



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter

Website: [www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk](http://www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk)

**7<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

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

Lexie F – **Ruby** Zoe D – **Diamond** Oscar D – **Silver**

**Congratulations** also to **Hema M** and **Elena M** who both passed their piano exams with merit.

*Reading certificates will be presented in class later this term.*

### Weekly Update

Welcome back! I hope that you and your families had as good a Christmas as possible. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank you for your kind gifts and cards. I know that many of you were affected by COVID over the break and continue to be so at the start of the new year. It seems that January is going to be another difficult month but hopefully we will get through this current wave soon. New information, guidance and regulations are coming out from the government by the day but generally primary schools are continuing to follow their risk assessments as established in the Autumn Term. Rules on COVID testing and self-isolation have changed and we will continue to let parents know if we have a positive case in your child's class by Parentmail.

At the beginning of this week, we had 22 children absent because of COVID, which means that the virus is impacting our school in a much bigger way than before. The teachers are trying very hard to upload work to Google Classrooms for those children who are having to isolate but are well enough to do school work as quickly as possible. This is a very different situation from remote education during lockdowns and previous whole class closures. First thing in the morning the teachers are setting up their classrooms and then they are in class teaching all day. Their planning, preparation and assessment time is blocked, usually for mid-week, so the only opportunity that they have to go online is at the end of the school day when they will upload work that is relevant to what has been taught. This is also the only time that they will have to respond to e-mails from parents. We ask that parents are patient and considerate of this additional pressure. Each teacher manages their workload in a different way depending on their family and personal circumstances but please do not expect responses to e-mails in the evenings and at weekends or during school holidays. Notifications of absences and general matters should be sent to the office e-mail on [admin@danburypark.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@danburypark.essex.sch.uk).

This term we say hello to Mrs Gilbert teaching in Class Eider with Mrs Harden and Mrs Powell teaching Class Budgerigar. I hope you will make them feel welcome. We also have Mrs Booth teaching full-time in Class Avocet.

We are proceeding with caution and whilst we have plans for Maths workshops and activities, Book Fortnight and some class assemblies, we are waiting to see how the situation develops. Likewise we are considering our options for parent consultations this term. Whatever happens, we will continue to work hard to make this term enjoyable and inspiring for the children.

## 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 service as a 30-minute virtual appointment to discuss challenges and offer strategies. It mentions signposting to online resources and recommends the service for children and young people's needs. 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 **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

Full information is available on the Essex County Council website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

The application round opened on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 a 'YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY' banner. 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 Primary School'. 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!

## Midday Assistant Vacancies

We still have vacancies for 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.

## 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.

**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

-  Maldon Rugby Club – Classes A-E
-  NCMP – Health Care for Year 6 and Reception Classes
-  Class Budgerigar – Teacher update



**Week 2**

## Owl's Barn School Meals

**Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022**  
Fresh bread and milk available daily

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

### School Lunches - Costs for Spring Term 2022

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 autumn 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 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Mon 10<sup>th</sup>

Tues 11<sup>th</sup>

Weds 12<sup>th</sup>

2.45pm

Let's Present

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>

7.00pm

Full Governing Body Meeting

Fri 14<sup>th</sup>

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](http://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](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk) or ask a member of staff for more information.

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### **Dates for Spring Term 2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> February - tbc	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes
10 <sup>th</sup> February - tbc	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes

**A full list of dates will be published shortly.**