



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

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22nd April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Emily T- **Emerald** Claudia M-**Topaz** Jacob W-**Topaz**
Phoebe N -**Topaz** Harry T-**Diamond**

Congratulations also to Isabelle M who achieved a Merit in her Grade 1 Cecchetti Classical Ballet exam.

Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies during the term.

Weekly Update

I hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday. The children certainly seemed keen to be back at school on Tuesday and they are looking forward to the term ahead.

Today we have all been marking World Earth Day and this has seen the relaunch of our *Our World, Our Future* initiative. Each class has their own area of responsibility and although some classes have already started on their projects such as Class Cuckoo with their plastic re-cycling and Classes Jay and Hummingbird understanding why we re-cycle paper and how we have to take care of our equipment, many classes will be focusing on this aspect throughout the summer term.

Thank you to everyone who donated seeds, plants, shrubs and trees. We have lots of plans to get our vegetable garden planted and to brighten up the outside areas around the school including creating a special sensory garden to also encourage insect life. This will also act as a quiet reflective area for children at break and lunchtimes who may be seeking a quieter space. I am setting each class a challenge of creating a class hanging basket and these will be displayed outside each classroom so that we can watch their progress as they grow and flourish under their care. We want to know which will be the most successful and why.

Next week sees the start of the installation of the outdoor gym which has been long awaited. This will be behind the PE and DPSA sheds so we would remind parents that pre-school and younger children must be kept under close supervision at the end of the school day.

We have an exciting term planned including celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, an Arts Week as well as Sports Day and a return of Danbury Park's Got Talent. Dates are included at the end of the newsletter and more details will follow near the time. Topic letters from each class will follow next week so that you know what is happening and how you can support your child with their learning but if you have any questions the staff are always happy to help.

Our DT morning by Amber and Daniel, Class Flamingo

Before Easter we had our DT morning in Class Flamingo. Some parents came in to help us. We made Tudor houses and it was lots of fun. It took the whole morning to make our houses and we used lots of resources and made lots of mess!

We brought in two boxes, one small and one big and stuck them together, one on top of the other. We had already designed our houses so we knew what we wanted them to look like. We then made the roof. Some people used card and some people use paper. We then chose how we wanted to decorate it, making sure we had the features of a Tudor house. The best bit was decorating the roof. Our classroom looked like a barnyard as some people used straw! It got everywhere! Some people painted theirs and others cut up squares of felt to show how the tiles might look.

Most people were very pleased with their finished products but when we evaluated our work some said they would change some things if we made it again.



Thank you to all the parents who helped.

Message from the School Council

Tuck Shop Returns

We as a school are delighted to announce that the tuck shop will be re-opening after the Easter Holidays. Some children from Year five and Year six will be chosen to run the stall daily. As we are a nut free school we will not allow any products containing nuts. On the other hand, the school will be rewarded with a treat day on Friday allowing them to bring in cake and healthy treats.

Please do not bring in any crisps, chocolates and sweets as they contain too much sugar. Various fruits will be sold and vegetables along with cereal bars for the children to enjoy. The system will work with the children coming into the hall in the morning to buy their fruit and go back to their classrooms. The cost of the fruit and vegetables on sale will be 20p.

Hema, Sophie and Oscar

We are pleased that the DPSA and Mrs Backshall, Class Budgerigar's LSA, have offered to help us run the tuck shop. We need a few days after Easter to get the fruit, vegetables and cereal bars in stock so we plan to open fully on **Monday 25th April**.

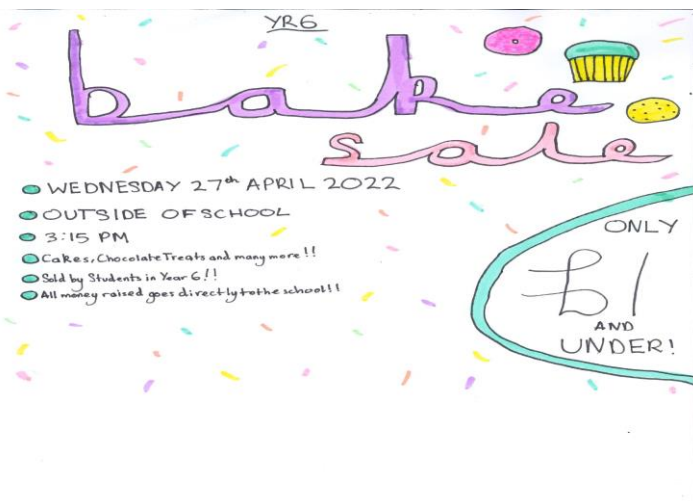
Please support the children in their endeavours to promote a balanced diet and healthy life-styles and choices. The children in the infants all receive free fruit and vegetables so unless school is aware of a medical need, they do not bring in any tuck. In the juniors we want to move away from the salty snacks, chocolate bars and sweets that have started to creep in since the pandemic started. These are not good nutritionally and although may be eaten as treats, we ask that these are saved for after-school or weekends.

