



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong !

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

11th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Phoebe M - Emerald

Teigi S - Emerald

Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies during the term.

Weekly Update

This week we have continued to see a large number of Covid cases throughout the school and we have had a number of staff absent. We have been lucky that as one group returns another is hit by the virus so we have been able to keep the school open. The staff have been fantastic at supporting each other as well as the supply teachers who have been able to help us out so that as far as possible, there is some continuity for the children.

Over the past few weeks the children in classes Jay and Hummingbird have presented their learning from this term to parents in our class assemblies. Miss Johnston commented on how confident the children in Class Jay had become. They certainly enjoyed their work around *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* and making and tasting porridge. Class Hummingbird shared their learning from Book Fortnight and took us on a whirlwind tour of Columbia inspired by *Encanto*.



Book Fortnight has continued this week and we will share more in next week's newsletter. We are supporting the **Essex Year of Reading** and there is an inspirational message from Frank Cottrell-Boyce, an author, who explains why reading is so important. Please take the time to have a look:

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5rwcoNC0S4>

Thank you for your support and generosity last week. We raised £448.62 to cover the cost of Mike Dodsworth, the visiting story teller, working with all classes today and to buy some new reading books.

Talented Pupils



On Saturday 5th March, Albert competed in the Kazen Kai Junior Kickboxing Competition. Students had to compete against their opponent in continuous fighting and were awarded points for controlled and accurate techniques. Any uncontrolled moves resulted in penalties. Albert successfully won his qualifying fights, and achieved a place in the final where he went on to win and receive the Gold medal! Albert was praised for his accuracy, self-discipline and composure throughout all his fights. Well done Albert!

Community News

We have been asked to pass on information about the Sustainable Danbury's community seed swap event on **12 March at 2pm** at St John's Church Meeting Room.:

Bring surplus seeds to swap, plant a beanstalk or a pumpkin for the autumn, learn how to make sustainable pots, tick off things on your scavenger hunt sheet and make and decorate a seed packet to take some wildflower seeds home for your own garden, courtesy of Claremont Nurseries.

(Bring a box to carry your plants home. Planting will take place outside so wear something warm!) All welcome. Tea and cake will be available.

Crisis in Ukraine

As a school we are shocked about the recent events in Ukraine. We are talking to the children about what they are hearing in the news but please be assured this is being done in a sensitive and age-appropriate way.





Get set... Danbury Park School is taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2022 (the new name for Big Pedal), the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge.

The challenge runs from **21 March to 1 April**. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

- Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scooter or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.
- We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.
- We know there may be things which make it more difficult for some pupils to take part than others.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

It also links with our school Our World, Our Future project in trying to cut pollution around our school area.

Active school runs help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Plus there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide packed with advice, games and challenges to help you have hassle-free cycle, walk or scooter to school.

Download your free family guide using this link:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-family-guide/>

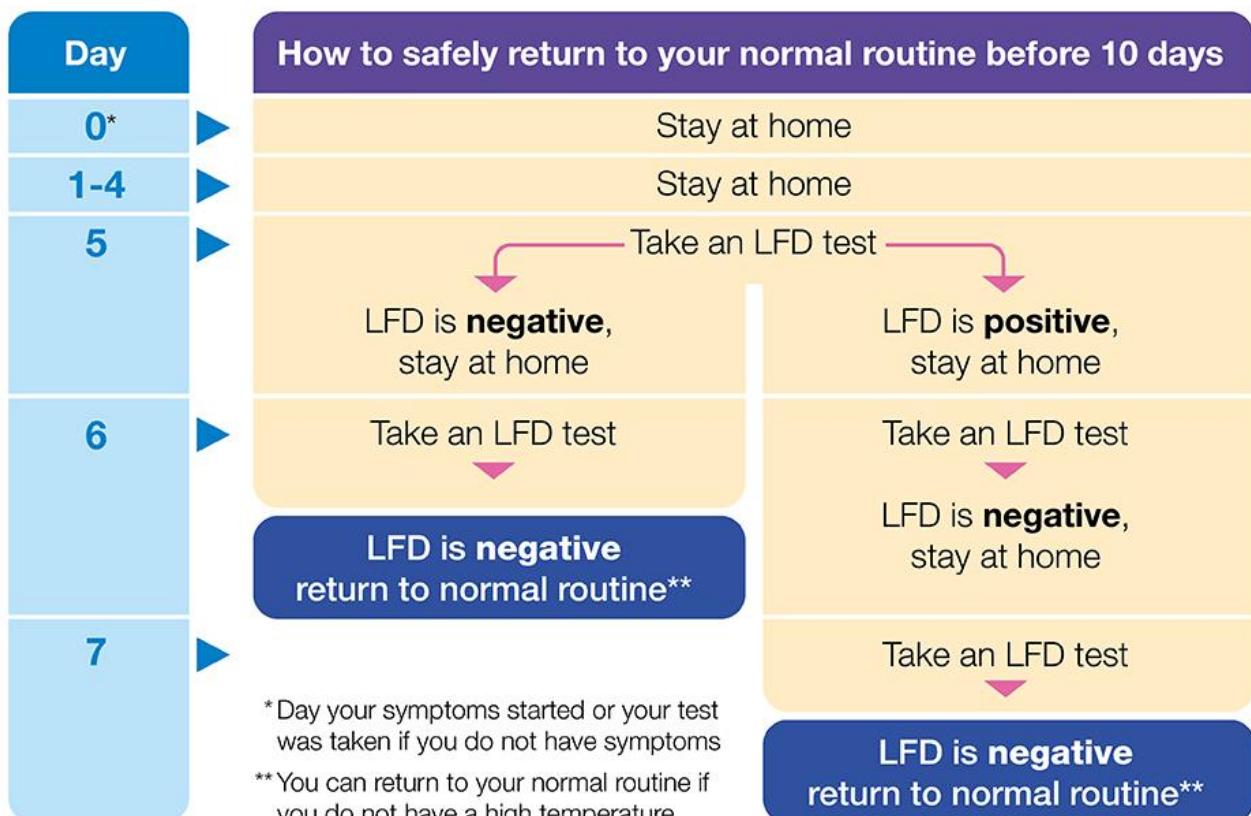
For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk. Enjoy the challenge!

Midday Assistant Vacancies

We have new vacancies for Midday Assistants to help us at lunchtimes starting after the Easter break. 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.

COVID Guidance Flowchart



Parent Survey – School Uniform

In line with government requirements we are reviewing our school uniform to ensure that it is affordable and easily available to all our families. At this time we do not feel there is a need to make any changes to the uniform itself.

As part of the survey we are reviewing our existing contracts and would appreciate your views. We have set up an online survey and would be grateful if you could spend just 2 minutes answering the questions using the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y9TQ6R8>

A paper version is available from the school office if you would prefer.

The survey will be open until **Monday 14th March**.

Thank you.

Safeguarding

Prevent Duty

In July 2015, the **Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015** placed a new duty on schools and other providers of education and care, in the exercise of their functions to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'. The guidance states that schools should be safe spaces in which children and young people can understand and discuss sensitive topics, including terrorism and the extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology, and learn how to challenge these ideas.

This aspect of safeguarding and child protection is regularly included as part of our regular programme of staff training. At Danbury Park School we take seriously our duty to:

- Teach a broad and balanced curriculum which promotes spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life and must promote community cohesion;
- Be safe spaces in which children can understand and discuss sensitive topics, including terrorism and the extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology, and learn how to challenge these ideas;
- Be mindful of our existing duties to forbid political indoctrination and secure a balanced presentation of political issues.

Our children do love to engage in discussions and debates and they are confident to share their thoughts and also what they have heard, so our staff have a good overview. Parents can play their part by discussing topical issues through presenting a balanced view, so that the children can be supported in drawing their own conclusions.

If we are ever concerned, we will contact parents and we are here to help, should you need it.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

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 now well on our way to being a cashless school 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

✉ Year 6 School Journey booklet and form to return by 25th March 2022



Week 1

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 14th March 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

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

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 14th March 2022

Mon 14th Mar

Tues 15th

1.15pm Dermot O'Leary Virtual Reading Workshop

Weds 16th

2.45pm Let's Present

Thurs 17th

Fri 18th Maldon KS2 Tag Rugby Tournament

2.45pm Class Flamingo's assembly

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

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding
Headteacher



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Dates for Spring Term 2022

Date	Time	Event
March		
18 th	2.45pm	Class F Assembly
WB 21st		Assessment Week
		Display change
21 st	6.30pm 7.00pm	Pay Committee meeting Personnel Committee meeting
22 nd		Class D Mayan Day
25th	2.45pm	Class G Assembly NB Date change
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.



CHELMSFORD CITY FC

FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

EASTER FOOTBALL COURSES 2022

COURSES

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TEAM

FREE TICKET ADMITTING 2 PEOPLE TO A CHELMSFORD CITY HOME GAME THIS SEASON ON ALL COURSES

COURSE CODE	DATE	TIME	VENUE	AGE	PRICE
SOCER COURSES					
CF1	APRIL 4/5	[2 DAYS] 9:30-2:30	CHELMSFORD VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, COURT ROAD, WILLOUGHBY, CHELMSFORD CM3 6SD (01245 650766)	4-12	£30
CF2	APRIL 11/12/13/14	[4 DAYS] 9:30-2:30	CHELMSFORD VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, COURT ROAD, WILLOUGHBY, CHELMSFORD CM3 6SD (01245 650766)	7-12	£50
CF3	APRIL 11/12/13/14	[4 DAYS] 9:30-12:30	CHELMSFORD VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, COURT ROAD, WILLOUGHBY, CHELMSFORD CM3 6SD (01245 650766)	4-6	£30
GOALKEEPER COACHING					
GK1	APRIL 4/5	[2 DAYS] 9:30-2:30	CHELMSFORD VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, COURT ROAD, WILLOUGHBY, CHELMSFORD CM3 6SD (01245 650766)	5-10	£40
GK2	APRIL 13/14	[2 DAYS] 9:30-2:30	CHELMSFORD VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, COURT ROAD, WILLOUGHBY, CHELMSFORD CM3 6SD (01245 650766)	5-10	£40

THERE IS SOME FLEXIBILITY WITHIN AGE BANDS

WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO BRING

Please bring suitable clothing and footwear for indoors and on grass and a packed lunch on CF1 and GK1. Outdoor clothing and footwear for grass and a packed lunch on CF2 and GK2. Outdoor clothing and footwear required on CF3. On all courses bring plenty of non-fizzy drink and a healthy morning snack.

Erinn - 11 years old

"I've really enjoyed the course, the crossbar challenge was my favourite because it was challenging and you could see different people's skills. I enjoyed meeting other kids because sometimes I can be socially awkward, so it's nice to be around new people. The coaches are really good! They improve your skills and aren't too strict."

Come and have
FOOTBALL FUN
with qualified
DBS checked
coaches.
Skills, games
and mini match
play



"YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THE BEST, JUST THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE!"

Please contact Chris Finch on 07990673213 or email stoppercoach@aol.com for further information

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