



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Jacob W- Bronze Hollie T - Emerald

Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies throughout this term.

Weekly Update

The senior leadership team and I are continuing to work on our risk assessment related to the potential disruption caused by the industrial action planned for Wednesday 1st February. We are working on a range of scenarios and these contain many variables. As you may be aware members of the NEU do not have to inform the headteacher in advance that they are taking action, so in some cases I may not know the exact position until Wednesday morning. One of the key issues is to assess whether there are sufficient staff available for the school to remain open, or partially open, during a strike.

When a strike takes place, those taking action stop work and withdraw their labour. This means that those teachers involved in the action will not teach their class or undertake any other duties on a strike day. This action is also affecting those teachers who work on a supply basis. Support staff may also be taking action but if not they may have childcare difficulties for their own families on the day and therefore not be able to attend work. This means that for health and safety reasons, we will have limited options to keep all classes open.

I will be discussing the risk assessment in detail with Mr Sutton, our Chair of Governors, on Monday morning at which point we hope to be able to provide parents and carers with more specific information. However I do feel that parents should be prepared for the situation where their child's class may have to be closed and that you may not know until Wednesday morning at 8.30am when you will be notified by Parent Mail.

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. A national strike by teachers is very unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the days that they are on strike.

The NEU has posted a document for parents, carers and grandparents that explains their reasons for taking strike action. It can be found at <https://neu.org.uk/media/24511/view> if you wish to read it.

More information will follow as soon as it is available.

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.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

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 A who amassed a collective amazing 14 hours and 2 minutes

and the pupil was:

Josh H in Class Avocet

Well done and keep up the good work!

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

Essex County Council

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.

Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System

NHS

Find out what to do if your child is unwell

Download our free guide




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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 6 – School Journey information and forms to return.**

 **Year 4 and Year 3 – NFER Letter**

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 30th January 2023

Week 1

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza	White/Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Green Salad	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 Potatoes Mixed Veg Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Homemade Chicken Korma or (V) Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma	Naan Bread 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 Fresh Yoghurt
Thursday	Chicken Nuggets or (V) Macaroni Cheese	Crispy Potatoes 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

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 30th January 2023

Mon 30th

9.15am **Class J Stay and Play**

Tues 31st

9.15am **Class H Stay and Play**

Weds 1st February

2.45pm **Industrial Action by the NEU**

Let's Present

Thurs 2nd

Fri 3rd

9.15am **Class J Stay and Play**

2.45pm **Class F assembly to parents**

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

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,
Headteacher

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Dates for Spring Term 2023

Date	Time	Event
January		
30 th	9.15am	Class J – Stay and Play
31 st	9.15am	Class H – Stay and Play
February		
1 st	Pm	Class Cuckoo - Royal Observatory online digital session
3 rd	9.15am	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 OWOF assembly to parents Year 3 & 4 parents with classes J & H Years 5 & 6 parents with classes F & G
		Last day of Spring Term