



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

20th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Josh H - Bronze Florence M - Topaz Teigi S - Diamond Ivy P - Emerald

Congratulations also to **Oscar N** in Class Dove who completed his first Swimming Gala for Maldon Sharks. Oscar swam in the 9 year old boys medley relay and his team won this race.

Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies during the term.

Weekly News

What an interesting week this one has been! Just when we thought school life was getting back on an even keel, we were thrown the challenge of no electricity. The whole situation was complex and problematic from the start. Whilst lots of properties in Danbury lost their power on Tuesday night for many it was restored quickly. However at the school, the bungalow and Danbury Outdoors we encountered problem after problem – what with the transformer that serves all three properties failing, then the generators being transported from Huntingdon failing and then UK Power Network struggling to maintain a supply to all three buildings. Eventually mid afternoon yesterday we had a steady supply of electricity. However today with all of us operational, the power has been shaky!

Working without electricity is challenging and we cannot stay open for the children as this is a major health and safety concern and safeguarding risk. Please remember that this also affected our internet and telephone services so today we have tried to catch up with e-mails etc. There is no longer any statutory requirement to set remote learning when a school is closed but once teachers had assisted with the essential work on site, they went home to use their own facilities to upload some activities to Google Classrooms as best they could. We have had to throw away a lot of food that was spoilt and we have adapted our menus for today and next week. We know that the transformer will have to be replaced and that this is a big job, but we hope that we can continue to operate uninterrupted on the generators for the time being. UK Power Network offer their sincere apologies for any disruption and inconvenience caused.

Next week is our last week before the half-term break and all classes will be taking time to learn about the Queen's long reign and we will mark her Platinum Jubilee on Friday 27th with some whole school fun activities. We are inviting the children to come to school on that day dressed in red, white and/or blue. Please remember we will still be going outside at break and lunchtimes and in the afternoon so clothing should be suitable for cooler and possibly damp weather and footwear must be suitable for running around as children do.

We have rescheduled Class Eider's assembly for Wednesday 25th May at 2.45pm and we hope families will be able to join us.

Visitors to Classes Jay and Hummingbird

This week in Classes Jay and Hummingbird we have been learning about 'Real Life Superheroes'. After a *Let's Present* earlier this year, we learnt Florence S Dad is a police officer and after a conversation he very kindly said he would be able to come in with a colleague, three of their police dogs and two vehicles.



Our morning began with the officers coming into class and answering some of the children's questions. We then all went outside to see the dogs in action. After playtime we sat outside on the playground to see the police cars. We each had a turn to see where the dogs travel in the back and every child was able to sit in the front seat. We really enjoyed hearing the sirens and handling the handcuffs.



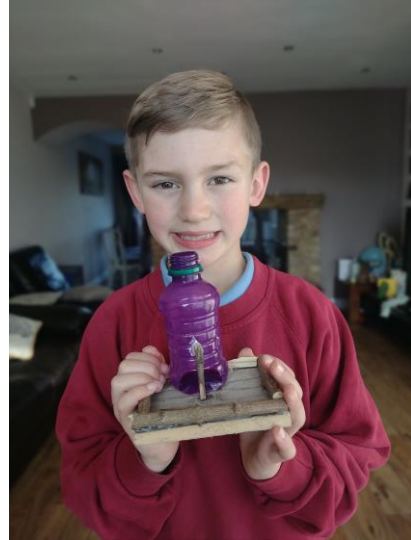
The children were all well behaved, asked their questions well and listened to the answers.

We honestly had the best morning and cannot thank PC salmon and PC Magin enough for making this morning so memorable, informative and incredibly exciting for the children.

Thank you again for the visit it was above all our expectations.

Our World Our Future

Jake in Class E was so inspired by the recent newsletter with Class C recycling materials into bird feeders that he decided to make his own. He was very proud of his work and the birds are definitely enjoying the extra food. What a great way to recycle!



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!

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

COVID Guidance from 1st April

The government has issued the following guidance:

- *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.*

Notification and Reminders

Stomach bugs – Please remember that if your child suffers vomiting or diarrhoea, **they must stay at home for 48 hours** after the last bout. This is a directive from the Health Authority and the Local Authority. Tummy bugs spread very quickly and we want to protect the other children and the adults in school. We have some members of our community who are vulnerable and a stomach bug could be a serious illness for them and could lead to hospitalisation. Please do not be offended if the office staff ask for more details after an absence or if a child tells us they were sick.



