



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

14th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Alex S - Gold Ellie R - Bronze Darcie R - Bronze

Reading certificates will be presented in class later this term.

Weekly Update

This week I attended a headteacher meeting with Mike Gogarty, Director of Public Health for an update on the COVID situation in Essex schools. He actually seemed quite positive that hospitalisations in Essex were not a problem and that generally the Omicron variant although very contagious was generally not causing severe symptoms. He felt that we are approaching the peak of this wave and that by February, we should see a return to how we were in September. This is all very encouraging but in the meantime, we are continuing to see a high number of pupils absent and there is the risk of our staff becoming infected, so I know that as a school we are facing a challenging few weeks ahead. We continue to have our Risk Assessment in place and liaise with Test and Trace over outbreaks within classes. We do ask that any visitors to school undertake a lateral flow test before coming in and adults wear face coverings in communal areas including the front entrance to main reception.

We are still planning our schedule of Spring Term events but are including contingency plans. This term we are planning on holding our class assemblies for the infant classes with the junior classes presenting theirs in the Summer Term. We want to share our learning with you, so if we are not able to invite large groups of parents to join us, then the teachers will upload video clips to Google Classrooms/Tapestry for you to watch and they will send home a special class newsletter to capture a snapshot of what has been happening in class. Provisional dates are included at the end of the newsletter.

During the week beginning 31st January we are having a whole school focus on Maths and each class will be sharing with you the approaches we use in school to teach Maths today and more importantly how the children apply the computational and Mathematical skills to solve everyday problems and prove their answers. Mrs Ireland, Class Dove's teacher and Key Stage 2 Leader, is our Maths subject leader and she will be co-ordinating this event.

During the week beginning 28th February we will be celebrating Book Fortnight with a range of activities across the classes promoting our love of reading and books and including the traditional dressing-up day. We hope to involve parents directly in all these events and we will be optimistic, but please remember this is dependent on the current COVID situation at the time, which is outside our direct control.

Safeguarding

Parent Session: Online Safety with The 2 Johns

We have been informed that a parent session with the 2 Johns will be held on **3rd February at 6pm** on Facebook Live. The 2 Johns have worked with Danbury Park School in the past and their knowledge and advice is invaluable. Anyone wishing to attend will need to go to The 2 Johns' [EST Safety Facebook page](#).

The 2 Johns have information on their website for those of you who may need guidance and it is well-worth reading. They also have a weekly blogs covering topical issues and deal with real and current situations: <https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/>

Attendance

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

- 🔊 Pupils who **arrive late** and the need for a **parents/carers 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!

Children's Well-being

The poster features logos for Virgin Care, Essex Child and Family Wellbeing, and NHS. It includes illustrations of a girl and a boy. The text reads: **PHEW!** Parenting Help for Emotional Wellbeing. It lists common concerns: "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". It describes the service as a 30-minute virtual appointment to discuss challenges and offer strategies. It mentions signposting to online resources and recommends services. A calendar icon is shown with the text: Last Monday of the Month (excluding Bank Holidays). Appointments available throughout the day. Please contact 0300 247 0014 to book. The website www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk is listed at the bottom, along with the NHS logo and a note that services are commissioned by Essex County Council.

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.

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.

Total funds raised this academic year £411.60
Total funds raised since launch £2,451.20

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 graphic features an owl logo and the text 'YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY'. It lists three steps: 1. JOIN OUR LOTTERY (with a £1 ticket icon), 2. BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS (with a bar chart icon), and 3. WIN CASH PRIZES (with a person at a desk icon). Below this is a red banner that says 'It's As Easy As' followed by three hands showing one, two, and three fingers. A list of benefits includes: Tickets cost just £1 a week, The easy way to help us raise funds, Local cash prizes every week, and Chance to win the £25k jackpot. At the bottom, it says 'To start supporting, visit: [yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for: Danbury Park Community'. A small note at the bottom left states 'Supporters must be 16 years of age or older'.

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!

Notification and Reminders

Food in School – Please remember to check any food brought into school for nuts. We have children and staff with potentially fatal allergies so we are a nut free environment. With Natasha's Law now in force, we are having to tighten up on treats brought into school, so we are sorry but we cannot distribute treats brought into school to mark your child's birthday. Please save these for your child's party or celebration.

Pay 360 – Thank you to all the parents who have now joined the new online payments system. Our office staff are happy to support you if you are experiencing difficulties. Please note that we are aiming to be a cashless school by 21st February as part of *Our World, Our Future* project. By having the online system, staff need to make fewer journeys by car to the bank, thus reducing emissions and we are using less paper.

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

 Class Topic Letters – these will also be available on the class pages on the school website.



