



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong !*

## Newsletter

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

**10<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

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

Daniel S - **Diamond**   Ella R - **Diamond**   Mya-Rose TR – **Diamond**  
Oliver C – **Topaz**  
Amelie B - **Emerald**   Henry W – **Emerald**   Henry M - **Ruby**

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

### Year 4 Superstars

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February the Year 4s went to the athletics stadium in Chelmsford to represent our school in the Superstars competition against 12 other schools.



Our first event was cup stacking. We had to stack cups 3 times, then run to the next and the next to do the same. At the last one we had to stop to unstack them and then run back to see what your time was. There were 6 other events including basketball, tennis, javelin, running with a ring 3 times, jumping side to side in 20 seconds, then at our last timed event we threw a tennis ball at a rebounder. Last but not least was the scooters but they did not count towards our points.

Our favourite event was javelin. We came 6<sup>th</sup> overall. Katie scored the highest out of everyone there, with 55 points and WON the Gold Medal!

**IT WAS GREAT FUN!**

**By Ibraheem S and Katie P**

## Book Fortnight

The staff are very busy planning lots of activities for this year's book fortnight, which, this year, we have linked to our sustainability curriculum 'Our World, Our Future'. Each class will study: stories, non-fiction texts or poems which are linked to their sustainability project. The learning activities will help to encourage your child to continue to have a love of books, poems, non-fiction texts and reading! During the fortnight there will be many exciting activities and events around the school. These include:

### Reading half hour

This year we are pleased to be able to hold our popular reading half hour. This is a great reading experience when we have the opportunity to invite you to join us in our celebration of reading. To enable us to do this we are asking for parents and grandparents to join us for this session to read children's stories with your child/children. We hope to see as many of you as possible. The children will have chosen a selection of books to share with you.

This year, to ensure we have sufficient space, each class has been allocated a time in the hall. Please see the information below for further details.

	9:05-9:35	2:50-3:20
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February		Class Budgerigar
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Class Avocet	Class Goldfinch
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Class Flamingo	Class Jay
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Class Eider	Class Cuckoo
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Class Dove	Class Hummingbird

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> (Infants) and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February (KS2) - Story time

All staff in school will bring in their favourite children's book or poems and the children will be able to choose which story or poems they want to listen to.

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February -Paired reading

During the morning each junior class will pair up with an infant class to enable the children to share books with a reading partner. This is an activity that the children all enjoy and look forward to.

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March -Dressing up day 'World Book Day'

As part of our drive to maintain, promote and engage pupil interest in reading we are celebrating our book week with a dressing up day. On this special day your child can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a story book. We look forward to seeing your child dressed up for our special day.

We are asking for each pupil to donate £1 on this day to help us purchase new books for our libraries and classroom book corners. The reading council have been busy compiling lists of texts that they would like to purchase for our libraries and for classroom book corners this means all children will benefit from the money we raise. I am sure you can imagine they are very eager to recommend new books to purchase! The list includes: non-fiction texts for all the reading stages in KS2 and for Years 1 & 2. Poetry books for both the infants and KS2 and guided reading sets for KS1.

I would like to thank you for your support for Book Week activities in previous years and hope that this one will be just as enjoyable.

**Miss Johnston, Deputy Headteacher**

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> February was:

**Class Cuckoo** who amassed a collective 14hrs 56mins.

and the pupil was:

**Ruby C** in Class Cuckoo

**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.workingfor Essex.com](http://www.workingfor Essex.com)  
Or email [resourcing.team@essex.gov.uk](mailto:resourcing.team@essex.gov.uk)



Essex County Council

## 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



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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](http://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](http://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

**Netball Club** – We are working with Premier Sports as we are aware that the current club is full. We hope to introduce a second club after Easter.

**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:**

 **Book Fortnight – All classes**

 **Chelmsford City FC – Years 2,3,4**

## 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.**



# Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Week 1

Fresh bread and milk available daily

<b>Monday</b>		<b>Non Pupil Day</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Local Butcher's Pork Sausage or (V) Vegan Sausage	Creamy Mashed 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 or (V) Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma	White/Wholegrain Rice Naan Bread 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 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
<b>Friday</b>	Omega3 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 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School closed for staff training</b>
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>School reopens after half-term break</b>
<b>Weds 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>2.45pm</b>	<b>Let's Present</b>
<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>Am</b>	<b>Classes J and H to visit the Farm</b>
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup></b>	

**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
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>		Half-term break
20 <sup>th</sup>		School closed for staff training
21 <sup>st</sup> onwards		Book Fortnight
24 <sup>th</sup>	Am	EYFS Welly Walk
<b>March</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00pm	Resources Committee meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup>		Dress-up as a book character day
13 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm 7.00pm	Pay Committee meeting Personnel Committee meeting
15 <sup>th</sup>	Am	EYFS Welly Walk
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 and Welly Walk
	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