



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong !

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

18th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Oscar N – **Bronze** Archie F - **Diamond**

Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies throughout this term.

Weekly Update

On Friday 11th November our Year 6 pupils led a special assembly for the whole school to explain to us about the significance of the poppy and why it is so important that at this time of year we remember everyone who fought in wars and supported the efforts to protect the freedom of so many. They recited *In Flanders Field* and led us in 2 minutes' silence at 11.00am ending with the *Last Post*. The children did a wonderful job and they captured perfectly the solemnity of the occasion.



11 Nov 2022 Remembrance Assembly by all year 6



After lunch Harry, Finella, Annie and Emily, the eldest two and the youngest two pupils in Year 6, walked with me to the Danbury War Memorial where we laid a wreath on behalf of the school. We spent some time thinking about the sacrifices that people made and gave thanks for their courage and selflessness.

This weekend sees the start of the long awaited World Cup and we know many children are excited! On Monday afternoon there is the first England match against Iran. We will be showing the game in the hall for those children in KS2 who would like to watch. Teachers in the infants may show part of the match in class. The school day will end as normal at 3.25pm

Class Budgerigar's Assembly

Well done to the children in Class Budgerigar who shared their learning all about the Victorians. This is a huge topic and the overarching question that the children are trying to answer is: *What was the impact of the Industrial Revolution?* The children are becoming very knowledgeable about Victorian life!



Well done!

Mathletics Challenge

Since the half-term break the children and particularly those in classes Eider, Dove and Cuckoo have taken up the gauntlet and tackled the school Mathletics Challenge with a focused determination.

The class that made the most use of Mathletics from 7th to 13th November was:

Class Eider

and the pupil was:

Freya A in Class Cuckoo.

We are keeping a tally of the winning class and pupil each week and in the final 2 days of term, there will be a special reward negotiated with the children which may be additional playtime, an edible treat etc!

Well done and keep up the good work!



Friday 18th November

Thank you for supporting this worthy charity and for your donations. So far we have raised over £250 which is fantastic!

Christmas Events



As Christmas is fast approaching and we have lots of events planned, we thought parents might appreciate a full list of what is coming up!

Saturday 26th November - DPSA Christmas Fayre, which is slightly earlier than previous years to avoid any clashes with the World Cup. This year the children will not be running class enterprise stalls as we are combining the making of the traditional mobiles with class fundraising. We hope that we will see lots of families getting in the festive spirit and supporting the DPSA.

Thursday 1st Dec until Friday 9th Dec - Every year we hold a toy collection in aid of Chelmsford Children's Social Care Services and we will again be doing this. This year more than ever, there are children in our local area, who need our support. Families are invited to bring in a new or very nearly new toy, game, puzzle etc. wrapped in Christmas paper to put under the tree in the hall. Please leave one end of the donation open and label it clearly "boy aged 5 – 7" as appropriate, so a 10 year old does not get a baby's rattle! Donations may be left under the Christmas tree in the hall.

Monday 5th Dec – The Christmas post-box will go out on so that children can post their cards during morning registration. Please make sure each envelope is clearly labelled with the recipient's name and class as this helps our Year 6 deliverers.

Tuesday 13th Dec at 9.30am and again at 2.30pm – The infant children will perform *Whoops-a-Daisy Angel*

Wednesday 14th Dec at 9.30am and again at 1.45pm - The junior children will perform *Cinderella Rockerfella*.

Letters will be sent out on Monday with full details.

The plays will be professionally filmed on **Monday 12th December** and parents will be able to purchase dvds/memory sticks. The DPSA will be sending out order forms shortly.

Thursday 15th Dec – Christmas dinner will take place and there is no need to book in advance. We are inviting the children to wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt to school that day with their school skirt/pinafore or trousers so that we all look very festive.

Tuesday 20th Dec - Christmas parties will take place amongst the classes in the afternoon and the children can bring in some party clothes to change into after dinner. We will end the day with a whole school Christmas sing-a-long

On **Friday 25th November** Mr Lawday, our caretaker, and I will be putting up the stage. The stage is quite easy to assemble but is very heavy. If anyone is able to help us before school on that day, we would be grateful. We are here from 7.30am and it should take no longer than an hour. If you can help, please let the school office know. Thank you.

Details of all events will be provided by class teachers, in separate letters and the newsletter as each event approaches.

Our World, Our Future Thoughts from our Year 6 Pupils

A few weeks ago the Year 6 pupils worked with me to write an article for a magazine showcasing how our children are getting involved in saving energy. Here are their thoughts:

Solar panels

We have sets of solar panels at Danbury Park above Class Goldfinch, Class Hummingbird and Class Jay (Classes J and H are connected). Altogether on one roof we have 142 and on roof two there are 72. The solar panels operate by absorbing the sun's energy and converting into an energy source. Did you know that on a hot and sunny day the solar panels create enough energy to power the whole school, but on a cold day with no sun they can produce barely any energy?

Why we try

We try and save electricity so that we can spend less money and try and help the environment. Power plants use nuclear reactors and fossil fuels that send bad gases into the atmosphere, breaking it and making our planet hotter and hotter every year melting the icebergs, releasing fresh water to salt water, and changing the weather creating hurricanes and flooding. We use solar panels because fossil fuels are running low and create global warming. Solar energy is renewable.

Sam, Holly and Poppy



Poem

You need to help save our world
Before we see our community fold.
We need to make our move
And make our helps quick and smooth.
We might have great grandchildren
But they may not see our wonderful world.
We might need a quick exit
Just after our breakfast!
So go plants some trees
And make sure you water it please!

Sam T

Plans for the Future

Danbury Park School is working with the local village energy group as we would like to be able to store and share any surplus electricity generated by the solar panels for the benefit of our whole local community. We would also like to replace all our lighting in school with more environmentally friendly alternatives so that we are saving electricity and reducing our carbon footprint further. We are investigating the best way to do this.

