



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

3rd December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Harvey D-T - **Emerald** Grace J – **Ruby** Claudia M – **Diamond**

Reading certificates will be presented in class before the end of term.

Congratulations also to Olivia H who has passed her recent piano exam with merit.

Weekly Update

What a difference a week makes! As you will know there were significant changes to the pandemic situation last weekend and this sadly resulted in the DPSA and school taking the decision to cancel the Christmas Fayre. We were all very sorry to do this but we felt given the rising infection rate in our area and the unknown nature of the new COVID variant that we needed to act responsibly and err on the side of caution. Usually our Christmas Fayre attracts many families and members of our community and is a packed event. We know that many of you want to be able to enjoy the Christmas break this year, especially as it was so suddenly taken away from us last year, and that you want to keep your families as safe and as healthy as possible so that you can be together. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Emmerson, Mrs Hensman and their team who have been coordinating the stand-down and working tirelessly to minimise the loss. Let's look to the future and hope for an enhanced Easter Egg Hunt in March!

This week I attended a headteachers' meeting with Clare Kershaw, ECC Director of Education and Mike Gogarty, Director of Essex Public Health and they were adamant that schools must look at their own situation and risk assessments as to whether large numbers of adults can be invited into school at any one time. We feel that our class assemblies have worked well this term with restricted numbers of visitors and this is what we have used as the basis for planning the Christmas plays. **At this moment**, whilst we have few infections in school, we still feel able to continue as planned. The children have been working so hard and they do enjoy performing to an audience.

Well done to the children in Class Flamingo who did a great assembly last Friday showing us how we use performance poetry to develop a love of playing with words and a sense of rhythm. The children showed us their carefully crafted art work in the style of Mondrian as well as their design and technology skills with their rockets.

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 and provides a website for full terms and conditions.

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

Logos at the bottom include: WILDERNESS, LOVE ESSEX, explore ESSEX, essex outdoors, and Essex County Council.

Christmas Reminders

Monday 6th Dec – post-box opens in the school hall. Please mark cards clearly with the recipient's names and class name. The cards will need to be brought into class and the teachers will give the children time to visit the hall to post them.

Wednesday 8th Dec – Christmas Lunch Day - Wear a Christmas jumper or cardigan with usual school uniform trousers, skirt or pinafore (no donation required to wear a Christmas jumper)

Thursday 9th Dec 9.00am – deadline for gift collection in aid of Chelmsford Children's Social Care Services

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 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?
The Quality of Education including Behaviour and Personal Development 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 For teaching and learning to be further improved by developing pupils' memory and retrieval skills.	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. 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.
The School Environment 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.
Leadership and Management Structures and Systems 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.

KidAround's Festive Issue is here and you're going to love it! You can download it straight to your phone or device ready to read whether on the go or with a warm cuppa at home.



If you are having trouble with the image link please copy and paste this link into your browser:
<https://anyflip.com/btwyj/wdsn/>

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.

Attendance

Our Attendance Policy has been updated to add clarification for parents/carers about:

- 🔔 Pupils who arrive late and the need for a parents/carer to sign them in;
- 🔔 The importance of phoning school by 9.20am to notify us of any absence and how we would need to contact those persons listed on our files, should we not be able to contact you directly to find out where your child is;
- 🔔 The importance of parents/ carers notifying us of any changes to contact information.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

School Uniform


There has been a lot of information recently about the need for schools to ensure that school uniform is affordable and readily available. At Danbury Park School we have a flexible school uniform policy offering two suppliers who sell uniform with our school logo at a range of prices. We also have colours that we know are available in the local supermarkets. The DPSA also run a nearly new uniform sale at their events.

We have always aimed to make our uniform as simple as possible and we are happy for the children to wear a range of styles. The children wear their uniform with pride and we are pleased that parents uphold our policy. Thank you!

