



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong !*

## Newsletter

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

**6<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

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

**Fred P- Bronze**

**Jasmine B - Emerald**

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

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Athletics 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!

## Library Challenge



**School Crossing Patrol (SCP) Vacancies**

**Are you looking for an opportunity to support your community?**

There are around 150 School Crossing Patrol offers 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 £11.30 ph.



Positions available across Essex, including:

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For more information and to apply please visit [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)

Or email [essex.scp@essex.gov.uk](mailto:essex.scp@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.

## 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 [resources](#) 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:  
<https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/>

**Let's work together to keep the children safe!**

## Find out what to do if your child is unwell

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CHILDREN'S  
HEALTH  
MATTERS



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>

### 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](http://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 DINNERS COSTS FOR SPRING TERM 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Half Term: 5<sup>th</sup> January – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 = 27 days at £2.50 = £67.50**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: 21<sup>st</sup> February – 31<sup>st</sup> 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://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:

 **Maldon Rugby Club – KS2 only**



# Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Week 1**

Fresh bread and milk available daily

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

**Dates for the Diary  
Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Weds 11<sup>th</sup>**

**2.45pm**

**Let's Present**

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>**

**7.00pm**

**Full Governing Body Meeting**

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup>**

**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
<b>January</b>		
12 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	Mrs Wade to visit Class J for Chinese New Year
18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	NHS EYFS and Year 6 health and measurement checks
19 <sup>th</sup>		Schools Spring Census
	7.00pm	Curriculum and Pupil Related Committee Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Young Voices at O <sup>2</sup>
30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Class J – Stay and Play
31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Class H – Stay and Play
<b>February</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pm	Class Cuckoo - Royal Observatory online digital session
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Class J – Stay and Play
	2.45pm	Class Flamingo Assembly to parents
Week Beg 6 <sup>th</sup>		Mental Health Week
7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am – 11.45am	Year 4 Superstars
	3.40pm – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
9 <sup>th</sup>	3.40pm – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
10 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Class Goldfinch Assembly to parents
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Half-term break</b>
20 <sup>th</sup>		School closed for staff training
21 <sup>st</sup> onwards		Book Fortnight
<b>March</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00pm	Resources Committee meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup>		Dress-up day
13 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm 7.00pm	Pay Committee meeting Personnel Committee meeting
17 <sup>th</sup>		Comic Relief
	2.45pm	Class Jay Assembly to parents
Week Beg 20 <sup>th</sup>		Assessment Week
24 <sup>th</sup>	Am	Pre-school activity morning
29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	EYFS Egg Rolling
	Pm	Inter-house Hockey Matches
31 <sup>st</sup>	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