



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

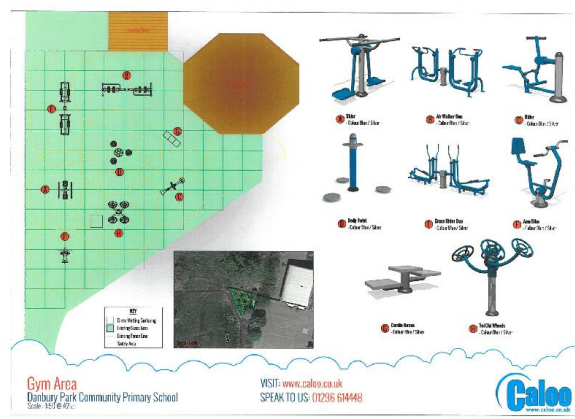
Albert L - Ruby **Charlie W - Ruby** **Ronnie A – Ruby**
Emily B – Bronze **Tom Barker - Bronze**

Weekly Update

This week we were very excited to receive planning permission for our outdoor gym. This is a project that we started way back at the beginning of the summer term when we decided to use part of our Sports Grant to enhance not only our PE provision but also the children's options for physical activity at break and lunchtimes.

As a community school we have to obtain permission from Essex County Council for most works that we do to the school premises and grounds, this resulted in outdoor gyms being raised as a grey area for planning permission and ECC insisted we apply. We would like to thank Nick Moore, one of our parent governors for his expertise and time in speaking with the planning department and putting together the application.

Sadly that's not quite the end of the story as we now need to get final approval from ECC which could take another six weeks! At Danbury Park we never give up and we aim to get the equipment installed in time for at least part of the summer term. The equipment will use the dead space behind the PE sheds and will be fenced off so that we have a very defined safe area. Caloo are our contractors and they have recently redesigned their equipment so that it is suitable for the entire primary range which means that every child will get the opportunity to use it.



Carpark

We are aware that the carpark at the front of the school is getting more and more congested. We would remind parents that Danbury Outdoors manage this area and they allow our parents and visitors to use the space. From Tuesday 1st until 16th February there will be fewer parking spaces as Danbury Outdoors are having extensive work to their main drive way down to the centre and need to use part of their separated parking area for heavy equipment.

Parents need to be aware of this to keep their young children safe and to prevent them wandering into the Danbury Outdoor side. This also means Danbury Outdoors may need to use part of the side that parents use for their own staff and visitors.

Please remember that it is vitally important that parents do not park on the tarmacked road down from Well Lane or along the entrance road as this causes obstructions and would not allow the emergency services easy access to the school. There are signs on the posts and drivers should obey these and not obstruct the free flow of traffic. Cars should only be parked in the main central area.

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/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!

Our World, Our Future

We are always pleased when a new member of our community supports our school ethos of reduce, reuse, recycle and repair so we were pleased to find out that Mrs Powell, our cover teacher in Class Budgerigar, runs a monthly sale at Maldon Town Hall of antiques, collectibles and pre-loved items. The next sale is on Saturday 5th February from 8.30am to 3.00pm and she would love to see you there.

We would like to thank all the families who are donating books to the school. We have a huge supply and this means we can supplement our boxes of picture books in the infants, replace worn out books in the juniors and also refresh the boxes of books that are now going out into the gazebos at lunchtimes. This makes savings not just economically but environmentally.

Danbury Library

Fleur Medcroft, our friendly village librarian, has asked us to pass on the following message:

Danbury Library are thrilled to be able to offer two poetry workshops with nationally and internationally published poet Linda Middleton.

On Saturday 26th March, Ms Middleton will run two workshops for children in school years 4 and 5. These workshops will include a poetry reading and group activities around verse and rhymes. There are 8 spaces on each workshop and we are delighted that the sessions are free, although as spaces are limited you do need to book.

If you would like to reserve a space please could you email

Danbury.library@essex.gov.uk

Or you can come into Danbury library and book directly.

Please include the name and school year of the child/children and which session you would prefer them to attend. As every child will be 8 years old or above there is no requirement for a parent to stay.

The two sessions are:

Saturday 26th March 2-3pm

Saturday 26th March 3:30-4pm.

Once the library has heard from you, they will send confirmation and any consent forms or further details.

We really hope you can be part of this exciting opportunity.

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>



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Support Our Lottery This Term
WIN a Forest Staycation!

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- 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 Communi

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

 Parentmail and email regarding Pay360 Cashless School system - for classes F-J.



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, you all raised £212 which is a great achievement!

School Disco – Friday 28th January

School Disco is back tonight and open to all classes! If you've not managed to pre-order entry you can still pay on the door. **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
- ★ KS2 Only – Candy Floss £1



If you've kindly offered to volunteer to one or both sessions, please arrive 15 minutes early so we can register you and your child(ren).

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. We will also be selling second-hand uniform at Eastival on 26th March.

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 2

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 31st January 2022

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 fillings	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 fillings	Chocolate Crispy 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 31st January 2022

Mon 31st

Maths Week

Tues 1st Feb

Weds 2nd

2.45pm

Let's Present

Thurs 3rd

Fri 4th

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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Read, learn, connect.

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		
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
21 st		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 dependent on the COVID situation at the time.