



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

5th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Josh H - Topaz

Reading certificates have been presented in class or at your child's Class Assembly.

Weekly Update

I hope that you all had a good half-term break. The children seemed very happy to return to school on Monday and they are looking forward to an exciting half-term ahead.

In assembly on Monday the children found out more about COP26 and the work we have already been doing with Essex County Council and in school to reduce our carbon footprint as part of the **Our World, Our Future** project. Next week is the beginning of Switch-Off fortnight so we will be doing our best to switch off electrical items when not in use. Don't be surprised if the children start switching off lights at home as well as we want to get our message further out to the community! We will take this as an opportunity to introduce the children to their class responsibilities and Class Cuckoo will again collect and analyse the plastic we have collected since September to assess the impact of our actions.

On Monday I will also share with the children a special project that Danbury Outdoors are launching and of which we can play a small part. This involves a plan to use the rain water that gathers locally constructively. More details next week!

Next week on Thursday 11th the Year 6 pupils will be walking over to the War Memorial to participate in our annual gathering with St John's School and the Heathcote School. Together we will hold a short service of remembrance and thanks, and the children lay a wreath on behalf of Danbury Park School. Families are welcome to join us at the memorial. In school all the children will take part in two minutes' silence at 11.00am and we will be talking to them about why we do this, which will build on work we cover in our RE and PSHE lessons. Poppies will continue to be taken round to the classes and will be on sale from the office throughout next week.

Our class assemblies are resuming and whilst we want families to join us, we do need to be careful as the COVID infection rate in Chelmsford is high. We ask that places are limited to two per family and that adults take a lateral flow test before coming into school and that if they are at all unwell, they stay away. We also are inviting parents of children in EYFS to join us for *Stay and Play* to find out more about what goes on in lessons and information has been shared directly.

So another busy week ahead!

Year 6 Reading Group

Mrs Fleur Medcroft from the Danbury Library has written to thank us for participating in the recent event for the Year 6 pupils and to update us on their adventures. She said:

The pupils who signed up, were a credit to themselves, their families and the school. I was so encouraged by their delight and curiosity in reading. They were committed to the group, listened well to each other and made thoughtful and creative comments. All eight were truly a pleasure to read with. I shall miss our Wednesdays together and due to them, will be certain to petition the library management for more opportunities to work with Danbury Park School.



I hope that all the children benefitted as much as I did from these sessions. We read "The Silver Sword" by Ian Serrailier and "A girl called Justice" by Elly Griffiths, both books enabled us to explore concepts of courage and selflessness. It was marvellous to hear the group maturely reflect on what they had learnt; one even commenting on how "Life can turn on a sixpence". They were able to apply the stories to their lives and to reflect on the hardships of others. What a great group.

Governor News

Congratulations to Hannah Adedotun, who was elected unopposed in the recent parent governor election. Mrs Adedotun has a child in the youngest year group so is new to our school and we welcome a fresh set of eyes to the governing body. We hope that she will find this new role both interesting and rewarding.

Sadly Rak Rehal, one of our long standing members of the governing body, has stood down to seek new challenges and to share his expertise with other schools, particularly those in need of a guiding hand. Mr Rehal was chair of the Resources committee and also last year vice-chair of the governing body. He played a very active role in all things financial and to do with the development of our premises. He will be missed and we would like to thank him for his commitment and dedication over the past 10 years. This means that we are looking to fill two co-opted spaces on the governing body, so we are searching for members of our local community who are not parents but with a background in education to complement the skillset we already have. If you know anyone who might be interested, please let the school office know and we will put them in touch with Mrs Wray, our chair of governors, for more information.

The governor survey that we launched just before half-term break, seeking parents' views on how well the children have settled back into school after all the COVID adjustments and disruption is still open. At the start of the new academic year, we want every pupil to settle in well so that they can make the most of the year ahead and all staff are committed to providing a broad and ambitious curriculum for the children whether in class or remotely and following any necessary catching up. Paper copies of the survey are still available from the school office reception area and the online version on Survey Monkey will be open until noon on Friday 12th Nov:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NQD9KW8>

Please complete one survey for each child you have at the school as we appreciate they may have different experiences.

Safeguarding

Pupil contact forms were sent home before half-term so that you can check that the information that we hold on file for your child is correct. These needed to be returned by today as it is very important should we need to contact you in an emergency and for safeguarding reasons. Please remember parents must notify the school if your child will be absent from school that day. We ask that you do this as soon as possible and by 9.30am. There is an answerphone option on the school's system to do this.

If we do not know where your child is, we are required to make contact with the family as soon as possible that same day. If we cannot contact parents directly, we will then work our way down the emergency contact list. As part of our Child Protection Policy, if all attempts have failed, we would have to seek advice from Children's Social Care and/or the police.

It also therefore important **if your child is late for school** that an **adult brings them into the school office to sign them in**. The roads around Danbury are often congested and we understand that there will be unavoidable reasons why the children may, on occasions, be late. If you drop them off in the car park to bring themselves into school, there is no certainty that they will arrive safely.

When an adult brings the child into school, you and we know that they are on our premises, that you have officially signed them in and that you are then handing them over to our care for the day.