Ideas for Earth Day – Friday 22nd April

At home you can also join in and these are a few suggestions for promoting a good family discussion:

- Have a personal clean up..... in your area collect plastics, cans, bottles etc.
- Perform a household audit..... Concentrate on electronic devices. Make sure they are off when not being used. Around the house, replace energy efficient bulbs etc.
- In the house ensure that where possible, things are being recycled.
- Are we wasting water? Do we turn our tap off when brushing our teeth? Do we have a shower instead of a bath? Do we just boil the amount of water we need in the kettle?
- Plant some flowers at home as well – the bees will love them!

Year 6 Bake Sale



Our Year 6 pupils are organising a Bake Sale to take place on Wednesday 27th April after school. This is to raise funds for their leaving gift to the school.

Well-being

At Danbury Park School the well-being of our pupils and staff has always been high priority. In September we started a project to refurbish the DT room and turn it into a calm and quiet oasis. We are pleased that the transformation is now complete and the room is being fully used to help anyone in need.

We have a soothing picture of a tropical beach with gentle waves to transport us somewhere where we can feel calm and relaxed. On the walls we have displays about the Zones of Regulation to help children articulate their emotions as well as ideas for mindfulness and de-stressing. One of our pupils is also working on a display about the *Hidden Chimp* which he has found very useful as a strategy for understanding feelings and reactions and wants to share with others.

The room is used by counselling services who work with individual children and also by our team of well-being mentors (Mrs Koch, Mrs Backshall and Mrs Babbs). Their work is invaluable in helping children through difficult times in their lives and helps the children see that school is a safe and supportive place where we can listen to their worries and be there for them.



COVID Guidance from 1st April

The government has issued the following guidance:

The population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk.

Unless we receive information from the Local Authority to the contrary the following procedures will apply:

- *Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.*
- *Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.*
- *Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.*

Safeguarding

Now that the weather is improving and you may be considering letting your older children walk to and from school on their own, it would be a good time to remind them about road safety. Main Road and the roads around the village do get very busy in the mornings and at the end of the school day. We are working with the Parish Council and the local community to improve safety in the village but this will take some time. A gentle refresher in road safety for the children from families would go a long way!

Last week and this week school participated in the annual *Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel* event which inspires pupils, staff and parents to be amazing and take active journeys to school. This would also improve the air quality around the school! Class Dove will be collating the data we have gathered across the school and will report back on their findings next term.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Midday Assistant and Staffing Vacancies

We still urgently require 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.

Notification and Reminders




Ink Pen Purchases - As we have moved to becoming a cashless school, the purchase of ink pens now needs to be made via Pay360 and not the school office. You will need to order the pen via the stationery tab on Pay360.

Once we have seen a payment of £1.50 on Pay360 the school office will deliver the pen to the child's classroom.

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 3 – Swimming Lessons
-  Year 5 – Danbury Outdoors Trip
-  Year 5 – Sandon Taster Day



Week 2

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 25th April 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 Pasta Bolognese or (V) Vegan Mince Bolognese	French Bread Sweetcorn, Cauliflower Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Jelly and Fruit Fresh Fruit Fresh Yoghurt
Wednesday	All Day Breakfast; Chipolata Sausage Bacon and Egg (V) Vegan Sausage Egg	Hash Brown Mushrooms Baked Beans Fresh Tomatoes	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	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 a roll	Chips Peas Baked Beans Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Crispy Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

School Lunches - Costs for Summer Term 2022

1st Half Term: 19th April – 27th May 2022 = 28 days at £2.25 = **£63.00**

2nd Half Term: 7th June – 21st July 2022 = 33 days at £2.25 = **£74.25**

Total for the whole term = £137.25

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 25th April 2022

Mon 25th

9.15am	Year 2 SATs meeting for parents
1.30pm	Year 6 to visit Danbury Mission

Tues 26th

Weds 27th

2.45pm	Let's Present
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Thurs 28th

