



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong !*

## Newsletter

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

**30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

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

**Charlie H - Ruby Gracie B – Diamond**

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

### Weekly Update

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Babbs, Class Cuckoo's learning support assistant and one of our well-being mentors. She has given a great deal to the children and staff at Danbury Park School over the years and she will be missed. We wish her well in her new venture and for the future. Mrs Parker will be moving from Class Eider to work in Class Cuckoo every morning and Mrs Croucher will be working every morning in Class Eider.

Shortly the DPSA will be launching their design a monster competition. This was a great success last year and the finished crocheted monsters made by Mrs Flatman, one of our pupil's grandma and school supporter, looked amazing:



In assemblies this week I have been sharing with the children my learning journey this summer teaching myself more complex crochet and I hope that they found my experience and success a motivation to persevere with new ventures. It has certainly given me a deeper understanding of what the children face in class every day as they tackle new challenges in all areas of the curriculum. Please encourage your child to have a go at designing a monster and who knows they could win!

We have been made aware that Well Lane and Main Road are becoming very congested at the beginning and end of the school day and that cars are being parked causing obstructions where families cross Well Lane. This is very dangerous and we all need to take responsibility to prevent an accident and someone getting injured. We are working on a school Travel Plan, and with the Parish Council and the City Council to get a supervisor to help with families crossing the road but these things do take time.

## Year 5

The children in Year 5 have had a busy start to the term with a special theatre performance about the environment which linked well with our whole school topic of ***Our World, Our Future*** and also some training to keep them safe on the roads as they become more independent. Below are some reports from the children.

### Abbie Ayre and the Shed of Science

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, all of Year 5 came together to watch a theatre show which taught us about air pollution. The show used the characters Charlie, Abbie and Dr Ayre (who was Abbie's gran). There was also a computer called Derek 5000.

We discovered that cars cause more air pollution than planes and factories. They explained to us that there are twenty-five million cars in the whole of the UK, and we can all help by walking to school instead of driving. You will also get to school earlier if you walk instead of driving. You need to walk so you get a lot of exercise so you will be very healthy. Also you need to be careful with your little children because the car pollution starts from the bottom up.

It was a great show and we all enjoyed joining in with a song at the end!

**By Isla**

### Road Safety

Last Friday, Year 5 took part in pedestrian training. Everyone who walks on the pavement is a pedestrian. We watched a short film that showed how easy it is to be distracted on a phone whilst walking along the road. It can be very dangerous to use your phone. You should put it away when you are crossing the road. Never push anyone in the road because you could put someone's life in danger. We then went out onto Well Lane and to the zebra crossing. This is a safer place to cross the road, but you must always wait for the cars to stop before stepping out.

**By Claudia & Phoebe N**

## Our World, Our Future

### 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>

## 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/ocliijnHwUpo>

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	Teabags 40 bags and 80 bags	Cleaning Materials
Powdered Custard	Biscuits - packets	Male, Female and Children's Toiletries
UHT Fruit Juice	Fish - Tinned	Toilet Rolls
UHT Milk	Fruit Squash	
Pasta Sauce	Fruit - Tinned	
Soup - Tinned	Spaghetti - Tinned	
Custard - Tinned	Rice - dry	
Meat - Tinned	Instant Mash Potato	
Rice Pudding - Tinned	Sponge Pudding	

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

## 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 are using Berol Writing Pens. These will be provided by the school. However if you are happy to supply your child with a good quality ink pen with blue cartridges, then they will be allowed to continue using them. Please note that biros and gel pens are not allowed and if a child needs a different type of pen because of a specific problem, then we will provide them.

**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 :  
<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:**

-  EYFS and KS1 Harvest and Autumn Celebration
-  Parent Consultation Meetings

## 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 2

## Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022

Fresh bread and milk available daily

<b>Monday</b>	Fillet of Fish or (V) Crispy Vegan Quorn Dippers	Creamy Mash Potatoes  Sweetcorn  Cucumber	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Brownie Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	Homemade Pasta Bolognese or (V) Vegan Mince Bolognese	Homemade Bread  Peas, Cauliflower  Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Jelly and Fruit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Wednesday</b>	All Day Breakfast; Chipolata Sausage, Bacon and Egg (V) Vegan Sausage, Egg, Hash Brown	Hash Brown Mushrooms Baked Beans Green Salad Peas	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Roll Fresh Fruit Fresh Yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	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	Chocolate Chip Cookie Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Friday</b>	Beef Burger in a roll or (V) Quorn Burger in a roll	Chips Peas Baked Beans Green Salad	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Crispy Cake Fresh Fruit 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.

## School Crossing Patrol (SCP) Vacancies

**Are you looking for  
an opportunity to support  
your community?**

There are around 160 School Crossing Patrol sites across the county of Essex. Sometimes known as Lollipop People, SCP Officers work on school days for approximately 40 minutes each morning and afternoon. Hourly rate from £11.35 ph.



Positions available across Essex, including:

**Danbury Park Community  
Primary School**

For more information and to apply please visit  
[www.workingforessex.com](http://www.workingforessex.com)

Or email [resourcing.team@essex.gov.uk](mailto:resourcing.team@essex.gov.uk)



Essex County Council

## Dates for the Diary Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	DPSA Bag2School Collection Year 6 Bikeability
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> 2.55pm	Individual School Photos Let's Present
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Census Day Poetry Day - The Environment Year 6 Bikeability 6.30pm Governors' Pay Committee meeting 7.00pm Governors' Personnel meeting
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm Class Cuckoo Assembly to parents 5.30pm DPSA KS1 Disco (no EYFS pupils this term) 7.00pm DPSA KS2 Disco

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>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 7.00pm	DPSA School Discos
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& C)
14 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Harvest Assembly to parents of children in G & F (watched by classes E & D)
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>