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>

The poster is titled 'Calling All Wizards' in a yellow banner. Below the title, it says 'SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY AND YOU COULD WIN:'. The central image shows a pair of large, round glasses. The left lens shows a wizard's head inside a nest, and the right lens shows a wizard's head inside a cauldron. Below the glasses, there are two yellow banners: 'Harry Potter & The Cursed Child Family Theatre Voucher' and 'Harry Potter Warner Brothers Studio Family Tour Ticket'. To the right of these banners is a list of bullet points: 'Please help boost school fundraising', 'Cash prize every week', 'Win up to £25,000', and 'Tickets cost just £1 a week'. At the bottom, there is a QR code and a small text box that says 'To play the lottery, go to: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for: Danbury Park Community'. At the very bottom, in small print, it says '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

The poster features the 'virgin care' logo at the top left and 'Deliver in schools' by 'Barnardo's' at the top right. The main title is 'PHEW! Parenting Help for Emotional Wellbeing'. Below the title, there are two cartoon children, a girl in a red dress and a boy in a green shirt and blue shorts. Between them are four quotes: 'I cannot stop worrying', 'I don't want to go to school', 'They don't seem very happy', and 'They seem to be unable to cope with their emotions, and I don't know how to help them'. Below the quotes, there is a paragraph: '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.' To the left of this paragraph is a calendar icon. To the right is a paragraph: 'Last Monday of the Month (excluding Bank Holidays) Appointments available throughout the day Please contact 0300 247 0014 to book'. At the bottom, there is the website 'www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk' and the 'NHS' logo with 'Partners' written below it.

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.

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.

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 will be available shortly. Watch this space!





Notification and Reminders

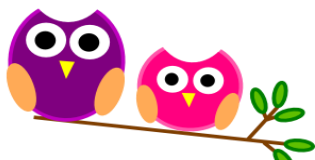
Dogs – Dogs are not permitted on school premises unless they are a registered support dog for those members of our community with disabilities. They should not be brought into the school entrance area leading down to the playground gate or onto the playground. .

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 - Reminder to accept the Google Classroom Invitation
-  Classes H & J – Animal Encounters letter for class experience 24th November 2021 – Parentmail reminder
-  Flu Immunisation Reminder for parents to fill in details online. Vaccination to take place 1st December.
-  Parentmail – update from ECC regarding Covid 19 in school aged children



DPSA News



Dates for the Diary

- * 04/12/21 - Pre-Ordered Christmas Tree Pickup
- * 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

Design Your Own Monster Competition

We've had a wonderful response to the Design your Own Monster competition with over 60 beautiful entries! Thank you to all the children that put so much effort into their designs, the lucky winners will be announced next week.

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

Christmas is fast approaching, and plans are well underway for the 2021 Christmas Fayre! We've had some amazing donations for the Raffle so thank you to those who have contributed so far. Raffle Prizes as it stands include the following;

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

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

3rd Prize – Dulce Gusto Coffee Machine

Other prizes you can win: dog grooming voucher, podiatry voucher, free fitness classes, Totes hamper, gin, wine, John Lewis vouchers, a 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 voucher to the Bicknacre Tea Rooms! Full details to follow.

Tickets will be on sale soon so watch this space!



We still need your help with donations, gifts, and chocolate, so if you can help with any of the following please get in touch:

- * Wrapped multipack chocolates 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
- * A volunteer to be Santa
- * Helpers for an hour on the day



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

The Big Book Collection

If you have any books the kids have grown out of (suitable for EYFS to Year 6 children), please donate in the plastic box at the school office. Your books will either go to the school or they'll be donated to charity so nothing gets wasted.

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 8th November 2021
Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Fillet of Fish or (V) Quorn Dippers In a brioche bun	New Potatoes Cucumber Peas	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Brownie Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	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
Wednesday	Roast Gammon in Gravy with Yorkshire Pudding or (V) Cheesy Stack Wrap	Roasted Potatoes Cabbage Carrots Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Roll Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	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
Friday	Beef Burger in a roll or (V) Quorn Burger in roll	Chips Baked Beans Peas Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Crispy Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 8th November 2021

Mon 8th

9.15-10.00am *Class Jay Stay and Play*

Tues 9th

9.15am-10.00am *Class Hummingbird Stay and Play*
1.45pm *Prospective parent tour (please note places must be booked in advance through the school office)*

Weds 10th

2.50pm *Let's Present in classes*

Thurs 11th

10.40am **Remembrance Day**
7.00pm *Year 6 Visit to the Danbury War Memorial*
Governor Training

Fri 12th

9.15-10.00am *Class Jay Stay and Play*
2.45pm *Class Cuckoo 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
November		
8 th	9.15am - 10.00am	Class Jay Stay and Play
9 th	9.15am - 10.00am	Class Hummingbird Stay and Play
	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
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
December		
1 st	9am	Flu Immunisation –whole school
3 rd	2.45pm	Class G Assembly
4 th	tbc	DPSA Christmas Fayre
8 th	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
13 th	tbc	Filming of Christmas Plays
14 th	tbc	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Play
15 th	tbc	KS2 Christmas Play
16 th	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