



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

21st April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Finella K- Bronze **Ivy P- Diamond** **Freya A - Diamond**
Amber H - Ruby

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

Welcome back!

I hope that you all enjoyed a restful break over the Easter holidays. We are looking forward to lots of events over the coming months and a list of key dates is included at the end of the newsletter. Already this term the children in Class Cuckoo have kicked-started their topic with an online learning session with the Royal Observatory and I know they are keen to find out more about our solar system and space. Today we also have our first girls' football match against Great Leigh's Primary School, so the team is very excited.

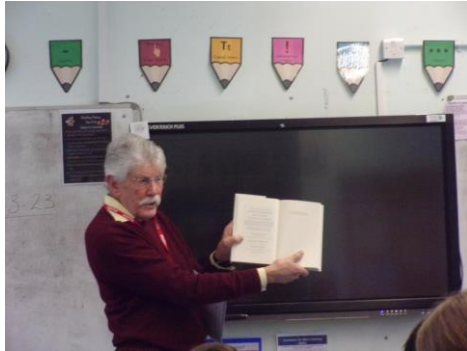
As you will see from the list, there are lots of sporting events coming up as well as class educational off-site visits; letters about each event with more details will come out in due course. Our annual Sports Day, Picnic and Open Afternoon have been put in for Friday 14th July and we do hope that parents and families will be able to reserve this date ahead of time and join us.

Before the events get fully underway, school has to administer the statutory assessments for pupils in Year 6, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 1. For the children in Year 6 this comprises a full set of tests in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading and several Maths papers and we have a set timetable to follow so it is vital that you do not book appointments such as dentists during the test times. Year 2 pupils also have to sit a full range of written assessments but we can be more flexible on dates and times. Miss Johnston and Mrs McIntosh have invited Year 2 parents to a meeting on Wednesday 3rd May at 9.15am to find out more. The pupils in Year 1 will have their Phonics Screening activity which is administered by the class teachers on a one-to-one basis and from past experience the children really enjoy this opportunity to read real and "alien" words. In Year 4 the children have their online multiplication tests and again they enjoy using the tablets to show their rapid recall of number facts. For the Year 1 and 4 assessments we have a window in which to administer the tests but it is important that absences are minimised during this time. All results will be shared with parents in the end of year pupil reports in July.

We always approach the tests in a supportive and encouraging way but if you are at all concerned, please speak with the class teachers who will be able to reassure you.

Class Budgerigar: Author Visit

Just before we broke up for Easter, we were delighted to welcome Mr. Andrew Wiltshire- a member of our Danbury community and grandfather of Zachary in Year 5 - for a talk on being an author. All the children had many questions about what it takes to write well, what books Mr. Wiltshire read as a child (lots of materials by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle!) and his inspirations.



The pupils were encouraged to 'store' memories and 'just write'. As we know, reading is tremendously important, not only to access the wider world but to ignite our imaginations; Mr. Wiltshire told us about how he read avidly as a child. Our class now have a larger 'toolkit' for writing effectively than they did before!

Many thanks again to Mr. Wiltshire.

Year 1 Teddy Lympics

Last term 16 Year 1 children were invited to the Teddy Lympics in Chelmsford. The children were really excited as we got to go on a coach there. In total there were over 50 teams that took part in the two day competition. It all started with a parade around the sports hall with the children waving their flags. The children did different activities that included, balancing, hurdles, throwing, javelin, skipping with a hoop and side speed jumping. After each activity the children had stamps, pens, paper cutters and other fun things to do to their teddy flag!



On the day, out of 16 teams Class Goldfinch came first and Class Hummingbird second! Poppy in Class Goldfinch won a Special Achievement Award for her speed jumping skills!

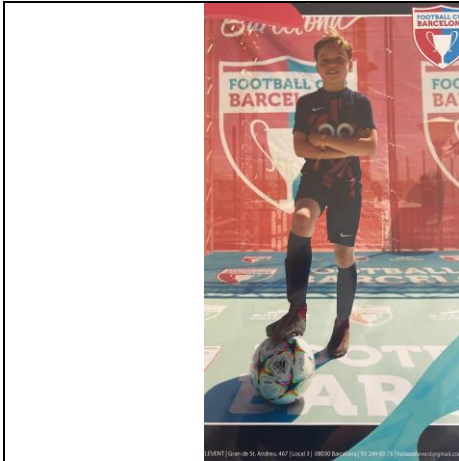
We then found out, that out of the schools that took part Class Goldfinch came 2nd and Class Hummingbird 7th! I think we can all agree that this was an amazing achievement for the school and the children.

Not only did the children get an amazing result, they were so well behaved and were a real credit to the school ! Well done to all the children who took part in the competition. As you can see from the photos the children had a fantastic time!

Talented and Thoughtful Children

Yesterday, the family found out that Albert has been offered, with immediate effect and no probation period, a position at Colchester United FC as part of their Development Squad. This is following a successful Cup semi-final game last Sunday for his local team Danbury & Bicknacre FC where Albert scored the winning goal, with just 5 minutes of extra time left to play. His team play their final on Sunday 7th May.