Children's Well-being


virginia care **PHEW!** Support for children and young people



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 

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



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 opened 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 and Gloves – 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 and gloves 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

-  Year 3 Boys Football letter – Premier Sports club.
-  Christmas Enterprise letters



DPSA News



DPSA Christmas Raffle

The deadline for this year's Christmas Raffle has been **extended to 10th December 2021**, so there's plenty of time to buy extra tickets. Raffle tickets will be on sale after school all next week from the DPSA or will be available from the school office. Payments can be made online, by cheque, cash or contactless payment from the DPSA.

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)



Family Photo Shoot
2 x Tapp'd Cocktails
B&Q Voucher (TCP Ltd)
Organic Artisan Chocolates
Nail Voucher (Nails by Janay)
Turkey Voucher (Kelly Bronze)
Cut & Blow Dry (Peaches Hair)
Cream Tea (Tea on the Green)
Abel & Cole Christmas Gift Box
Acorns to Oaks Subscription Box
£30 Gift Voucher (The Generals Arms)
A bottle of Gin (donated by Multibeton)
Voucher for Free Name Labels (Stikins)
Backpack (donated by the Alpine Room)
Mystery Gift (donated by Tesco Danbury)
Wireless Ear Buds (Woodland Montessori)
Children's Hamper (Woodland Montessori)
Dior Sauvage Shower Gel & Deodorant Gift Set
Free fitness classes (LIIT at Sandon Village Hall)
Coffee, Cake & a bottle of Hadley Wine (The Bell)
£25 John Lewis voucher (Victoria Louise Property)
3 x Fidget Toy Sets (Danbury Rendering Solutions)
Meal for two at The Potting Shed (Westview Nursery)
Body Shop Selection (donated by Nails & Lashes by Becky)
Nintendo Labo Robot Kit (Donated by Woodland Montessori)
4 x Tiptree Miniature Fruit Gin Candles (HCL Tree Management)
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)
One Month Free use of Lifestyle Fitness Suite (Danbury Sports & Social)
Adult Tombola donations (alcohol, chocolates, gifts) will now be included in the raffle

Christmas Fayre – Cancelled

Both the DPSA and Mrs Gooding were devastated to cancel this year's Christmas Fayre, it was a very difficult decision to make as so many of you had put in a huge effort offering donations, time and money into the event. We can assure you that absolutely nothing will get wasted - the DPSA have been busy this week selling off chocolates, sweets, biscuits and advent calendars and we're thrilled at how generous the parents continue to be. All adult tombola donations will now be included in the Christmas Raffle and any donated toys will be sold at our Easter Fayre.

The DPSA would like to give special thanks to the School Office who have gone out of their way to support us this week, so a huge thank you to you all!

Unfortunately, it's the children who will miss out again this year however the DPSA are already putting plans in place for an even bigger and better Easter Fayre for 2022! If you'd like to be involved in planning, please get in touch at

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 3

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 6th December 2021

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Homemade Tomato Pasta Bake or (V) Cheddar Whirl	French Bread Cucumber Sweetcorn	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jam Sponge and Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Mild Chilli Con Carne or (V) Vegan Mince Chilli Con Carne	White/Wholegrain Rice Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Chocolate Shortbread Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday 	Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage Sage Onion Stuffing Yorkshire Pudding in Gravy or (V) Quorn Fillet in Gravy	Roasted Potatoes Carrots Peas Sprouts	Not available	Festive shortbread biscuit or Ice cream pot 
Thursday	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or (V) Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	White/Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Cranberry Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Omega 3 Fish Fingers or (V) Cheese and Tomato Quiche	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Finger Bun 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 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 6th December 2021

Mon 6th

Tues 7th

Weds 8th

11.45am

Christmas Lunch. Wear a Christmas jumper to school.

2.50pm

Let's Present in classes

Thurs 9th

Fri 10th

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
December		
8 th	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
9 th	am	Last day to donate a present for Children's Social Care
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
10 th February	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes