



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong !*

## Newsletter

Website: [www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk](http://www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk)

**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

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

Emily T – **Ruby** Caleb H – **Diamond** Florence C – **Diamond** Isabella G - **Topaz**

**Congratulations** also to **Jayden** who recently won a Tennis tournament at his club at Hamptons

*Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies this term.*

### Weekly Update

We hope that you have had time to go through the list of events that we published last week. We are aware that for some families and children, this will all be new, so we will try very hard to make sure that we share with you all the details about each event rather than assume you know how it proceeds.

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2.45pm we start our series of Key Stage 2 assemblies for this term by inviting parents from pupils in Class Avocet to join us. This year the whole school will also be present so seating for families is very tight. We are, therefore, inviting a maximum of two members per family to attend. This includes secondary school siblings but please note that they will not be admitted late after the assembly has started. Pre-school children, whilst welcome, must sit on an adult's lap and they must sit and listen quietly. The children work hard on their presentations and deserve to be heard so we do ask that if your pre-school child will not settle that they are taken out of the hall (sitting near the door means you have an early escape route). We do not have room for pushchairs so these need to be left outside under the cycle shelter in case of rain. We know that sometimes a snack does keep a younger child quiet but please do **NOT** bring any food or drink into the school. We have children and staff with potentially fatal allergies and this helps protect them.

These arrangements are put in place so that the children can present their assembly to their families and the rest of the school without distractions and so that we can all enjoy finding out about the learning that has happened in class. The children in the infants will be presenting special joint Autumn-themed assemblies and more details about these events will come from the teachers nearer the time.

This week we have held welcome to Year 1 and Year 2 meetings for parents and we hope that you found them useful. Next week we have a special meeting all about phonics and reading for parents of children in EYFS.

**Danbury Outdoors has informed us that the carpark will now be open during the day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September but will be closed from 4.00pm when participants start arriving for their large scale training weekend. If you are collecting from Art Club or Tag Rugby, please walk or park in Well Lane.**

## Governor News

This week at the full governing body meeting, after seven years in the role, Mrs Brenda Wray stood down as the Chairperson. Danbury Park School is very grateful to her for all the time and support she has given us. We are pleased that Mrs Wray is staying on the governing body so that we do not lose her expertise, knowledge and passion and she was elected Vice-chair so that she can support Mr Paul Sutton, parent governor, who was elected as the new Chair for 2022-23.

We also welcomed Dr Sally Pain, and Mrs Erica Quirk, as co-opted governors. Many of you will know Dr Pain, as a former Chair of the DPSA and parent. Her children are now at secondary school. Mrs Quirk is a member of the local community with a background in education and her children also attended Danbury Park School many years ago. We hope that they will find their new roles interesting and rewarding.

## DPSA

The DPSA do a great job of fundraising and organising social events for our school. Over the past eleven years, since I became headteacher, the parents have worked tirelessly to provide a lot of equipment, resources and events that enhance what we do and which we could not afford otherwise.



The DPSA has recently paid for the bright new benches in our playground. The old wooden ones had become old and irreparable and this time we decided to invest in recycled plastic units that should last many, many years. The children enjoy having a special space at which to sit and talk. We would like to thank Avalon's mum and her boss and the Hardwicke family for their help in moving and assembling the units. They are very heavy!

Every parent automatically becomes a member of the DPSA when their child joins the school. However, we do need volunteers to sit on the committee to lead the organisation. We are grateful for what help you can give and many parents step up to supervise the discos and run stalls but we do need to plan ahead to the future and welcome new members and officers on board if we are to continue all the good work.

We have our **AGM on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm** in the school, followed by a social get-to-know-you drink and we do hope that many of you, and particularly our new families, will be able to join us to find out more about how you can help.

**The more parents we have, the more ideas we can generate and organise and the more funds we can raise! Remember every child at Danbury Park School benefits so please support the DPSA.**

## Tuck

We are in the process of reviewing with the children on the School Council the tuck arrangements for break times in KS2. For many years now the children in KS2 have followed on from what happens in the infants with the free fruit and vegetables and they are only supposed to bring in a piece of fruit or vegetables from Mondays through to Thursday. We also have the tuck shop that runs every day. On Fridays we invite the children to bring in a treat in the form of crackers or a cereal bar. We do not allow crisps or chocolate and sweets and **nothing containing NUTS** in any form.



## 2022 Harvest Collection

This harvest we are again pleased to be able to support local people by collecting tinned and dried food for the Chelmsford foodbank. The foodbank provides short term emergency food to people in crisis. Food is given as an intervention strategy which allows care professionals, such as Housing Support Officers, CAB advisers, Social Services, doctors etc, time to put longer term measures in place. Details of the special Harvest project is available at <https://youtu.be/ocliinHwUpo>

At the foodbank centre people also have access to information about other services and support organisations. All food given out by the foodbank is donated by generous members of the public. Everyday people experience crisis in our community for a variety of reasons from redundancy to ill health to an unexpected bill on a low income. Some simply struggle to make ends meet.

## Harvest Shopping List

Coffee - Small & Medium  
Powdered Custard  
UHT Fruit Juice  
UHT Milk  
Pasta Sauce  
Soup - Tinned  
Custard - Tinned  
Meat - Tinned  
Rice Pudding - Tinned

Teabags 40 bags and 80 bags  
Biscuits - packets  
Fish - Tinned  
Fruit Squash  
Fruit - Tinned  
Spaghetti - Tinned  
Rice - dry  
Instant Mash Potato  
Sponge Pudding

Cleaning Materials  
Male, Female and  
Children's Toiletries  
  
Toilet Rolls

We want to help our local foodbank feed people in need. Please join with us by donating food so that those less fortunate don't go hungry.