The family are so proud of Albert's hard work and determination! Well done!



Charlie has just returned from a weekend football academy tournament in Barcelona, where he represented his Academy team, FC Evolution.

After facing some really strong sides in the U10 age group they came 10th overall out of 40 and were runners up in the Cup Final. He was competing with teams across Europe including, Spain, France, Switzerland, Ireland and Finland. He was no. 1 goal scorer for his team. He had the best time.

Edward Spurgeon, a pre-schooler in Woodlands and brother to our Rachel and Jessica, is raising funds to give back to the NHS heroes who looked after him when he was very poorly in December. If any children would like to join him on the Parkrun, he would love to see them there, and any donation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lois-spurgeon?utm_term=nA9Z6BDNd

Our World, Our Future Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event that takes place on April 22nd and aims to promote environmental awareness. Every year, people from all around the world take part in a range of activities such as outdoor walks, planting trees, cleaning up litter and exploring ways to reuse and recycle, so see what you can do as a family this weekend.

In school we are continuing with *Our World, Our Future* class projects and over the coming weeks the classes will give us updates on their work and progress. At lunchtimes, Mrs Gooding will be starting her KS2 Gardening Club and children from all the junior classes will have the opportunity to volunteer and work with her clearing the vegetable beds, planting seeds and new plants with the hope of growing some fruit and vegetables for the school kitchen. We will also be clearing the flower bed by the buddy benches and planting some new shrubs. If you have any seeds, seedlings or shrubs that you can spare, please send them into the school office. Thank you!

Safeguarding Mental Health and Well-being



There are some excellent resources available to parents on the Place2be website. Mrs Macey has been working with them and has now achieved her Level 3 Mental Health Lead award – congratulations! We feel that parents might also appreciate their knowledge and expertise:

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

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!

Attendance

Important information - Term time holidays

Improving school attendance is a key priority for all schools across Essex. Where families choose to take a family holiday during term time, this can detrimentally impact a pupil's progress and can prevent them from fulfilling their true academic potential. Our school attendance policy, available via our school website, clearly sets out the process that parents should follow if they wish to apply for leave during term time. Please note that applications should only be made, if you feel that there are exceptional circumstances which mean that the leave cannot be taken during the school holidays.

We would ask all parents to note that, where families choose to go on holiday during term time and the absences are coded as unauthorised, Essex County Council may not issue penalty notices and may instead proceed to prosecution and place the case directly before the Magistrates for their consideration in court. If found guilty by the Magistrates, parents could face a fine of up to £2,500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.

Mathletics Challenge

The winning class for the Spring Term was:

Class Eider

Well done to the children who made a real effort to win again! The children will be choosing their reward shortly and we know how much they enjoyed their special reading session with the Early Years children last time.

The challenge will restart next week so please encourage your child to spend a little time each day on the website honing their mathematical skills.

Find out what to do if your child is unwell

Download our
free guide



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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. **Just this week, we were made aware of parents parking on the pavement in Well Lane right where families cross. This is incredibly dangerous for everyone but particularly for our older children who are walking home on their own.**

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.



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 the Hello Fresh lottery. The background is light blue with various fresh vegetables and fruits scattered around. The text reads: "WIN A YEAR OF HELLO FRESH". 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, it says "PLAY NOW: Go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk Search for: Danbury Park Communi". On the right, there 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.

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

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:

- 📧 Topic Letters for each class
- 📧 Year 6 – Crucial Crew Letter
- 📧 Year 5 – Bikeability letter and Danbury Outdoor Activity Day Letter
- 📧 Year 3 – Swimming Lessons letter
- 📧 Year 2 – SATs meeting for parents & Hedingham Castle Letter for classes F & G
- 📧 EYFS – Road Safety Presentation Letter

SCHOOL DINNERS COSTS FOR SUMMER TERM 2023

1st Half Term: 17th April – 26th May 2023 = 28 days at £2.50 = £70.00

2nd Half Term: 6th June – 21st July 2023 = 34 days at £2.50 = £85.00

Total for Summer Term = £155.00

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



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 24th April 2023

Week 2

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Fillet of Fish or (V) Crispy Vegan Quorn Dippers	New Potatoes Sweetcorn Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Oat Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Homemade Pasta Bolognese or (V) Vegan Mince Bolognese	Homemade Bread Peas, Cauliflower Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Apple Crumble and Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	All Day Breakfast; Chipolata Sausage, Bacon and Egg, (V) Vegan Sausage, Egg and Hash Brown	Hash Brown Baked Beans Fresh Tomatoes Peas Green Beans	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jelly and Fruit Fresh Fruit Fresh Yoghurt
Thursday	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza or (V) Vegetable Nuggets	White/Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Carrot Sticks Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Chocolate Crispy Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Beef Burger in a roll or (V) Cheesy Stack Wrap	Chips Peas Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Roll Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 24th April 2023

Mon 24th

4.00pm

High 5 Netball Tournament at Gt Baddow High School

Tues 25th

Weds 26th

2.50pm

Eve

Bag2School Collection

Let's Present

DPSA Hair Braiding Tutorials

Thurs 27th

7.00pm

NEU Industrial Action - affected classes will be informed via Parentmail next week.