7.00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
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Fri 29th

10.00am	Year 6 visit to St John's Church
	DT day in Class Goldfinch
1.00pm	Community Dental Screening (classes J & H)

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

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,
Headteacher

Dates for Summer Term 2022

Date	Time	Event
April		
19 th	8.50am	School opens for the Summer Term
21 st	7.00pm	FGB Budget Setting Meeting
22 nd		Earth Day
25 th	1.30pm	Year 6 walk to Danbury Mission
26 th		Class F – Year 2 Pre-testing Project
27 th		Class F – Year 2 Pre-testing Project
	1.30pm	Governor Safeguarding Monitoring
28 th	7.00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
29 th	10.00am	Year 6 walk to St John's church
May		
1 st		KS1 SATs window opens
3 rd	1.30pm	Stuart Bird to visit Class A re solar panels
7 th		DPSA Jumble Sale
9 th		Bag2School
Week beg 9 th		KS2 SATS – see separate timetable
12 th	tbc	Governors' Curriculum meeting
16 th		Governors' Personnel meeting
18 th	2.45pm	Class E assembly
19 th		School Census – Summer
20 th	5.45 – 6.45 7.15 – 8.30pm	DPSA Disco – EYFS & KS1 DPSA KS2 Disco
Week beg 23 rd		Assessment Week for Years 1, 3, 4 & 5
	12.00pm	Year 4 Superstars
27 th		Whole school Queen's Jubilee Celebrations
30th May – 3rd June		Half-term break
6 th		School closed for staff training
		Arts Week
		Year 1 Phonics Screening window opens
		Year 4 Multiplication Test window opens
7 th	9.30am	Year 2 Mini-games
8 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 1/6
9 th	7.00pm	Governors' Resources meeting
10 th	2.45pm	Class C assembly
15 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 2/6
17 th	2.45pm	Class B assembly
20 th	Pm	KS2 District Athletics
21 st		Olympic athlete to visit school
22 nd	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 3/6
		School Class Photos
24 th		Year 5 Taster Day at Sandon School
	2.45pm	Class D assembly
25 th		DPSA Quiz

27 th	9.30am – 10.30am	New entrants to visit Meet your teacher for next year
	Pm	KS2 District Athletics
29 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 4/6
July		
1 st	All day	Year 5 visit to Danbury Outdoors
	2.45pm	Class A assembly
4 th		Science Day
		DPSA Inflatables afternoon
6 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 5/6
7 th	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
8 th		Year 6 Induction Day at Sandon
	1.30pm – 2.30pm	New entrants to visit Meet your teacher for next year
		Pupil end of year reports to go out
	Eve	DPSA Year 6 Leavers' Event
Week beg 11 th		Year 6 School Journey
13 th		New entrants to visit for lunch and stay and play afternoon
	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 6/6
18 th		Sports Day & Open afternoon
20 th		DPS Got Talent
21 st		Last day of term

KS2 SATS

Week beginning 9th May 2022

N.B. Start and finish times are subject to change.

Date & Time	Test	Location
Monday 9 th		
9.20 – 10.05am	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 – short answer (45 minutes)	Hall and Class A
10.10 – 10.30am	Paper 2 – spelling (approx. 15 minutes)	Hall and Class A
10.30 – 10.45am BREAK		
Tuesday 10 th		
9.20 – 10.20am	English Reading (1 hour)	Hall and Class A
10.30 – 10.45am BREAK		
Wednesday 11 th		
9.30 – 10.00am	Maths Paper 1 - Arithmetic (30 minutes)	Hall and Class A
10.30 – 10.45am BREAK		
10.55 – 11.35am	Maths Paper 2 – Reasoning (40 minutes)	Hall and Class A
Thursday 12 th		
9.20 – 10.00am	Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning (40 minutes)	Hall and Class A
10.30 – 10.45am BREAK		
Friday 13 th		
9.15am – 10.00am	Science Test A (internal test)	Hall and Class A
10.30 – 10.45am BREAK		
11.00– 11.45am	Science Test B (internal test)	

When tests are finished, runners will be sent to classes to confirm that playtime can commence.