



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

21st January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

William R - Gold

Reading certificates will be presented in class later this term.

Weekly Update

At the end of last week the children in Class Cuckoo collected all the plastic from our re-cycling points around the school and created another data collection sheet. We now have 5 in total so we have enough information for them to start analysing what patterns they can identify and to consider the impact of our actions. We were pleased that this time there were no bubble wrap sheets, soap bottles or plastic single use cups. We hope this means that we are using alternatives to wrap and cups, and re-using the bottles.

On Monday Class Dove were joined by Mr Richard Cecil, a retired teacher, who is working with the Chelmsford Science and Engineering Society and Anglia Ruskin University on a project called *Fresh Air, Fresh Thinking*. I had mentioned at a recent sustainability meeting how concerned some of the children at Danbury Park were about the number of vehicles using Main Road. At first they had identified the constant noise as a nuisance but then talking the problem through, started to consider the emissions and effect on the air quality around our school. So on Monday we were invited to join a special virtual presentation on air quality given by Jessica Muirhead who is a Principal Air Quality Consultant.

As Class Dove's focus for *Our World, Our Future* is our carbon footprint and the promotion of walking to school, they represented our school. The presentation was perfectly aimed at the children so that they could understand what pollutants are, how they affect air quality and the targets countries have set to reduce them. As part of the project we will be loaned equipment including a weather station connected to a Raspberry Pi with the ability to collect and measure pollutants and also the wind and rain, which could have an effect on our data. Mr Cecil is setting up the equipment for us and then the children in Class Dove will start gathering data for us to analyse and share not only with other schools in the group but also with the project group and eventually the wider community. We will share more information with you in due course.

Today you will receive a letter inviting parents to make an appointment just before the half-term break to meet with class teachers to discuss your child's progress and we are pleased that we feel these can take place face-to-face which also enables you to look at all their work since September. We think you will be amazed by the sheer quantity and more importantly their progress.

Please remember school starts at 9.00am so children need to be in and have time to get ready to start learning by then. The gate will be locked promptly at 9.00am

Parent Surveys

In November the governors conducted one of their regular surveys to find out how parents and carers felt their children had settled back into school. Below are the results.

31 replies were received from Parents' Evenings; 8 replies on line giving a total of 39 total. Percentages were rounded to nearest whole number.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child has settled in happily at school this term.	24 62%	15 38%	0	0	0
I am confident my child is safe and well cared for while at school.	25 64%	13 33%	1 3%	0	0
Any concerns or issues I have raised during the half term have been handled well. <small>N.B. 7 parents did not participate in this question so base of 32 used.</small>	17 53%	13 41%	2 6%	0	0
All the staff are approachable and helpful.	24 62%	15 38%	0	0	0
I have been informed of the topic my child is learning about this term.	21 54%	17 43%	0	1 3%	0
The time my child is expected to spend reading, learning spelling, playing Maths games, etc., and any additional homework as set by the upper junior teachers is manageable. <small>N.B. 8 parents did not participate in this question as children not upper junior pupils so base of 31 used.</small>	14 45%	14 45%	3 10%	0	0

Analysis of results (based on number of replies to each question):

- 100% of parents agree that their children have settled in happily at school this term
- 97% of parents agree that they are confident their children are safe and well cared for while at school
- 94% of parents agree that any issues they raised were dealt with well (presume no issues raised for 7)
- 100% of parents agree that staff are approachable and helpful
- 97% agree they have been informed of the topic being learned this term
- Numbers participating at 39 is lower than hoped for.

Similarly we conducted a survey in school with the children to gather their perspective.

How well do you think you have settled in your new class?

Responses were overwhelming positive with average scores being 4 (5 being the highest) or above. Teachers, LSAs and friends were an overwhelmingly positive influence and helped pupils settle in. Negatives were very few.

How happy are you in your new class?

Responses were overwhelming positive with average scores typically 4 or above. Teachers, LSAs and friends were again a positive influence as well as the curriculum and topics. Many responses across the school said the children were happy with everything and there were no negatives. Any negatives related mostly to areas of the curriculum being challenging or not personally liked by the children.

Have you enjoyed your learning this term?

Responses were high 4s. In most classes pupils said there was nothing that they didn't like and topic work was a firm favourite. For every curriculum area that pupils said they enjoyed, other pupils said they had not.

How could we improve your class?

Many children said there was nothing that could be improved. Suggestions varied and covered predominantly more time for favourite curriculum areas as well as improving break and lunchtimes with football and more equipment. Resources for the classroom were mentioned including more books and new laptops.

We use these surveys to inform our school improvement plan so that we can make Danbury Park School the best it can possibly be.

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](https://www.facebook.com/2johns/).

