

Weekly Update

Welcome back and happy New Year!

We hope that everyone had a good Christmas break, although we are aware that some staff and families were unfortunately affected by the plethora of illnesses that still seem to be circulating. Let's hope that the New Year sees us all returning to better health and brings us another step closer to normality.

We have been planning the term ahead and at the end of the newsletter you will find a list of dates and events. More details will follow nearer the time but we know that you appreciate being able to put events in your diaries so that you can plan ahead.

Our Book Fortnight will start straight after the half-term break and each class will be taking an aspect of the *Our World, Our Future* curriculum to investigate further through books and texts. The fortnight will culminate on Friday 3rd March in a dressing-up day as a favourite book character and at the very end of the term with a special assembly presented by the children in Key Stage 2 (previously known as the Easter/Spring Celebration).

This term Miss Johnston, our Deputy Headteacher, is also launching a new Reading Council. Representatives from each class will be selected and they will regularly meet with her to discuss books that they have enjoyed and to review possible new books to add to our collection. Their work will complement that of the librarians who take responsibility for tidying the libraries and reading boxes. Thank you to all the families who regularly donate books, that their children have read. This helps us top up the infant picture books in the classes as well as the Reading Partner book trollies and the playtime boxes. It also supplements the junior reading challenges where paperback books quickly become used and tatty. There is a collection box in the front entrance, so please continue to drop off books throughout the term. Any that we can't use in school either go to the DPSA fayres or local charities.

Last term Class Eider won the Mathletics Challenge and as their reward they have requested a special shared reading time with the Early Years children, which we are in the process of organising. I think this shows how passionate our children are about reading and how much they enjoy the opportunity to share stories and books!





Vacancies

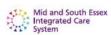
We still have vacancies for Midday Assistants to work during the week supporting the children with their lunchtimes. This is an important and rewarding role so if you are interested, or know of someone who might be, please contact the school office for details and an application form.

Safeguarding

The Essex Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB) are reminding parents and carers that if their child receives new technology for Christmas, it's important to set up devices correctly to keep them safe when online. There are resources from Brook Essex looking at how to support young people to have healthy relationships in a digital world, and Brook's popular podcast on "Consent" will also be shared once again. The <u>resources</u> created by the ESCB and partners help provide parents and carers the information they need to support their child to safely navigate the online world.

More information is also available from the 2 Johns: <u>https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/</u>

Let's work together to keep the children safe!



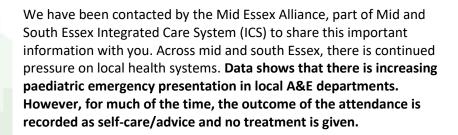
NHS

Find out what to do if your child is unwell

Download our free guide



CHILDREN'S HEALTH MATTERS



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

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 <u>www.essex.gov.uk/admissions</u> and 99% parents in Essex applied online last year. All the application information is also available on the website above.

SCHOOL DINNERS COSTS FOR SPRING TERM 2023

1st Half Term: **5**th January – **10**th February **2023** = 27 days at £2.50 = £67.50 **2**nd Half Term: **21**st February – **31**st 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.

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.

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.

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://ps.lgfl.org.uk/

This is the eligibility criteria ECC use: <u>Entitlement and what is required</u>

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:

Maldon Rugby Club – KS2 only



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Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 9th January 2023

Week 1	Fresh bread and milk available daily			
Monday	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza	White/Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Cucumber	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 Mash 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 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 9 th January 2023
Mon 9 th	
Tues 10 th	
Weds 11 th 2.45pm	Let's Present
Thurs 12 th 7.00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
Fri 13 th	
	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				
12 th	7.00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting		
17 th	1.00pm	Mrs Wade to visit Class J for Chinese New Year		
18 th	9.30am	NHS EYFS and Year 6 health and measurement checks		
19 th		Schools Spring Census		
	7.00pm	Curriculum and Pupil Related Committee Meeting		
20 th	12.30pm	Young Voices at O ²		
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		Mental Health Week		
Beg 6 th				
7 th	9.30am –	Year 4 Superstars		
	11.45am			
	3.40pm –	Parent Consultations – all classes		
	6.10pm			
9th	3.40pm –	Parent Consultations – all classes		
	6.10pm			
10 th	2.45pm	Class Goldfinch Assembly to parents		
13 th –		Half-term break		
17 th				
20 th		School closed for staff training		
21 st		Book Fortnight		
onwards				
March	1			
2 nd	7.00pm	Resources Committee meeting		
3 rd		Dress-up day		
13 th	6.30pm	Pay Committee meeting		
	7.00pm	Personnel Committee meeting		
17 th		Comic Relief		
	2.45pm	Class Jay Assembly to parents		
Week		Assessment Week		
Beg 20 th				
24 th	Am	Pre-school activity morning		
29 th	9.00am	EYFS Egg Rolling		
	Pm	Inter-house Hockey Matches		
31 st		KS2 OWOF assembly to parents		
	9.15am	Year 3 & 4 parents with classes J & H		
	2.30pm tbc	Years 5 & 6 parents with classes F & G		
		Last day of Spring Term		