



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong !*

## Newsletter

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

**19<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

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

Oscar N – **Silver**   Brahman P - **Bronze**   Amber M - **Topaz**  
Arthur M – **Diamond**   Henry M - **Diamond**

### Weekly News

This week has been a busy week for sports. On Wednesday I took two teams of Year 4 children to the Chelmsford Schools Sports Partnership Mini-Wimbledon Tournament. There were 16 teams and 64 children playing rounds against each other so we were kept very busy. Our B team: Oliver, Ibraheem, Avie and Willow came 13<sup>th</sup> and our A Team: Sam, George, Katie and Maria came 5<sup>th</sup>. The children all played very well considering we did not have time to practise in school beforehand. Our A Team has qualified for the finals next week which is a great achievement. Thank you to the parents and families, who supported us.



Other sporting events have also been taking place recently. Two weeks ago, the girls' football team beat Great Leighs Primary School 2-1 which was a real boost for everyone and this week our High 5 Netball Team played their first league match again against Great Leighs. We enjoyed the game but sadly lost 3-1



We would like to remind the parents of our children in Years 1 and 2 that the online Active Lives Survey closes on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. This only takes a few minutes to complete and if we reach the minimum number for responses, we will receive some additional PE and sporting equipment from which all the children will benefit. With the school budget so tight, we need to take advantage of every opportunity for free equipment so please support the children by taking part. Information was sent out by Parentmail a few weeks ago, so please check your e-mails for details.

## 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:

**Dove** who amassed a total of 12 hours 23 mins

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

**Florence L-L in Class Eider**

**Well done and keep up the good work!**

## 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

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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](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.



- 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**



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:

- 🐼 Class C – Design Technology - Mars Rover Model

## SCHOOL DINNERS COSTS FOR SUMMER TERM 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Half Term: 17<sup>th</sup> April – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023** = 28 days at £2.50 = £70.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: 6<sup>th</sup> June – 21<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

Week 3

Fresh bread and milk available daily

<b>Monday</b>	Homemade Tomato Pasta Bake or (V) Cheddar Whirl	Homemade Bread Sweetcorn Cucumber	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Custard, Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	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	Tutti Fruti Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy or Quorn Piece in Gravy	Roast Potatoes Carrots Green Beans	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	100% Organic Fruit Ice Lolly Fresh Fruit Fresh Yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or (V) Vegetable Meatballs	White/Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Friday</b>	Omega 3 Fish Fingers or (V) Cheese and Tomato Quiche	Chips Peas Cucumber	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Finger Bun Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt



**Dates for the Diary**  
**Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**7.00pm**

**2 Johns' Online Safety Workshops**  
**2 Johns Workshop for parents**

**Weds 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**2.50pm**  
**12.10pm**

**Class Eider visit to Chatham Green**  
**Let's Present**  
**Mini- Wimbledon Tennis Finals**

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**3.25pm**

**Netball Match v Our Lady Immaculate Primary School (away) - tbc**

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**2.45pm**

**EYFS Welly Walk**  
**Class Budgerigar's Assembly to parents and the rest of the school**

**Half-term Break**

**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
<b>May</b>		
23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm	2 Johns Safeguarding Workshops and Training Staff meeting Parent meeting
24 <sup>th</sup>		Class Eider Visit to Chatham Green
25 <sup>th</sup>	3.45pm	High 5 Netball Match v Our Lady Immaculate (away) -tbc
26 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Class B Assembly
<b>29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>		Half-term break
<b>June</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup>		INSET – School closed for staff training
		Science Week
		Year 4 Multiplication Assessment Tests (2 week window)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Am	Class and Team photos
	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 1/6
8 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 – 2.45pm	Year 2 Mini-games
	7.00pm	Governors' Resources meeting at school
9 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Class C Assembly
12 <sup>th</sup>		Year 1 Phonics Screening window opens (2 weeks)
	7.00pm	Governors' Personnel Meeting (virtual)
14 <sup>th</sup>	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 2/6
	7.00pm	Welcome Meeting for new parents joining DPS in September 23
15 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Boys' Football Match v St Annes' (home)
	3.30pm	High 5 Netball Match v St Anne's (away)
16 <sup>th</sup>	Am	EYFS Welly Walk
	1.45 – 3.20pm	Year 6 Crucial Crew
	2.45pm	Class D Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup>		DPSA Summer Fayre - tbc
Week beg 19 <sup>th</sup>		Assessment Week for Years 1, 3, 4 & 5
19 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 – 5.30pm	Cssp District Sports – Field Events
21 <sup>st</sup>	All day	Classes F & G to Hedingham Castle
	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 3/6
22 <sup>nd</sup>		Classes Jay and Hummingbird to visit Holland-on-Sea
23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.45pm	Class G Assembly
Week beg 26 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 School Journey
26 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 – 3.30pm	Cssp District Sports Track Events
27 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Year 5 to Danbury Outdoors
	2.45pm	Year 2 Assembly
28 <sup>th</sup>	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
<b>July</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		Sandon School Induction
4 <sup>th</sup>	9.20 – 10.20pm	New entrants' induction session All classes to meet their teachers for next year
	2.45pm	Class E Assembly
5 <sup>th</sup>	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 5/6
6 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
7 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Class H Assembly
11 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 SATS results due out
	2.45pm	Class J Assembly
12 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>		Year 5 Taster Day at Sandon School
14 <sup>th</sup>		Sports Day Picnic Open afternoon
		Pupil end of year reports to go out
	Eve	DPSA Year 6 Silent Disco
19 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Staff and governor end of year afternoon tea
		DPS Got Talent
21 <sup>st</sup>	9.10am 10.00am	Year 6 Assembly for parents Rest of school to join assembly
		Break up for the Summer Holiday