DPSA News



Dates for the Diary

- 17th January (before 9am) - Bag2School
- 17th January (7.30pm at The Bell) – DPSA Committee meeting
- 28th January - School Disco

Bag2School – Monday 17th January (before 9am)

Bag2School returns next Monday! If you're having a Christmas clear out and would like to donate any unwanted clothes, please bring them along on the morning of **17th January before 9am** to the school gates. Further details can be found on our Facebook page.



School Disco



This term the school disco will be open to all classes! The disco will be held on **Friday 28th January** in the school hall, further details to follow. Volunteers will be needed, so if you could spare some time, please contact us at DPSA2020@yahoo.com or contact your class rep directly.

Valentines Hamper Raffle

The DPSA will be arranging a hamper raffle for Valentine's.

If you've not been involved with our hamper collections before, each class will be given a list of items to donate to a class hamper. The finished hampers are then raffled to the parents and teachers. It's a lovely way to contribute to the school with a chance to win a lovely Valentine's treat! Your class reps be in touch in the next few weeks with further details.

Second-hand School Uniform

Second-hand school uniform items - jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and PE kit - are now being sold via Natalie W so please let her know what you are looking for by emailing her at Westhorp222@mail.com. Items are selling from £2 each. Any donations can be left in bags under the counter at the school office, unfortunately we can only accept items including the school logo.

Ongoing Fundraising



Easyfundraising.org.uk is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site with over 4,700 retailers ready to donate to Danbury Park Community Primary School for FREE every time you shop with them. If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE to use. Just visit: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> click 'Support a Cause' and search for Danbury Park School.



Amazon Smile – Shop at smile.amazon.co.uk and they'll donate to your favourite charitable organisation. Just click on the menu in your Amazon app, select Gifting and Charity, then select Amazon Smile. Search for Danbury Park School Association to start donating at absolutely no cost to you.

Did you know we have a DPSA Facebook page?

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

Have a lovely weekend.

The DPSA



Week 3

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 17th January 2022

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	Minced Beef Wrap or (V) Vegan Mince Wrap	White/Wholegrain Rice Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Shortbread Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Turkey and Sage Onion Stuffing in Gravy or (V) Quorn Fillet in Gravy	Roasted Potatoes Carrots Green Beans	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Strawberry Mousse Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
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	Iced Chocolate Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Omega 3 Fish Fingers or (V) Cheese and Tomato Quiche	Chips Baked Beans Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Pot Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

School Lunches - Costs for Spring Term 2022

1st Half Term: 4th January – 10th February 2022 = 28 days at £2.25 = **£63.00**

2nd Half Term: 22nd February – 1st April 2022 = 29 days at £2.25 = **£65.25**

Total for Spring Term £128.25

Please pay monies for the rest of the term as soon as possible. Thank you.

Please pay via the online payment system Pay 360 – Thank you

Please ensure that all dinners have been paid for the first half of the Spring term.

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 17th January 2022

Mon 17th
Pm

Bags 2 School - 9 am
Launch of OWO Fresh Air, Fresh Thinking project in Class Dove

Tues 18th

Weds 19th
2.45pm

Let's Present

Thurs 20th
7.00pm

Governors' Curriculum and Pupil Related Meeting

Fri 21st

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

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding
Headteacher



Lots of prizes to be won!

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Winter Reading Challenge

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

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Children's Art Competition

Closing Date: Saturday 5 February 2022

- Have fun and create a piece of A4 winter themed artwork!
- Some great prizes to be won!
- Winners' artwork will be displayed in libraries and shared on social media!

Open to all children aged 4-11.

Visit libraries.essex.gov.uk or ask a member of staff for more information.

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Dates for Spring Term 2022

Date	Time	Event
January		
17 th		DPSA Bag2School Collection
20 th		Schools Spring Census
	7.00pm	Curriculum and Pupil Related Committee Meeting
26 th	Am	NHS Year R and Year 6 health and measurement checks
28 th	6.00pm	DPSA EYFS & KS1 Disco
	7.15pm	DPSA KS2 Disco
WB 31 st		Maths Week
February		
8 th	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes
10 th	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes
11 th		School closed for staff training
14 th – 18 th		Half-term break
19 th		School closed for staff training
25 th	tbc	Class J Assembly
WB 28 th		Book Fortnight
March		
3 rd	7.00pm	Resources Committee meeting
4 th	tbc	Class H Assembly
11 th	tbc	Class G Assembly
18 th	tbc	Class F Assembly
WB 21 st		Assessment Week
		Display change
21 st	6.30pm	Pay Committee meeting
	7.00pm	Personnel Committee meeting
26 th		DPSA Easter Fayre
April		
1 st		Last day of Spring Term

Please remember all events are COVID dependent on the COVID situation at the tie.