

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

16th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Sophie T - Silver **Harry T - Topaz**

Congratulations also to **Bella** who shared her medals with us for participating in a football camp over the summer holidays.

Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies this term.

Weekly Update

Over the past two weeks the teachers have been teaching the children about the School Council democracy. They have invited children to nominate themselves for the position of School Councillor. The children meet regularly with Mrs Evans, Class Cuckoo's teacher, who leads the council, on Fridays during our assembly time. The children represent their classes and bring to the council meetings matters that are important to them. The children play an important role in our school as it is often from them that we can improve what we do. They also know that their voice is heard as they see changes taking place.

The elections have now taken place and the councillors for 2022-23 are:

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| Class Avocet Albert Khrisha | Class Budgerigar Brahman Poppy | Class Cuckoo Avalon Oliver | Class Dove Ella George | Class Eider Amelie Rupert |
| Class Flamingo Mary Zachary | Class Goldfinch Amelie Aubrey | Class Hummingbird Charlotte Grace | Class Jay Blake Paige | |

The children were presented with their badges in assembly today and we know they will wear them with pride.

At the bottom of the newsletter, you will find a list of dates and events for the term ahead to add to your diaries. This year will see another move towards normality after the disruption of the COVID pandemic and towards re-instating our programme of special events.

The term is already looking to be very busy with welcome meetings for Year 3 parents and information sessions about Year 6 School Journey this week and meetings for parents of children in Years 1 and 2 next week. There is also a meeting all about reading and phonics for parents of children in EYFS later this month. We hope to see many of you at the events this term.

Safeguarding

As the new term gets underway, we start our computing lessons with reminders and teaching about online safety and PSHE lessons about using technology to send and exchange messages responsibly and respectfully. We have information available on the school website to support parents.

Over the summer we have been made aware of children nationally getting involved in online challenges often through TikTok. As ever we would urge parents to go with their children on their journey through the online world and spend time finding out what platforms and games their children are using and how.

We would recommend that parents sign up for the free services of the 2 Johns. For those new to the school the 2 Johns are ex-police officers with a wealth of experience who offer information and training to schools, children, staff and parents. They last visited us in Summer 2021 and we hope to invite them back soon. In the meantime, please check out their pages and follow them on *facebook*, as they issue timely alerts about new trends:

<https://esafetytraining.org/>

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Before and After School Clubs

Clubs have started this week:

| | Before School | After School |
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| Monday | | |
| Tuesday | | Chelmsford City Football – Yrs 2, 3 &4 Premier Sports High 5 Netball – Yrs 4, 5 &6 |
| Wednesday | | Premier Sports Multiskills – Yrs R, 1,2 & 3 |
| Thursday | Premier Sports Girls Football – Yrs 4,5 &6 | Premier Sports Boys' Football - Yrs 5 & 6 Premier Sports Multiskills - Yrs R,1,2 & 3 |
| Friday | | Art Club – all pupils Tag Rugby – KS2 |

The Art Club currently has 8 spaces available. Please contact the school office for Mrs Butlers contact details.

School Vacancies

We are looking to recruit a catering assistant to support the team at lunchtimes every day, term-time, from 12.00 – 1.30pm. The duties are predominantly washing up the cooking equipment and utensils as well as trays and cutlery. This is an important role in helping ensure lunchtimes and food service run smoothly.

For more information please contact Mrs Brooke in the school office.

Notification and Reminders

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.

Ink Pens – We have now moved away from using fountain pens in the classroom and will going forward encourage the children to use Berol Writing Pens. These will be provided by the school.

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>

This is the eligibility criteria ECC use:





Entitlement and what is required

The Government set the criteria for free school meal entitlement. To be entitled, you need to receive: Universal Credit with an annual income of £7,400 or less

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment & Support Allowance
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Child Tax Credit (But not working tax credit) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Parents with Asylum Seeker status who receive support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit 'Run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please apply on the link above

Letters/Parentmail sent out this week:

-  Class Cuckoo – Visit to Colchester Castle
-  Class Dove – Visit to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
-  Class Hummingbird & Class Jay – History of Toys Day
-  Welcome to Year One Meeting

Applications for Secondary Schools Places 2023

We have been asked to remind parents of children in Year 6 that the statutory national closing date for applications is **31st October 2022**.

Applications for secondary schools can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

All of the application information is also available on the website.



