



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong !

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Khrisha J – **Gold** Alex B – **Diamond** Amber M - **Diamond**
Rosie M - **Emerald** Oliver O - **Emerald** Lydia G- **Emerald**
Zachary T – **Emerald** Indigo K – **Emerald**

Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies throughout this term.

Weekly Update

I am sure that parents will have heard the news and be concerned about the possible industrial action in schools. Members of the NEU have voted to take action with the first day of a planned strike on Wednesday 1st February. Other unions have voted in favour of industrial action but have not reached the legal threshold. We are hoping that the government will spend the coming weeks meeting with the unions to move to a position where this strike action can be averted.

In the meantime, I am working with Mr Sutton, our Chair of Governors, to prepare the school community for potential disruption taking into account guidance from the DfE, the Local Authority and all the educational unions. We will keep everyone informed of the situation and provide more information as soon as we have a clearer idea of how Danbury Park School will be affected.

As you know attendance at school is vitally important and as part of our regular monitoring we look at pupils' attendance over time. Over the coming week we will be looking at the attendance reports for every pupil for the Autumn Term. Where attendance is below 90% and we do not have a reasonable explanation (e.g. longer term sickness, such as Chickenpox or chest infection; previously notified long term, whether authorised or not) we will be contacting parents to make them aware of the situation, to inform them of the implications and to offer support where the situation is more complex. We do understand that sometimes a child is too unwell to attend school and that being at home is the best place for them.

We all want our children to achieve their best and do well, so it should be borne in mind that absences will have a negative impact on pupils' educational attainment and progress as well as their social and personal development. A pupil who takes ten days' absence will only attain 94.7% attendance in the year. Ten days' absence means the pupil will miss at least 50 hours of education, which means areas of the curriculum may be missed and not revisited until the next year.

Our full Attendance Policy is available on the school website [DPS Attendance Policy](#) or in paper form from the school office.

Talented Pupils



Poppy and Amber took part in their first cheerleading competition of the season on Saturday 14th in Crawley. It was a very successful day for both with Poppy's team, *Force*, coming 1st in Youth level 1, and Amber's team, the *Little Rebels*, coming 3rd in Mini prep level 1.

Well done also to Olivia who performed in the *Little Rebels*.

This was obviously a very popular occasion as we heard that Chemmy and Savannah also participated in the *Future Cheer Essential* cheerleading event, receiving 'Outstanding' awards for their performances.



Well done to all the girls for their hard work and success!

Mathletics Challenge

We have restarted the Mathletics Challenge for the Spring Term and the class that made the most use of Mathletics from 9th to 15th January was:

Class Cuckoo who amassed a collective amazing **15hrs 9 min**

and the pupil was:

Josh H in Class Avocet

Well done and keep up the good work!

Safeguarding

Announcing NSPCC Listen Up, Speak Up

To start the year the NSPCC has unveiled their new *Listen Up, Speak Up* campaign, aimed at giving adults practical advice, about how to address concerns about a child. The research from the NSPCC shows that at the moment the world of under-18s is in the midst of a spike in concern flagging. From April 2021 to March 2022 the NSPCC Helpline spoke 8,347 times with adults, compared to 7,338 in the same period for the previous year.

Often when adults are concerned about a child, the question is “What do I do?” This is even more problematic when parents may know the child well, or know the family well and it will almost certainly put them in a difficult position. The new NSPCC campaign, is designed for these situations. The link below includes more information:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2023/listen-up-speak-up-campaign-provides-training-to-spot-and-report-abuse/>

Please remember that the staff in school are also here to help, so if you are concerned about a child, we can offer advice, support and take appropriate action.

More information is also available from the 2 Johns:

<https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/>

The DPSA has kindly agreed to fund workshops with the 2 John on 23rd May. Please keep this date free in your diaries as there will be an evening workshop for parents that we are sure you will find illuminating. More details next week.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Our World Our Future

Earth

*Take Care of it
As it's the only one we've got
To fix climate change
This is our one and only shot*

*So, start recycling plastic
And cut down palm oil too
If you really want a safe planet this
what you should do*

Emily and Sophie in Class Budgerigar have been putting their thoughts down in a poem to remind us of how important *Our World, Our Future* is.

This is the theme for our Book Fortnight in February so expect more poems and articles soon!

Well done Emily and Sophie for reminding us!

Library Challenge



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.com

Or email resourcing.team@essex.gov.uk



Vacancies

We still have vacancies for Midday Assistants to work during 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.

Parking

Please remember to use the local roads and the school car park with consideration and care for others. Before Christmas we received two complaints from our neighbours in Well Lane regarding parents parking across residents' driveways, causing obstructions and preventing them from leaving their properties, thus making them late for work. This does reflect badly on our whole school and causes bad feeling in our local community.

