, and Essex County Council are at the bottom.

**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.
- 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.
- Love Essex goodie bags.

Full terms and conditions can be found on our website: [libraries.essex.gov.uk](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk)



### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy charity. We raised a grand total of **£330.71**.

#### **The Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal**

We are also pleased to announce that we raised an amazing **£377.12** for the Poppy Appeal in November. Thank you to everyone who donated.

## COVID-19 Support

The Local Authority has updated their guidance to Covid 19 in school aged children. A parentmail was sent out on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Class Hummingbird and Class Jay

As part of our topic *All Creatures Great and Small*, the children were lucky to have a visit from *Exotic Explorers*. The animals that came to school were linked to the story *Dear Zoo*. Class Jay were asked why a skunk and an owl would not make good pets. Class Hummingbird found out all about the animals as they will be creating a fact file about them. The children met some tree frogs, lizards, a snake, a barn owl and two skunks.



The children were told about where the animals live, what they eat and some interesting facts. The children were able to hold and stroke the animals.



The children asked some fantastic questions and found out lots of information about the animals.

The animal keepers said our school was the best they had visited as the children sat beautifully, listened attentively and asked excellent thoughtful questions!

## DPSA Design a Monster Competition

Well done to Eliza-Mae in Class F and Abbie in Class C who won the Design a Monster Competition. Their designs were clean, precise and eye-catching. Then Mrs Flatman, through the magic of crochet, brought them both to life. They look amazing and were presented to the children in assembly today.



**Well done!**

## School Improvement Plan Key Priorities for 2021-22

Each year the school's governing body working with the headteacher and the senior leadership team draws up a plan for how the school will develop and improve over the coming year. Below are our priorities for 2021-22

What are we trying to improve?	How will we know when we've got there?
<b>The Quality of Education including Behaviour and Personal Development</b>  For most pupils in all year groups to catch up on academic achievement in reading by the end of the academic year For most pupils in all year groups to catch up on academic achievement in writing by the end of the academic year For most pupils in all year groups to catch up on academic achievement in Maths by the end of the academic year	Pupil attainment, as measured at the end of the academic year, is in line with end of year expectations. Pupils, who are significantly below starting points in September, make rapid progress throughout the year. Pupils, who are defined as disadvantaged, make accelerated progress from their starting points.
For teaching and learning to be further improved by developing pupils' memory and retrieval skills.	Teaching makes links to prior learning from not just this academic year but also previous years. Pupils explain how their learning fits into the sequence of lessons and also make links with lessons taught in previous classes.
For the school curriculum to continue to be broad and ambitious and <i>Our World, Our Future</i> (sustainability and environment issues) is embedded into the curriculum	The full school curriculum is delivered (with necessary adjustments for COVID-19). Pupils talk confidently about <i>Our World, Our Future</i> and make links with the topics covered last year. Our experience and resources are shared with the wider community and other schools.
For pupils to continue to be fully supported in their emotional health and well-being	Pupils in need of support are identified early; Support is put in place through school well-being mentors; specialist support is sought where applicable; Pupils report that they feel safe and supported.
<b>The School Environment</b>  For the school to have a dedicated and appropriate space for well-being work.  For the pupils to be encouraged to be physically active at playtimes to improve their general health and well-being	The DT room is fully converted into a well-being room with a nurturing and welcoming environment. Pupils feel that the room is a safe space.  An outdoor gym is in place and is used by all classes in PE lessons and by 80% KS2 pupils during the break and lunchtimes. Pupils' feedback is positive.
<b>Leadership and Management Structures and Systems</b>  For the leadership of the school to have due regard for staff's mental health and well-being.  For governor communication to continue to improve with all stakeholders.  For succession planning and training to be part of, and improve, the working of the governing body.  For governor monitoring to be embedded in practice and extended to pupil monitoring of EYFS, English and Maths.	Staff feel supported and valued; staff morale is good; Where possible workload is reduced; staff are consulted on new initiatives and projects; The senior leadership team evaluate new initiatives and projects for impact on workload.  Feedback from surveys, parents, pupils and staff and other governing bodies inform us.  By the end of the academic year succession planning is part of FGB practice and continued training improves practice.  All monitoring visits are in accordance with the Governor Visits Policy and each governor with a responsibility submits a report to the full governing body and appropriate committee after the agreed visit.