Week 3

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 19th September 2022

Fresh bread and milk available daily

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| Monday Bank Holiday | | | | |
| Tuesday | Mince 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 | Tutti Fruti Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt |
| 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 | 100% Fruit Ice Lolly Fresh Fruit Fresh Yoghurt |
| Thursday | Homemade Pork Meatballs 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 | Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt |
| Friday | Omega 3 Fish Fingers Or (V) Cheese and Tomato Quiche | Chips Baked Beans Cucumber | Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Iced Finger Bun Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt |

SCHOOL DINNERS

COSTS FOR AUTUMN TERM 2022

1st Half Term: 5th Sept – 20th October 2022 = 34 days at £2.50 = £85.00

2nd Half Term: 31st October – 20th December 2022 = 37 days at £2.50 = £92.50

Total for Autumn Term = £177.50

Please note that all school meals should be paid for in advance and via Pay360.

Please note that the increase in the cost of school meals was applied from 15th September.

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 19th September 2022

Mon 19th **School Closed**

Tues 20th
9.05am **Welcome to Year 1 meeting for parents**

Weds 21st
9.05am **Welcome to Year 2 meeting for parents**
2.55pm **Let's Present**
7.00pm **Full governing body meeting**

Thurs 22nd
9.15-10.30am **Year 5 Workshop - *Abbie Ayre and the Shed of Science***

Fri 23rd
Year 5 road safety and pedestrian training

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

A full list of dates for the Autumn Term can be found below.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,
Headteacher

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Autumn Term 2022

| Date | Time | Event |
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| September | | |
| 20 th | 9.05am | Welcome to Year 1 meeting for parents |
| 21 st | 9.05am | Welcome to Year 2 meeting for parents |
| | 7.00pm | Full governing body meeting |
| 22 nd | 9.15 – 10.30am | Year 5 Workshop – <i>Abby Ayre and The Shed of Science</i> |
| 23 rd | Am | Year 5 road safety and pedestrian training |
| 28 th | 9.0am | EYFS Reading meeting for parents |
| 29 th | 7.00pm | Governors' Curriculum and Pupil Related Committee meeting |
| 30 th | 2.45pm | Class Avocet Assembly |
| October | | |
| 3 rd | | Year 6 Bikeability |
| 4 th | | Year 6 Bikeability |
| 5 th | | Individual School Photos |
| 6 th | | Year 6 Bikeability |
| | 6.30pm 7.00pm | Governors' Pay Committee meeting Governors' Personnel Committee meeting |
| 7 th | | Year 6 Bikeability |
| | 2.45pm | Class Cuckoo Assembly |
| | 5.30pm 7.00pm | DPSA School Discos - tbc |
| 10 th | | Year 6 Bikeability |
| 11 th | | Year 6 Bikeability |
| | All day | Class Cuckoo visit to Colchester Castle |
| 12 th | 9.15pm | Harvest Assembly to parents of children in J & H (watched by classes A & B) |
| 14 th | 2.45pm | Harvest Assembly to parents of children in G & F (watched by classes E, D & C) |
| 18 th | 3.40 – 6.10pm | Parent Consultations – all classes |
| 20 th | 3.40 – 6.10pm | Parent Consultations – all classes |
| 21 st | | School closed for staff training |
| 24th – 28th | | Half-term break |
| November | | |
| 1 st | All day | Classes J & H <i>History off the Page</i> event - Toys |
| 2 nd | 9.30am & 10.30am | Tours for prospective parents |
| 3 rd | 7.00pm | Governors' Resources Committee meeting |
| 4 th | 2.45pm | Class Dove Assembly |
| 7 th | 9.00 – 9.45am | EYFS Class J Stay and Play |
| 8 th | 9.00 – 9.45am | EYFS Class H Stay and Play |
| | 1.45pm | Tour for prospective parents |
| 9 th | Tbc | DPSA AGM |

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| 11 th | 9.00 – 9.45am | EYFS Class J Stay and Play |
| | 10.50am | Year 6 Remembrance Day Event |
| | 2.45pm | Class Budgerigar Assembly |
| 15 th | 9.30am | Tour for prospective parents |
| 16 th | 7.00pm | Governor Training |
| 18 th | | Children in Need |
| | 2.45pm | Class Eider Assembly |
| 25 th | | Flu Immunisation |
| 26 th | 12.00 – 2.00pm | DPSA Christmas Fayre |
| Week beg 28 th Nov | | Whole School Assessment Week |
| December | | |
| 12 th | | Filming of Christmas Plays -tbc |
| 13 th | 9.30am & 2.15pm tbc | EYFS & KS1 Christmas Play |
| 14 th | 9.30am & 1.45pm tbc | KS2 Christmas Play |
| 15 th | 12.00pm | Christmas Dinner |
| 20 th | Pm | Christmas Parties |
| | | End of Term |