Please park with care and consideration for our neighbours.

Find out what to do if your child is unwell

Download our
free guide



Scan me

CHILDREN'S
HEALTH
MATTERS

Treat at
home?

Call
111?

Visit
A&E?



We have been contacted by the Mid Essex Alliance, part of Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System (ICS) to share this important information with you. Across mid and south Essex, there is continued pressure on local health systems. **Data shows that there is increasing paediatric emergency presentation in local A&E departments. However, for much of the time, the outcome of the attendance is recorded as self-care/advice and no treatment is given.**

As a response, the ICS has re-launched a campaign to promote the **Children's Health Matters guide**, updated with new information for winter 2022/23. The free guide was co-designed with local parents and is packed with expert advice and guidance on what to do when children are unwell with common childhood illnesses. **It explains how to treat children at home, when to see a GP or call 111, and when symptoms are more serious and you should seek emergency help.**

In addition to the CHM guide, they have a family health newsletter that families can subscribe to - subscribers get 10 weekly email newsletters each covering a different aspect of family health and wellbeing - the link to subscribe is below:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKMSEHCP/signup/32458>

Danbury Park School Lottery

We would like to remind parents about the school lottery and thank those who regularly donate their winnings back to the school.

The Schools' Lottery is where 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 and which we could not otherwise afford. Every little contribution helps!

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.

**WIN A
YEAR OF
HELLO FRESH**

- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Win a whole YEAR of HelloFresh!
- Please help give our fundraising a boost
- Save money and eat fresh in 2023

PLAY NOW:
Go to
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
Search for: Danbury Park Communi



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 25/02/2023.

Notification and Reminders

Tights and Socks for Infants – We like to hold a stock of tights and socks for the infants in case of accidents. If you have any in good condition that your children have outgrown, please bring them into the school office.

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

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:

 **Year 5 – Sandon Taster Day - Parentmail**

 **All years – Parent Consultation Meeting**

SCHOOL DINNERS COSTS FOR SPRING TERM 2023

1st Half Term: 5th January – 10th February 2023 = 27 days at £2.50 = £67.50

2nd Half Term: 21st February – 31st March 2023 = 29 days at £2.50 = £72.50

Total for Spring Term = £140.00

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



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 23rd January 2023

Week 3

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Homemade Tomato Pasta Bake or (V) Cheddar Whirl	Homemade Bread Sweetcorn Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Mince Beef Wrap or (V) Vegan Mince Wrap	White/Wholegrain Rice Peas Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Cranberry Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy or (V) Quorn Fillet in Gravy	Roast Potatoes Carrots Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jelly and Fruit Fresh Fruit Fresh Yoghurt
Thursday	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce 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 Stack Wrap	Chips Baked Beans Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Red Velvet Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 23rd January 2023

Mon 23rd

Tues 24th

Weds 25th

2.45pm

Let's Present

Thurs 26th

Fri 27th

Am

EYFS Welly Walk

5.30 – 6.30pm

DPSA EYFS & KS1 Disco

7.00 – 8.15pm

DPSA KS2 Disco

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 Spring Term 2023

Date	Time	Event
January		
27 th	Am	EYFS Welly Walk
	5.30 – 6.30pm	DPSA EYFS & KS1 Disco
	7.00 – 8.15pm	DPSA KS2 Disco
30 th	9.30am	Class J – Stay and Play
31 st	9.30am	Class H – Stay and Play
February		
1 st	Pm	Class Cuckoo - Royal Observatory online digital session
3 rd	9.30am	Class J – Stay and Play
	2.45pm	Class Flamingo Assembly to parents
Week Beg 6 th		Mental Health Week
7 th	9.30am – 11.45am	Year 4 Superstars
	3.40pm – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
9 th	3.40pm – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
10 th	Am	EYFS Welly Walk
	2.45pm	Class Goldfinch Assembly to parents
13 th – 17 th		Half-term break
20 th		School closed for staff training
21 st onwards		Book Fortnight
24 th	Am	EYFS Welly Walk
March		
2 nd	7.00pm	Resources Committee meeting
3 rd		Dress-up day
13 th	6.30pm 7.00pm	Pay Committee meeting Personnel Committee meeting
15 th	Am	EYFS Welly Walk
17 th		Comic Relief
	2.45pm	Class Jay Assembly to parents
Week Beg 20 th		Assessment Week
24 th	Am	Pre-school activity morning
29 th	9.00am	EYFS Egg Rolling and Welly Walk
	Pm	Inter-house Hockey Matches
31 st	9.15am 2.30pm tbc	KS2 OWOOF assembly to parents Year 3 & 4 parents with classes J & H Years 5 & 6 parents with classes F & G
		Last day of Spring Term