Full Governing Body Meeting

Fri 28th

Am

EVFS Cats Protection League session

Full term dates for the academic years
2022-23 and 2023-24 are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,
Headteacher

Dates for Summer Term 2023

Date	Time	Event
April		
21 st	3.30pm	Girls' Football Match v Gt Leigh's Primary School (home)
22 nd		Earth Day
24 th	4.00 – 5.45pm	High 5 Netball Tournament at Gt Baddow High School
26 th		Bag2school
	6.00pm	DPSA Hair-braiding Evening
27 th	7.00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting in person
28 th	Am	EYFS – Cats Protection League visit
May		
2 nd		KS1 SATs window opens
3 rd	9.15am	KS1 SATS meeting for parents of pupils in Year 2
4 th	3.30pm	Boys' Football Match v St Anne's (home)
5 th	Pm	Coronation events
Week beg 9 th		KS2 SATS – see separate timetable below
12 th	Am	EYFS Welly Walk
	3.30pm	Girls' Football Match v St Anne's (home)
17 th	12.30 – 2.30pm	Cssp Tennis Tournament (Yr 3 &4)
18 th		School Census
	3.45pm	Netball Match v St Anne's (away)
	7.00pm	Governors' Curriculum meeting (virtual)
19 th	Am	EYFS Road Safety
	5.30 – 6.30	DPSA Disco – EYFS & KS1
	7.00 – 8.15pm	DPSA KS2 Disco
22 nd	3.45pm	Netball Match v Our Lady Immaculate (away)
23 rd		2 Johns Safeguarding Workshops and Training Staff meeting Parent meeting
26 th	Am	EYFS Welly Walk
	2.45pm	Class B Assembly
29th May – 2nd June		
Half-term break		
June		
5 th		INSET – School closed for staff training
		Science Week
		Year 4 Multiplication Assessment Tests (2 week window)
7 th	Am	Class and Team photos
	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 1/6
8 th	12.30 – 2.45pm	Year 2 Mini-games
	7.00pm	Governors' Resources meeting at school
9 th	2.45pm	Class C Assembly
12 th		Year 1 Phonics Screening window opens (2 weeks)
	7.00pm	Governors' Personnel Meeting (virtual)

14 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 2/6
	7.00pm	Welcome Meeting for new parents joining DPS in September 23
16 th	Am	EYFS Welly Walk
	1.45 – 3.20pm	Year 6 Crucial Crew
	2.45pm	Class D Assembly
17 th		DPSA Summer Fayre - tbc
Week beg 19 th		Assessment Week for Years 1, 3, 4 & 5
19 th	4.00 – 5.30pm	Cssp District Sports – Field Events
21 st	All day	Classes F & G to Hedingham Castle
	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 3/6
22 nd		Classes Jay and Hummingbird to visit Holland-on-Sea
23 rd	2.45pm	Class G Assembly
Week beg 26 th		Year 6 School Journey
26 th	1.00 – 3.30pm	Cssp District Sports Track Events
27 th	All day	Year 5 to Danbury Outdoors
	2.45pm	Year 2 Assembly
28 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 4/6
	12.45 - 2.15pm	New entrants and parents to join school for lunch and afternoon activities
July		
3 rd		Sandon School Induction – tbc
4 th	9.20 – 10.20pm	New entrants' induction session All classes to meet their teachers for next year
	2.45pm	Class E Assembly
5 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 5/6
6 th	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
7 th	2.45pm	Class H Assembly
11 th		Year 6 SATS results due out
	2.45pm	Class J Assembly
12 th	9.20 – 10.20pm	New entrants' induction session All classes to meet their teachers for next year
	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 6/6
		Pupil Reports to go out to parents
13 th		Year 5 Taster Day at Sandon School
14 th		Sports Day Picnic Open afternoon
		Pupil end of year reports to go out
	Eve	DPSA Year 6 Silent Disco
19 th	3.30pm	Staff and governor end of year afternoon tea
		DPS Got Talent
21 st	9.10am 10.00am	Year 6 Assembly for parents Rest of school to join assembly
		Break up for the Summer Holiday

KS2 SATS

Week beginning 8th May 2023

Date & Time	Test	Location
Tuesday 9th		
9.15 – 10.00am	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 – short answer (45 minutes)	Hall and Class A
10.05 – 10.25am	Paper 2 – spelling (approx. 15 minutes)	Hall and Class A
10.30 – 10.45am BREAK		
Wednesday 10th		
9.15 – 10.15am	English Reading (1 hour)	Hall and Class A
10.25 – 10.40am BREAK		
Thursday 11th		
9.15– 9.45am	Maths Paper 1 - Arithmetic (30 minutes)	Hall and Class A
9.55 – 10.35am	Maths Paper 2 – Reasoning (40 minutes)	Hall and Class A
10.40 – 11.00am BREAK		
Friday 12th		
9.15 – 9.55am	Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning (40 minutes)	Hall and Class A
10.30 – 10.45am BREAK		

N.B. Start and finish times are subject to change.

When tests are finished, runners will be sent to classes to confirm that playtime can commence.