



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

12th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Jayden C – **Bronze** Stanley D - **Diamond** Charlie H - **Topaz** Fin S - **Emerald**

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

Weekly News

The Coronation Celebrations in school were a great success and each class spent last Friday afternoon on special activities learning about the historical background of the coronation and about King Charles himself and his passion for the environment.

In Class Avocet I was honoured to be invited to judge a cake competition. Mrs Marsland had set the children an optional homework activity of designing and baking a special coronation themed cake. It was an incredibly difficult task as the children had considered, not only how the cakes looked and reflected the occasion but also the taste. The winners were: 1st - Abbie, 2nd – Ophelia, 3rd – Evie.



In the afternoon we had an extra playtime with the infants and juniors playing together on the playgrounds and field. This is a treat they really enjoy. We then went into the hall to sing a special coronation song *Let the Trumpets Sound* that children across the UK have been learning as well as what is becoming our school song *If you start the day in a brilliant way*.

Ms Middleton with the help of a group of children playing percussion instruments performed her specially written poem *Ring Out the Bright Bells* and we all joined in the refrain. Finally we sang the National Anthem and gave three cheers for His Majesty.

Finally we would like to say well done to all the children in Year 6 who this week have coped admirably with the end of Key Stage 2 statutory tests. They have come in each day calm and composed and tackled each challenge with a positive attitude and approach. Well done!

Safeguarding

Online Safety

On **Tuesday 23rd May** the 2 Johns will be visiting school and they will be working with all children, except those in EYFS, at an age-appropriate level about keeping safe online. The 2 Johns are ex-police officers with a wealth of experience and knowledge about the internet and the potential dangers. In the evening starting at **7.00pm** they will be holding a workshop for parents in the school hall and we would like as many parents as possible to attend. You do not need to book a place, just turn up ready to start at 7.00pm. The workshop lasts around an hour with an opportunity for questions afterwards. Even if you are tech-savvy, you do need to hear their stories and their message. They explain how parents can support their children on their journey through the digital world and they are very good at helping parents see this world through a child's eye.

To have the 2 Johns in school for the whole day is very costly but it is very worthwhile. We are grateful to the DPSA for paying for this event. We tend to hold it every other year but without their support, we could not fund it as a school without making a cut elsewhere. Your support for the DPSA helps them support the children! Thank you.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Attendance

Part of our safeguarding duties and procedures is ensuring that when children are absent from school, we know where they are and that they are safe. Please remember to inform school by **9.20am each day** if your child is absent from school and to follow this up with a written letter of explanation on their return. If we do not know where your child is, we are required to use the emergency contact numbers you have given to school. So it is vitally important that if you change your phone numbers, or your family and friends do, that you inform us.

The government, local authority and school take attendance seriously and school is required to follow up on irregular attendance and prolonged absences and also for unauthorised absences, so please do not be offended when we ask for proof of doctors' and dentists' appointment or ask for details of holiday bookings or delayed flights or sickness on return after school holidays.

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 class that made the most use of Mathletics last week was:

Eider who amassed a total of 9 hrs 24 mins

And the pupil who made the most use of the programme was:

James F in Class Budgerigar

Well done and keep up the good work!

The winners last term were Class Eider and for their reward, they have collectively requested a non-uniform day for the class. We have agreed to their request and this will take place on Friday 26th May when the children in Class Eider will be invited to come to school in on-uniform. They will be bringing home a letter today.

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.



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



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 META QUEST 2 VR HEADSET

- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Win up to £25,000 every week
- Please help give our fundraising a boost
- Explore a world of virtual reality!

PLAY NOW

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 27th May 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:

- 📧 Classes J & H – Trip to Holland on Sea
- 📧 Year 2 – Mini Games

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 15th May 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 Bolognaise or (V) Vegan Mince Bolognaise	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 Salad	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 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 15th May 2023

Mon 15th

3.25pm

Netball Match v Gt Leighs Primary School (away)

Tues 16th

Weds 17th

12.30pm-2.30pm

Tennis Tournament (invited Year 4 pupils)

2.50pm

Let's Present

Thurs 18th

3.45pm

Netball Match v St Anne's (away)

7.00pm

Governors Curriculum Meeting (virtual)

Fri 19th

EYFS Road Safety Workshops

DPSA Children's Discos:

5.30 - 6.30pm EYFS & KS1

7.00 - 8.15pm KS2

Full term dates for the academic years
2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,
Headteacher

Dates for Summer Term 2023

Date	Time	Event
May		
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		Class Eider Visit to Chatham Green
	3.45pm	Netball Match v Our Lady Immaculate (away)
23 rd		2 Johns Safeguarding Workshops and Training
	7.00pm	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.

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Term Dates - Academic Year 2024-2025

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024							December 2024						
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 = Schooldays  = School holidays  = Bank holidays

 = Weekends

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated as X, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Monday 2 September 2024 – Friday 20 December 2024 Half Term 28 October – 1 November	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 6 January 2025 – Friday 4 April 2025 Half Term 17 February - 21 February	60 days
Summer Term:	Tuesday 22 April 2025 – Tuesday 22 July 2025 Half Term 26 May – 30 May, and May Bank Holiday - 5 May	60 days
		195 days