



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong !*

## Newsletter

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

**7<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

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

**Amber M – Ruby Avie B - Ruby Ella R- Ruby Ivy P - Ruby  
Jenson H- Ruby Phoebe M- Ruby**

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

### Weekly Update

Just as we were about to send out last week's newsletter, we received the good news that following our concerns raised for the safety of pedestrians crossing to and from school, Essex County Council has agreed to recruit a School Crossing Patrol. A count conducted on 04.11.2021 determined that the location meets the criteria for a school crossing patrol site with PV2 (greater than 4 M) of **19,392,280**. Essex Local Highways Panel are currently undertaking a safety audit to ensure the suggested location in Well Lane is suitable for a member of staff to work safely and to ascertain if additional highways measures are required. So Essex County Council have started the recruitment process, so please spread the word:

*The position is a permanent, term time only, part time role for approximately 7.5 hours per week.*

*The current rate of pay is £11.35 per hour.*

*No experience is necessary and full training and uniform are provided.*

*If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact us at [schoolcrossingpatrol@essex.gov.uk](mailto:schoolcrossingpatrol@essex.gov.uk) or apply online using the link*

*<https://www.workingforessex.com/apply/school-crossing-patrol-officer-vacancies-across-essex-261> stating*

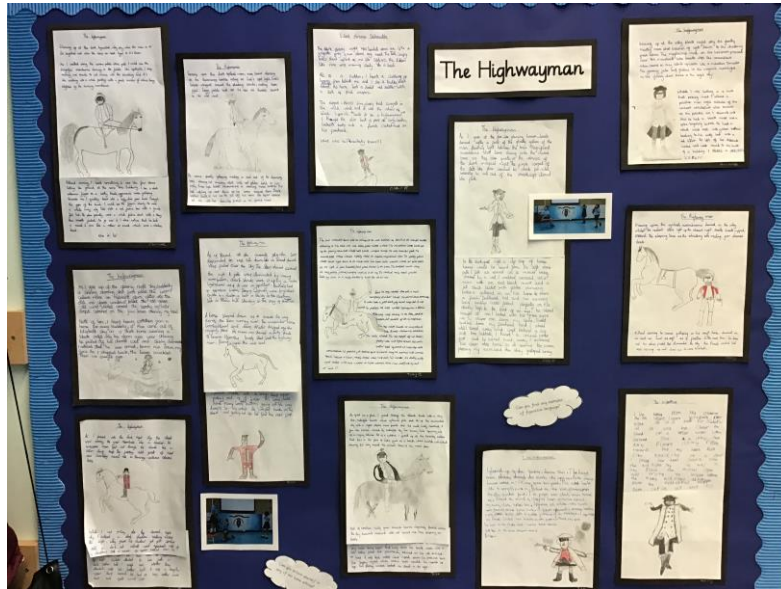
*Danbury as the position you are interested in.*

School Crossing Patrol roles generally suit people with a positive and friendly attitude with good communication skills who are active, reliable, and able to attend work on time, consistently during the school term (see poster further on in the newsletter).

**We would like to say a big thank you to Mr McGuinness, one of our parents, Mrs Pain and both former and current members of the DPSA, who pushed this matter forward to gather the support of the Parish Council and Councillor John Spence.**

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Rush, Class Goldfinch's LSA, as she moves on to a new challenge and we wish her the very best for the future. Ms Fuller will be the new class Learning Support Assistant and she is already known to the children in the infants. Mrs Holmes, one of our KS2 Welfare Assistants and MDAs, will now also be working in the infants covering some of Ms Fuller's former responsibilities. We hope that that they will both be happy in their new roles. We also say goodbye to Miss Bond who has left the kitchen team for a new opportunity. We wish her well in her new role. Welcome to Miss Hammond who has now joined the kitchen team.

## Class Avocet's Assembly



Last Friday the children in Class Avocet launched our Autumn series of class assemblies. The musicians from the class entertained us with their performances whilst the parents and children came into assembly. This gave them a great opportunity to perform pieces that they have been working on in their lessons.

The children then told us all about the history timeline they had created and about key events. This we do in each KS2 class every year to help the children develop a sense of chronology and to put into context the period in history they will be studying. In Science they have been learning about classification and they explained with great detail and authority how Carl Linnaeus's system was developed and is used.

In English the children shared their amazing writing inspired and based on their study of the Alfred Noyes's poem *The Highwayman*. Their understanding of the poem and their use and application of its themes and language was very mature and the standard of work very high.

Finally a small group performed a song from *Matilda* which they had been practising themselves at lunchtimes.



The children have set the bar very high for the other classes to follow! We and their families are very proud of what they have achieved so far. Well done!

## 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.

## 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.

### 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)



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## 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:

-  DPSA – Design Your Own Monster Competition

## 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 3**

## Owl's Barn School Meals

**Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
Fresh bread and milk available daily

<b>Monday</b>	Homemade Tomato Pasta Bake Or (V) Cheddar Whirl	Bread Sweetcorn Cucumber	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Sponge Chocolate Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	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
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken With Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy or (V) Quorn Fillet in Gravy	Roast Potatoes Carrots Green Beans	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	100% Fruit Ice Lolly Fresh Fruit Fresh Yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	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
<b>Friday</b>	Omega 3 Fish Fingers Or (V) Cheese and Tomato Quiche	Chips Baked Beans Cucumber	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Finger Bun 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.**

**Dates for the Diary**  
**Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup></b>	World Mental Health Day Year 6 Bikeability
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Class Cuckoo visit to Colchester Castle</b> Year 6 Bikeability
<b>Weds 12<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.15am	Harvest Assembly to parents of children in class J & H
2.55pm	Let's Present
<b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 Bikeability
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 Bikeability
2.45pm	Harvest Assembly to parents of children in class G & F

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>		
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>	9.15am	Harvest Assembly to parents of children in J & H (watched by classes A, B& C)
13 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 Bikeability
14 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Year 6 Bikeability 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>