Excellent schools are by their nature critical of everything they do and Danbury Park is no exception. We will continue to monitor, evaluate and review our provision and practice, including many aspects that are too numerous to mention, throughout the course of the year.

## Our World, Our Future

The children in Class Cuckoo have again been gathering the plastic around the school and analysing what we are recycling. The results were:

Item	Number
Tomato trays	
Hand sanitiser bottle	2
Salad trays	24
Small bags	15
Medium bags	17
Large bags	12
Ink cartridges	1
Drinks bottles	43
Bubble wrap sheets	2
Cups	10
Soap bottle s	
Milk bottles	24
Yoghurt pots	38
Food pots	24
Salad pots	
Glue sticks	3
Crisp Packets	1 bin

We noticed that there were lots of plastic water bottles this time and wondered how we could encourage adults to use refillable bottles. There were also lots of yoghurt pots. But we know that it is more convenient to have individual pots.

The crisp packet recycling is very successful.

## 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*:

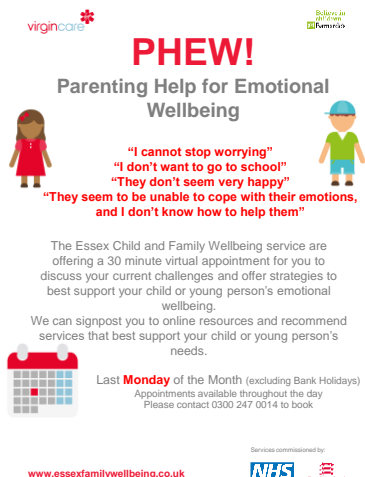
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

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

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



## 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  
**NHS**  
Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

## Midday Assistant Vacancies

With Mrs Biggs retiring we are now looking for more Midday Assistants to help us at lunchtimes. This is a rewarding and busy job helping the children enjoy their school dinners and playtimes.

We can be flexible on days so please contact the school office for more details.

## 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!**

**25 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 Primary School

Supporters must be 18 years of age or older. Offer ends 11<sup>th</sup> 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 **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

Full information is available on the Essex County Council website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).  
The application round opens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 classes A-E.
-  Year 4 Boys Football letter – Premier Sports club.
-  EYFS – Pre School activity morning.



# DPSA News



## 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)



## DPSA Christmas Raffle



Thank you to everyone who's bought raffle tickets so far! We've still got plenty of tickets available if you need more, or if you have any unwanted raffle tickets, please return these to the school office for others to purchase.

We've got plenty of amazing raffle prizes to win - thank you to all of you who have contributed:

- \* **1st Prize - £100 Cash (Church & Hawes)**
- \* **2nd Prize - £75 John Lewis Voucher (Victoria Louise Property)**
- \* **3rd Prize – Dulce Gusto Coffee Machine (Donated by the Flatman family)**
- \* Turkey Voucher (Kelly Bronze)
- \* Afternoon Tea for 2 at Tiptree Tea Rooms (HCL Tree Management)
- \* 2 x Five Guys vouchers for a meal for 2 (donated by the Power Family)
- \* £30 Gift Voucher (The Generals Arms)
- \* £25 John Lewis voucher (Victoria Louise Property)
- \* Meal for 2 at The Potting Shed (Westview Nursery)
- \* Coffee & Cake & a bottle of Hadley Wine (The Bell)
- \* Dog grooming voucher (Rockstars Dog Grooming)
- \* A bottle of Gin (donated by Multibeton)
- \* Children's Hamper (Woodland Montessori)
- \* B&Q Voucher (TCP Ltd)
- \* Family Photo Shoot
- \* Cut & Blow Dry (Peaches Hair)
- \* One Month Free use of Lifestyle Fitness Suite (Danbury Sports & Social)
- \* Free fitness classes (LIIT at Sandon Village Hall)
- \* Soles Podiatry Clinic voucher
- \* Nail Voucher (Nails by Janay)
- \* 4 x Tiptree Miniature Fruit Gin Candles (HCL Tree Management)
- \* 3 x Fidget Toy Sets (Danbury Rendering Solutions)
- \* 2 x Mermaid Tails
- \* 2 x Tapp'd Cocktails
- \* Body Shop Selection (donated by Nails & Lashes by Becky)
- \* Abel & Cole Christmas Gift Box
- \* Acorns to Oaks Subscription Box
- \* Organic Artisan Chocolates
- \* Voucher for Free Name Labels (Stikins)

## Christmas Fayre – Donations Donations Donations....

We still desperately need donations for the Christmas Fayre (especially chocolate bars and alcohol) so if you can help with any of the following please get in touch:

- \* Chocolate bars for the tombola
- \* Bottles of wine and alcohol
- \* Secret room gifts – where children choose and wrap a secret gift for parents and grandparents
- \* Unwanted Christmas Jumpers
- \* Cake bakers for the refreshments stall
- \* Helpers for an hour on the day
- \* More chocolate and alcohol!



Donations can be left in the school office, and if you would like to help, please get in touch at [DPSA2020@yahoo.com](mailto:DPSA2020@yahoo.com).

## 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 2**

## Owl's Barn School Meals

**Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Fresh bread and milk available daily

<b>Monday</b>	Fillet of Fish or (V) Quorn Dippers In a brioche bun	New Potatoes Cucumber Peas	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Brownie Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese Or (V) Vegan Bolognese	French Bread Sweetcorn Cauliflower Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling  Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Jelly and Fruit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Gammon in Gravy with Yorkshire Pudding or (V) Cheesy Stack Wrap	Roasted Potatoes Cabbage Carrots Green Salad	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Roll Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza or (V) Vegetable Nuggets	White/Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling  Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Fruit Crumble and Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Friday</b>	Beef Burger in a roll or (V) Quorn Burger in roll	Chips Baked Beans Peas Green Salad	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Crispy Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

### School Lunches - Costs for Autumn Term 2021

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 note the Pay360 Education online payments service is now available for classes A-E (please ask in the office if you need support registering) or send monies in with your child via the book bags in a named envelope making cheques payable to **Danbury Park Primary School**. 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.

**Dates for the Diary**  
**Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup>**

**9.15am**

Language leaders from Sandon School to work with Year 6 children

**9.30am**

Prospective Parent's Tour. Places must be booked through the school office.

**Weds 1<sup>st</sup>**

**9.00am**

Flu immunisation - whole school

**2.50pm**

*Let's Present* in classes

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9.30am**

Pre-school activity morning

**2.45pm**

Class Goldfinch Assembly

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

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding  
Headteacher

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## Dates for Autumn Term 2021

Date	Time	Event
<b>November</b>		
Week beg 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Whole School Assessment Week Year 2 Phonics Screening
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.15am	Language Leaders from Sandon School to work with Year 6
	9.30am	Prospective parents tours
<b>December</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	9am	Flu Immunisation –whole school
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am	Pre-school liaison activities
	2.45pm	Class G Assembly
4 <sup>th</sup>	12.00 – 2.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre
8 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
13 <sup>th</sup>	tbc	Filming of Christmas Plays
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am & 1.45pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Play
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am & 1.45pm	KS2 Christmas Play
16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am & 1.45pm	KS2 Christmas Play
17 <sup>th</sup>	Pm	Christmas Party
		End of Term

<b>Spring Term 2022</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup> February	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes
10 <sup>th</sup> February	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes