



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

10th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Toby B - Platinum **Josh H - Gold** **Lily W - Emerald**

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

Weekly News

Next week there is the proposed industrial action by members of the NEU on both **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th**. As soon as I know (and am able to share) which classes will be affected, I will inform parents by Parentmail but please consider your contingency plans over the weekend.

The last two weeks of Book Fortnight have been a great opportunity for the children to share their love of reading as well as their passion for environmental issues. On Tuesday I hosted a meeting for teachers from schools in the Chelmsford area to share with them the school's *Our World, Our Future* project. I explained how it came about through a small group of Year 5 pupils coming to me with their concerns over the future of the planet and asking for help. From that tiny plea came our whole school curriculum, where all the children learn systematically about changes we can make and the impact, as well as the installation of solar panels, which on a sunny day make such a difference to our electricity consumption.



We raised £202.12 from the donations for our dressing up day and Miss Johnston is working with the Reading Council to decide what books to buy. Thank you to everyone who donated. Next week we are changing the displays around the school to showcase the children's work and over the coming weeks each class will share in the newsletter their specific class projects.

Friday 17th March is Comic Relief and we are inviting the children to come to school with wacky hair and/or a funny hat. The children should wear their normal school uniform. We are collecting donations for Comic Relief so please send these into school in your child's book bag. We have been informed that the red noses are not suitable for children under 7 years of age, so we would ask parents to check this.

Talented and Thoughtful Children



Katie brought in a medal that she won this week. She played in the Essex U10 girls' Hockey Tournament for Chelmsford Hockey Club last weekend and her team came in 3rd place!

Florence (Class C) worked really hard to raise money for Little Havens Hospice. She learned about the hospice and the amazing work they do at Brownies and she was determined to raise money for them as part of her charity badge.

Florence baked and packaged 72 cookies and delivered them to family, friends and neighbours - raising £75 for the charity! Big thanks to everyone who donated.

A representative from the charity visited Florence to collect the money and thanked her in person. Florence also received a certificate and a thank you letter from Little Havens Hospice. Her family are so proud of her for all of her hard work, especially from stopping her brother Albert from eating them.



Avalon, Phoebe and Poppy would like to thank everyone that purchased their cakes on Monday. The girls raised a total of £228.40 for Little Haven's Hospice.



Mathletics Challenge

We have restarted the Mathletics Challenge for the Spring Term and the class that made the most use of Mathletics from 28th February to 5th March was:

Class Dove who amassed a collective 8 hours 55 minutes

and the pupil was:

Isla W in Class Eider

Well done and keep up the good work!

Safeguarding Cannabis Edibles

This week I attended a safeguarding forum which was attended by Essex Police. They passed on information about what is happening in our locality and asked schools to remind parents that they are still seeing a lot of Cannabis Edibles in the community. These are being consumed by young people thinking that they are sweets and causing harm. More information is available on the Essex Police website.

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 Johns 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!

Midday Assistant 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 someone who might be, please contact the school office for details and an application form.

Energy Drinks

We are asking parents not to send their children into school with any drinks other than water in their water bottles. Drinks that are brought in for lunch time, as per the school policy, can be fruit juice or cordial **BUT NOT** energy drinks such as Lucozade or Prime. Thank You

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>

Parking and Road Safety

Please remember to use the local roads and the school car park with consideration and care for others. Please keep the roadway down into the car park free so that traffic can move off and onto Well Lane without causing a blockage on Main Road which then compromise the safety of the zebra crossing. We are still looking to recruit someone to man our school crossing patrol, so please spread the word.

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.essex.gov.uk

Or email community@essex.gov.uk Essex County Council

Please park with care and consideration for our neighbours.

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.

A promotional poster for a Hello Fresh lottery. The background is light blue with various fresh vegetables and fruits scattered around. At the top, there are tomatoes, onions, and mushrooms. On the right, there's a basket of vegetables including broccoli, bell peppers, and carrots. In the center, a green lemon is prominent. To the right of the lemon, the words 'HELLO FRESH' are written in large, bold, black letters. Below this, there are four bullet points: 'Tickets cost just £1 a week', 'Win a whole YEAR of HelloFresh!', 'Please help give our fundraising a boost', and 'Save money and eat fresh in 2023'. At the bottom left, there's a green box with white text: 'PLAY NOW: Go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk Search for: Danbury Park Communi'. To the right of this box is a QR code.

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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:



SCHOOL DINNERS COSTS FOR SPRING TERM 2023

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

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



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 13th March 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 Mashed Potato 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	White/Wholegrain Rice Naan Bread 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 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
Friday	Omega 3 Fish Fingers or (V) Omelette	Chips Baked Beans 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 13th March 2023

Mon 13th

6.30pm

Governors Pay Committee Meeting (virtual)

7.00pm

Governors Personnel Committee Meeting (virtual)

Tues 14th

Weds 15th

NEU Industrial Action

EYFS Welly Walk

2.50pm

Let's Present

Thurs 16th

NEU Industrial Action

Fri 17th

2.45pm

Comic Relief

3.30pmKO

Class Jay Assembly

Boys' Football League Match v Boreham (away)

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
March		
Week Beg 13 th		
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
18 th	2-4pm	DPSA Easter Fayre
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