



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

10th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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






Maria T – Emerald	Charlie H - Emerald	Ruby C- Emerald
Archie F- Ruby	Jacob F- Ruby	Harry R- Ruby
Lucy C-S – Diamond	Florence M - Diamond	Petr L - Diamond
Sophie T- Bronze	Toby B - Bronze	

Reading certificates will be presented in class during the term.

Weekly Update

Last week was Maths Week in school and the children in all classes were involved in a range of investigations applying their mathematical skills which it seems that they thoroughly enjoyed. The children and their teachers have put together a special report about their activities and this is being sent out as an additional newsletter this week.

As teachers we appreciate that Maths lessons have probably changed a lot since parents and grandparents were at school. These days there is a greater emphasis on the understanding behind mathematical processes and then applying these skills to solve problems and justify decisions. On the school website under *The Curriculum* tab, we have copies of our main Maths documents which we hope parents and carers will find useful:

-  [The Mathematics Curriculum at DPS](#)
-  [Mathematics Progression and End of Unit Expectations](#)
-  [Mathematics Policy Spring 2021](#)
-  [Maths Written Calculations Policy – Jan 2018](#)
-  [Infant maths leaflet Sept 2021](#)

We are pleased that we were able to hold our parent consultation meetings this week and that so many parents could come into school to see their children's books – the children have certainly done a lot of work and it is so much easier for us to explain to you what is going well and what needs more attention, when you have the evidence in front of you! We appreciate that some parents were unable to attend due to COVID and we hope that they will be able to meet the teacher in the coming weeks.

Friday 11th and Monday 21st February are both staff training days so school will be closed to the children. We hope that you have an enjoyable half-term break and we look forward to the second half of the Spring Term when we will have our Book Week and infant class assemblies and also the DPSA Easter Fayre.

Love your Library

This half term, Essex Libraries are celebrating Love Your Library Day and they have asked us to pass on the following message:

This Love Your Library Day, visit your local library on Saturday 19 February. Children will be able to take part in lots of fun superhero activities including a story time, arts and crafts and we are encouraging children to come along dressed as their favourite superhero. As well as this, we will also be asking children to see if they can spot several superhero posters in our libraries, to find out the secret word!

We also will be hosting events for adults. You can find out more about that on our webpage.

We will be running a prize draw to win children's goodie bags, kindly donated by [Forbidden Planet](#). To enter, all you need to do is:

- Take a photo of the books your child is borrowing on Love Your Library Day.
- Post the photo on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) tagging @EssexLibraries and using the hashtag #LYLDay.
- The photo can just show the books or show you child holding the books.

If possible, please also tag @ForbiddenPlanet on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) and @ForbiddenPlanetdotcom on [Facebook](#).

For full terms and conditions, please click [here](#).

So come along on Saturday 19 February, take part in some activities and get to know your community!

We would advise taking a lateral flow test before attending Love Your Library events.

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 Communi

Supporters must be 16 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!

Safeguarding

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 8th February

We hope that some of you took the opportunity to join the free parent session last week with the 2 Johns. Last Tuesday was Internet Safety Day and again we will be taking the opportunity to re-inforce our online safety messages with the children.

The 2 Johns describe the online world as a train journey and they encourage parents to travel **WITH** their child as they explore and become familiar with digital world. We would endorse this approach. Parents often take away mobile phones, tablets and computers from their child when things go wrong and this often leads to children being afraid to seek help from adults when they need it most.

Top tips:

- Set up parental controls which you can then gradually remove;
- Set and stick to boundaries, such as times to go online;
- Take time to go online with your child to play games together;
- Explore the sites they use, particularly social media, and find out the dangers so you can warn them;
- Most importantly, learn with your child.

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/>

[EST Safety Facebook page.](#)

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

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.

Notification and Reminders

Food and Drink 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.


Please send your child in with suitable unbreakable water bottles. No glass bottles are permitted.

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 A – Class arrangements after half term.

 Class E – Class arrangements after half term.



Week 1

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 21st February 2022

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday		<i>Inset</i>	<i>Day</i>	
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

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

Please pay monies up to 1st April 2022 ONLY as the summer term falls within the new financial year. 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 21st February 2022

Mon 21st Feb School Closed for Staff Training

Tues 22nd Feb

Weds 23rd
2.45pm Let's Present

Thurs 24th

Fri 25th Class Jay Assembly

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!

Essex Library Services
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
February		
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
22 nd		Class D Mayan Day
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.