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/>

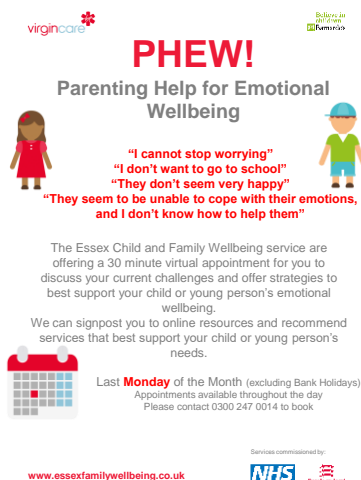
Attendance

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 parental 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 Essex Child and Family Wellbeing service as offering a 30-minute virtual appointment to discuss challenges and offer strategies. It also mentions signposting to online resources and recommends services. At the bottom, it states: 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, along with NHS and Essex Child and Family Wellbeing logos.

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Essex Child and Family Wellbeing

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.

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www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

Services commissioned by:

NHS

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing

Chelmsford Children's Social Care

We received a card last week saying a massive thank you to all our families who gave Christmas presents to this worthy cause. They said that we made all the children very happy.

Thank you for your generosity and caring about others.

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>



**Play Today
Win A Getaway**

**Support Our Lottery This Term
WIN a Forest Staycation!**

- Help give our fundraising a much needed boost
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Guaranteed cash prize winner every week
- Jackpot of £25,000!

Play Now! Go to:
YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play
and search for: Danbury Park Community

Supporters must be 18 years of age or older. See website for T&Cs. Closing dates: 26th February 2022

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

- 📧 Spring Term 2022 Parent Consultations.
- 📧 Parentmail – Government guidance regarding Covid.
- 📧 Class Dove – Mayan Workshop letter.



DPSA News



Coming Up...

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| ★ 28 th January | School Disco |
| ★ 26 th March | Eastival |
| ★ 7 th May | DPSA Jumble Sale – Danbury Village Hall |
| ★ 9 th May | Bag2School |
| ★ 4 th July (after school) | Summer Bonanza |
| ★ TBC | Quiz Night |
| ★ TBC | DPSA Golf Day |

Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who donated to Bag2School this week, as always there was a fantastic turnout! We haven't received the total amount raised just yet, but we'll keep you posted.

School Disco – Friday 28th January

School Disco is back next Friday and this term it be open to all classes! To try and avoid the queues please can we ask that your child's entry fee is paid in advance.

Entry to the disco is £5 and will now include crisps, sweets, and a drink (please let us know if your child has special dietary needs). There will be more treats and glow sticks for the children to buy if they wish, and a raffle for the KS2 children.

- ★ EYFS & KS1 – 6.00 – 7.00pm
- ★ KS2 – 7.15 - 8.30pm
- ★ Glow Sticks 50p each or 3 for £1 | Sweets 20p | Crisps 30P | Drinks 50p



BACs info: Danbury Park School Association | Sort Code 20-19-95 | Acc No 03049310 |

Ref Disco + Name + Class (ie Disco Ella J). Please pop an email to DPSA2020@yahoo.com to let us know you've paid.

We still need willing volunteers to help on the night, so if you could spare some time, please contact the DPSA or your class rep directly.

Half Term Hamper Raffle

The DPSA will be arranging a Valentines themed hamper raffle this half term. We'll shortly be passing around a list to each class rep of things you may wish to offer, and a donation box will be in each class to make it easier at school pick up time. Donations need to be made by Thursday 10th February (last day of term), so the DPSA can package them up nicely ready for the draw on Tuesday 22nd. Raffle tickets will be on sale after school from 31st January at 50p each.

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 shortly with further details of how to contribute.

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 Westthorp222@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.

Contact us

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

You can also contact us directly at DPSA2020@yahoo.com or just grab us in the playground. A list of committee members is displayed on the DPSA notice board at the front of the school.

Have a lovely weekend.

The DPSA



Week 1

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 24th January 2022

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza or (V) Homemade Cheese and 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 Sausage or (V) Vegan Sausage	Creamy Mashed Potato Carrots 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 (V) Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma with Naan Bread	White/Wholegrain Rice Mixed Vegetables Green Beans	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 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 24th January 2022

Mon 24th

Tues 25th

Weds 26th
2.45pm

NHS Year R and Year 6 health and measurement checks
Let's Present

Thurs 27th

Fri 28th

6.00pm
7.15pm

DPSA EYFS & KS1 Disco
DPSA KS2 Disco

Full term dates for the academic years 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		
26 th	Am	NHS Year R and Year 6 health and measurement checks
28 th	6.00pm 7.15pm	DPSA EYFS & KS1 Disco DPSA KS2 Disco
WB 31 st		Maths Week
February		
8 th	3.30 - 6.00pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
10 th	5.30 – 8.00pm	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 7.00pm	Pay Committee meeting Personnel Committee meeting
26 th		DPSA Easter Fayre
April		
1 st		Last day of term

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