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

-  Topic letters have been uploaded to the class pages on the school website
-  Y6 Crucial Crew trip

Midday Assistant and Staffing Vacancies

We still urgently require Midday Assistants to help us at lunchtimes on Wednesday and Fridays. This is a rewarding and busy job helping the children enjoy their school dinners and playtimes.

Please contact the school office for more details.



Week 3

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 23rd May 2022

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Homemade Tomato Pasta Bake or (V) Cheesy Stack Wrap	Bread Sweetcorn Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jam Sponge and Custard Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Minced Beef Wrap or (V) Vegan Mince Wrap	White/Wholegrain Rice Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Shortbread or Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Roast Chicken With Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy Or (V) Quorn Fillet in Gravy	Roast Potatoes Carrots Green Beans	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Strawberry Mousse Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or (V) Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	White/Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Cranberry Flapjack Fresh Fruit or Fruit Yoghurt
Friday 	Fillet of Fish and Chips with Peas or Cucumber Served in Takeaway Box	Vegetable Nuggets and Chips with Peas or Cucumber Served in Takeaway Box	No Jacket Potato	Jubilee Iced Cake 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 23rd May 2022

Mon 23rd

Am

Tennis in Classes Dove and Cuckoo

Pm

Year 4 Superstars at Chelmsford Sport and Athletic Centre

Tues 24th

Weds 25th

2.45pm

Class Eider Assembly to Parents

2.45pm

Let's Present

Thurs 26th

Fri 27th

Queen's Jubilee Lunch and Celebrations

Full term dates for the academic years
2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,
Headteacher

Celebrate, Explore and Enjoy Our Parish Churchyard

'**Love your Burial Ground / Churches Count on Nature**' is a unique opportunity for those who love their churchyards and church spaces to take part in the largest ever nature count. This year it will take place during the week of Saturday 4 June to Sunday 12 June

Together with churches across the country of all denominations, the

Church of St John the Baptist, Danbury

welcomes you to come and discover the wildlife within our churchyard areas and help us start recording what animals and plants are here.

We have selected an area to leave unmown for a couple of months to allow the naturally occurring plants to flower and attract bees and other insects. We plan to do this with selected areas on a rotation basis over the years.

We hope to collate the data on the biological records hub, the National Biodiversity Network. If you have expertise in identifying wildlife we would love to hear from you.

We are hosting a '**BUG HUNT**' on

Saturday 4 June from 11:00am – 2:00pm

open to all ages, and you are welcome to bring a picnic

Identification guides will be available to use, or bring your own

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CHELMSFORD CITY FC

FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

WHITSUN FOOTBALL COURSES 2022

COURSES

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TEAM

COURSE CODE	DATE	TIME	VENUE	AGE	PRICE
SOCCER COURSES					
CF1	MAY 31/JUNE 1	(2 DAYS) 9:30-2:30	CHELSEA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, COURT ROAD, BROOMFIELD, CHELMSFORD (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)	4-13	£37
GOALKEEPER COACHING SPECIALIST COACHING FOR THE ASPIRING KEEPER					
GK1	MAY 31/JUNE 1	(2 DAYS) 9:30-2:30	CHELSEA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, COURT ROAD, BROOMFIELD, CHELMSFORD (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)	8-16	£42

THERE IS SOME FLEXIBILITY WITHIN AGE BANDS

WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO BRING

Please bring suitable clothing and footwear for indoors and outside on 3g astro-turf (football boots not astro trainers if possible) and a packed lunch. On all courses please bring plenty of non-fizzy drink and a healthy morning snack. Water bottles can be refilled.

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



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."

"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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Dates for Summer Term 2022

Date	Time	Event
May		
Week beg 23 rd		Assessment Week for Years 1, 3, 4 & 5
	12.00pm	Year 4 Superstars
25 th	2.45pm	Class E assembly
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
13 th		Governors' Personnel meeting
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
	9.15am	Leavers' Assembly