Although we are working closely with our local schools, we want to share what we are doing across the country and make links with schools in other countries so that we can share ideas and learn from each other.

Safeguarding

This week, 14th -18th November is Anti-Bullying Week, and we have been talking about this in our assemblies and classes. Bullying is the **repetitive, intentional hurting** of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an **imbalance of power**. We will be exploring this in more detail and in an age appropriate way

The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service have provided schools with resources and have also suggested the following help for parents:

Talking to your child about bullying video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyDtil5jg6g&t=1s>

Young Minds parents guide to bullying

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/bullying/>

Anti Bullying Alliance Advice for Parents

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers>

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Parking

Mrs Ireland, Class Dove's teacher and our KS2 Leader, has been patrolling the car park in the mornings in order to help deal with the congestion. This does seem to be working especially as she has placed cones to re-inforce no-parking zones to keep the traffic flowing. **Please do not move these cones.**

Please be considerate and mindful of safety in and around the school.

Please note that the school carpark will be closed to parents on the days of the school Christmas plays. There will be access for blue badge holders, staff and Woodland Montessori.

Reception Admission for September 2023

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 7 November 2022**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2023.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2023**.

From 7 November 2022, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions and 99% parents in Essex applied online last year. All the application information is also available on the website above.

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.workingforesex.co.uk

Or email resourcing.team@essex.gov.uk

Essex County Council

Vacancies

We still have vacancies for Midday Assistants to work predominantly on Thursdays and Fridays but also at the beginning of the week supporting the children with their lunchtimes. This is an important and rewarding role so if you are interested, or know of someone who might be, please contact the school office for details and an application form.



Calling All Wizards
SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY & YOU COULD WIN:

Harry Potter & The Cursed Child Family Theatre Voucher & Harry Potter Warner Brothers Studio Family Tour Ticket

- Please help boost our school fundraising
- Cash prizes every week
- Win up to £25,000!
- Tickets cost just £1 a week

BUY TICKETS

Supporters must be 18 years of age or older. Offer ends 30th Oct 2025. Terms and conditions apply (see website).

YOUR 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

Search for Danbury Park School

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


Back by popular demand:

Children's Poetry Workshop

Danbury Library
Saturday 19 November
2pm to 3pm and 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Please join our guest poet, Linda Middleton (now internationally published) for a fun hour, listening to and writing poems

- Suitable for children aged 8 to 10 years
- Free sessions
- Booking required



libraries.essex.gov.uk/events

Essex County Council

Essex County Council is really excited to be able to offer another poetry workshop at Danbury Library. The sessions are free for 8-10yr olds, children are dropped into the library and collected an hour later. There will be poetry reading writing and lots of laughter. The pupils who participated last year found this an enjoyable and interesting experience!

Bookings can be made using the links below:

- 2pm to 3pm event - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/childrens-poetry-workshop-danbury-library-tickets-435558837207>
- 3.30pm to 4.30pm event - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/childrens-poetry-workshop-danbury-library-tickets-435551766057>

Notification and Reminders

Water Bottles – please do **NOT** encourage your child to put their water bottles in book bags. If they leak, they damage the reading books and these are expensive to replace.

Named Uniform – please can all parents check that their child's school uniform is clearly named. We have a large pile of unnamed school uniform and we are sure you are as frustrated about missing jumpers as we are.

Class Eider – if anyone has any spare wool that they can spare for Class Eider especially in white it would be very much appreciated. Thank You

Music Lessons – Mrs Long has limited spaces available starting in January for piano, recorder and guitar lessons. Please contact Mrs Long or the school office should your child be interested.

Christmas Card Project – The online shop for all purchases closed at midnight on 13/11/2022. Families wishing to order after this date will have to pay additional postage charges. We expect to receive any orders made online returned to school by 28/11/2022.

Flu Immunisation – Will be taking place on **25/11/2022**. A parent mail has been sent out with links for Parents/Carers to complete the Electronic Flu Consent Form for their child. The deadline for parents/carers to complete this is **3pm Wednesday 23/11/22**. We cannot guarantee any forms submitted after this date and time will be accepted at the school session. Parents can contact the team on 0300 790 0597 if they would like any help completing the form or have any queries.

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

Letters/Parentmail sent out this week:

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Week 1

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 21st November 2022

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza	White/Wholegrain Pasta Cucumber Sweetcorn	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	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	Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Homemade Chicken Korma With Naan Bread or (V) Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma	White/Wholegrain Rice Carrots, Peas Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Peaches and Ice Cream Pot Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Chicken Nuggets or (V) Macaroni Cheese	Crispy Potato Wedges Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Apple Crumble and Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Omega 3 Fish Fingers or (V) Omelette	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sponge Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

SCHOOL DINNERS COSTS FOR AUTUMN TERM 2022

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 21st November 2022

Mon 21st

8.25am-4.15pm
1.00pm – 3.00pm

Class Dove and Class Eider – Bhaktivedanta Manor Hindu Temple Trip
Screening of World Cup England v Iran Match for KS2

Tues 22nd

Weds 23rd

2.45pm

Let's Present

Thurs 24th

Fri 25th

Flu Immunisation

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

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,
Headteacher

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Autumn Term 2022

Date	Time	Event
November		
21st	8.25am – 16.15pm	Class Dove and Class Eider – Bhaktivedanta Manor Hindu Temple Trip
25 th		Flu Immunisation
26th	12.00 – 2.00pm	DPSCA Christmas Fayre
Week beg 28 th Nov		Whole School Assessment Week
December		
12 th		Filming of Christmas Plays -tbc
13 th	9.30am & 2.30pm 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