



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong !

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

3rd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Avie B - Diamond Katie P - Diamond Willow E- Diamond

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

Reading in Key Stage 2

We are very proud of our school reading scheme which runs throughout the school. In Key Stage 2 our reading books are comprehensively organised to enable the children to learn and develop progressively their reading skills. Within each band, there are books that excite, inspire and inform all our different readers, these include works from classic as well as modern authors and books suggested by the children themselves.

To assist the children in their selection, the books are organised into bands. Please bear in mind that as the bands increase in difficulty, the comprehension skills required will also be more challenging. They are also carefully selected so that the content is age appropriate and suitable.

The children read through a range of books within each band until they are assessed by the class teacher as being ready to move onto the next one. When children have completed these bands, they are asked to arrange and prepare for a reading conference with their teacher. At their meeting, the children discuss a selection of the books they have read in more detail.

To enable the children to keep an accurate record of the books they have read, they are asked to keep a reading journal. In the journal the children are asked to record the following:

- 📅 Date, title of new book, number of page read to, their personal response when the book is finished and when asked to do so by their teacher as part of reading sessions.

In Key Stage 2, we still encourage parents to record in their journals whenever they hear their child read and sharing reading with an adult at home is still a vital part of the children's learning.

So that important information is not missed, we ask that parents, who wish to communicate with teachers about matters other than reading, write a separate letter for their child to give to the class teacher.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Class Jay and Hummingbird trip to the farm.

Class Jay and Hummingbird had a lovely trip to the farm last Thursday. The children learnt about the different foods they eat as lambs and adults. The children were surprised at how noisy it was in the barn. The children learnt how the lambs and sheep are cared for. They learnt why they have numbers on and how you find out how old a sheep is! They then got to cuddle some of the lambs and some children got more than one cuddle!



When Miss Speakman popped in the other day the children gave her a thank you card. Each child had written a thank you note and drawn a lamb!

A big thank you to the parents that helped with the trip.

Mathletics Challenge

We have restarted the Mathletics Challenge for the Spring Term and the class that made the most use of Mathletics from 21st February to 24th February was:

Class Eider who amassed a collective 10 hours 54 minutes

and the pupil was:

Rosie M in Class Eider

Well done and keep up the good work!

Charity Bake Sale

Phoebe N, Avalon and Poppy H have organised a Bake Sale to take place after school on Monday 6th March to raise funds for Little Havens. This is part of their Brownies badge. They will be in the bike shelter at the front of the school selling cakes from 3.25pm so please support them in their charitable efforts.



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!

Talented and Thoughtful Pupils

Ibraheem recently took part in a football camp at Billericay Football Club.

It sounds like he had a great time, and has shared with Class Cuckoo the medal and trophy he won for being 'Player of the Week'.

We think he is a very talented footballer!

Well done!



Mid Day 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.

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
Or email resourcing.team@essex.gov.uk

Essex County Council

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

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
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:

 **Parentmail - Year 6 - return of School Journey forms**

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 6th March 2023

Week 3

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Homemade Tomato Pasta Bake or (V) Cheddar Whirl	Homemade Bread Sweetcorn Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Minced Beef Wrap or (V) Vegan Mince Wrap	White/Wholegrain Rice Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Cranberry Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy or (V) Quorn Fillet in Gravy	Roast Potatoes Carrots Green Beans	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jelly and Fruit Fresh Fruit Fresh Yoghurt
Thursday	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or (V) Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	White/Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Omega 3 Fish Fingers or (V) Cheese Stack Wrap	Chips Baked Beans Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Finger Bun Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 6th March 2023

Mon 6th

2.45pm

3.25pm

Year 5&6 Boys Football League Match at Gt Leighs Primary School
Charity Bake Sale in the Bike Shelter

Tues 7th

Weds 8th

9.00am

2.45pm

Students from The Sandon School to lead Spanish lessons for Year 6
Let's Present

Thurs 9th

Fri 10th

2.45pm

Class Hummingbird Assembly

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		
6 th	2.45 pm	Boys football match at Great Leighs
	3.25 pm	Charity Bake Sale in Bike Shed – Poppy, Phoebe & Avalon
10 th	2.45 pm	Class H Assembly to parents
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 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