N.B Please make sure all food is packaged, in date and undamaged. Thank you!

All donations of food can be brought into school between **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**

***If you have a car and are able to volunteer to deliver the food to Chelmsford please let the office know.***

Thank you

## Free Home energy and heat pumps webinar - Empower Essex - 4th October 2022 - 6 to 7pm

There are many things we can do at home to use less energy - this [webinar](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/421261533587) will provide you some useful tips and advice on how you can make your energy go further this winter. We will also have a heat pump expert explaining how heat pump systems work and grants available for residents looking to replace their heating systems.





<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/421261533587>

## Safeguarding

At Danbury Park School we take e-safety seriously. At the beginning of every school year, as part of our computing curriculum, our pupils are taught about E-safety. This is then re-visited every term to reinforce the message of personal safety. The elements of computing are embedded across all subjects in the curriculum and our pupils regularly use the internet as part of their learning. In school, we use a filtering system to prevent children accessing inappropriate sites.

Over the past years we have also organised parent information workshops to help families keep abreast of the new technology with the aim of helping keep the children safe at home.

Our top tips are:

-  Set up your computer in a shared area at home so that you can see the sites your children are accessing;
-  Set your security levels so that you can limit access to sites and time spent on electronic devices;
-  Talk to your child about what they are doing online;
-  Talk to your child about keeping their personal information private.

There are some excellent resources available and we would like to suggest the following sites which provide more detailed information:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/parentsguide/>  
[http://old.kidsmart.org.uk/downloads/cn\\_parentleafletV2.pdf](http://old.kidsmart.org.uk/downloads/cn_parentleafletV2.pdf)

We would also 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!**

## Danbury Park School Lottery



New parents may not be aware but we are part of the Schools' Lottery whereby parents can take part in a weekly draw with proceeds going to the school.

In a year we usually raise over £1 000 which we spend on special projects like the EYFS outdoor classroom which we could not otherwise afford.

Please visit the website and support us:

**[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)**

Search for Danbury Park School

You must be 18 years of age to play and tickets cost just £1 a week.

## 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>

To check your eligibility, please use the free online checker link below;  
<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

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:**



## 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](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

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



**Week 1**

## Owl's Barn School Meals

**Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Fresh bread and milk available daily

<b>Monday</b>	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza or (V ) Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza	White/Wholegrain Pasta  Cucumber  Sweetcorn	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b>  Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit  Fresh Fruit  Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	Local Butcher's Pork Sausages or (V) Vegan Sausages	Creamy Mashed Potato  Mixed Vegetables  Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Jam Tart and Custard  Fresh Fruit  Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Wednesday</b>	Homemade Chicken Korma With Naan Bread or (V) Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma	White/Wholegrain Rice Carrots, Peas Green Salad	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b>  Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Peaches and Ice Cream Pot  Fresh Fruit  Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken Nuggets or (V) Cheesy Stack Wrap	White/Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Apple Crumble and Custard  Fresh Fruit  Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Friday</b>	Omega 3 Fish Fingers or (V) Omelette	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b>  Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sponge Cake  Fruit  Yoghurt

### SCHOOL DINNERS COSTS FOR AUTUMN TERM 2022

**1<sup>st</sup> Half Term: 5<sup>th</sup> Sept – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 = 34 days at £2.50 = £85.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: 31<sup>st</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Dates for the Diary**  
**Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Weds 28<sup>th</sup>**

9.05am EYFS Reading meeting for parents

2.55pm Let's Present

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>**

7.00pm Governors Curriculum and Pupil Related Committee meeting

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup>**

2.45pm Class Avocet Assembly

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



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## Dates for Autumn Term 2022

Date	Time	Event
<b>September</b>		
28 <sup>th</sup>	9.0am	EYFS Reading meeting for parents
29 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Governors' Curriculum and Pupil Related Committee meeting
30 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Class Avocet Assembly
<b>October</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		Year 6 Bikeability
4 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 Bikeability
5 <sup>th</sup>		Individual School Photos
6 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 Bikeability
	6.30pm 7.00pm	Governors' Pay Committee meeting Governors' Personnel Committee meeting
7 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 Bikeability
	2.45pm	Class Cuckoo Assembly
	5.30pm 7.15pm	DPSA School Discos - tbc
10 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 Bikeability
11 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 Bikeability
	All day	Class Cuckoo visit to Colchester Castle
12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15pm	Harvest Assembly to parents of children in J & H (watched by classes A & B)
14 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Harvest Assembly to parents of children in G & F (watched by classes E, D & C)
18 <sup>th</sup>	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
20 <sup>th</sup>	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
21 <sup>st</sup>		School closed for staff training
<b>24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Half-term break</b>
<b>November</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	All day	Classes J & H <i>History off the Page</i> event - Toys
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am & 10.30am	Tours for prospective parents
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm	Governors' Resources Committee meeting
4 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Class Dove Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 – 9.45am	EYFS Class J Stay and Play
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 – 9.45am	EYFS Class H Stay and Play
	1.45pm	Tour for prospective parents
9 <sup>th</sup>	Tbc	DPSA AGM
11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 – 9.45am	EYFS Class J Stay and Play
	10.50am	Year 6 Remembrance Day Event
	2.45pm	Class Budgerigar Assembly
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Tour for prospective parents

16 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Governor Training
18 <sup>th</sup>		Children in Need
	2.45pm	Class Eider Assembly
25 <sup>th</sup>		Flu Immunisation
Week beg 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Whole School Assessment Week
<b>December</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12.00 – 2.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre
12 <sup>th</sup>		Filming of Christmas Plays -tbc
13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am & 2.15pm tbc	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Play
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am & 1.45pm tbc	KS2 Christmas Play
15 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm	Christmas Dinner
20 <sup>th</sup>	Pm	Christmas Parties
		<b>End of Term</b>