



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

26th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Claudia M - Silver Jasmine B - Ruby

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

Weekly News

We end this half-term with some great news. On Wednesday our Year 4 Tennis A Team went to the Chelmsford Schools Sport Partnership Tennis Tournament Finals and we came 3rd out of the twenty-four schools that took part. Katie played well winning all of her matches except one which she drew and Sam won all of his matches except one. George and Maria won the majority of their matches, which resulted in a fantastic result overall all.

Well done to all four children, we are very proud of you!



It was good to see so many parents at the workshop with the 2 Johns on Tuesday. Their presentation is often hard hitting but does share the reality of the dangers of the online world. It was good that parents were able to raise questions and explore some aspects in more detail. Parents have told me that on the back of the workshops with the classes, children went home and showed families how to change settings on their phones so that location identification is switched off on photographs. Thank you to the DPSA for their fundraising efforts that paid for these workshops and for organising refreshments on Tuesday evening.



The High 5 Netball Team played a match against Our Lady Immaculate School in Chelmsford yesterday. Sadly, we lost 6-3 but we had a good game and the girls enjoyed visiting another school and playing against such a good team. Thank you to the parents who helped with transport.

Our last match of the league is on Thursday 15th June at St Anne's Prep School.

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable half-term break and we will see you when school re-opens on Tuesday 6th June.

Talented and Thoughtful Children

Edward, Rachel and Jessica ran their charity junior park run last weekend. They have raised £1,150, and would like to say thank you to all who donated from Danbury Park to their NHS cause. Other school friends joined them for the run too and had lots of fun.



Over the past 12 months Jensen B has had the opportunity to train and play games for both Ipswich Town FC and Charlton Athletic. His family has told us that the drive and determination from Jensen has been incredible. In October last year Jensen was lucky enough to receive contracts from both clubs and on Saturday he signed a 2 year contract with Ipswich Town FC.

To kick off the start of his academy journey he will be off to play Manchester City at the Etihad Stadium next weekend.

George H and Zach P took part in a football tournament last Saturday with their football club Maldon and Tiptree and they came 2nd.

Well done to all our thoughtful and talented children! We are very proud of you.



Safeguarding

Online Safety

On the back of the work, we have done with the 2 Johns this week, please take some time over the half-term break to talk with your child to find out what they have learned, what apps they are using and how you can help. Please check security settings on their devices and also explain that you are there to help. The key message was that children need to be able to talk to an adult if they find themselves in a difficult situation, so we need to reassure them that they won't be in trouble or have their devices taken away. It is so important that we can help at an early stage rather than when situations have got too deep.

There are so many resources on the 2 Johns' website:

<https://esafetytraining.org/>

but please also follow them on Twitter and facebook as they often send out timely reports about current new trends and issues.

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 10 hours 54 mins

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

Finley S 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

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.



- 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



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 sent out this week:

- 📧 Year 6 – School Journey – Meal Planner
- 📧 Year 4 – Human Biology Meeting
- 📧 Years 2,3,4 – Chelmsford City Football After School Club

SCHOOL DINNERS COSTS FOR SUMMER TERM 2023

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

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



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 5th June 2023

Week 1

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday		Non Pupil Day		
Tuesday	Local Butcher's Pork Sausages or (V) Vegan Sausages	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans Mixed Vegetables Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Oaty Cookie and Fruit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Homemade Chicken Korma with Naan Bread or (V) Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma	White/Wholegrain Rice 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 Potatoes 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 Peas 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 5th June 2023

Year 4 Multiplication Tests

Mon 5th	School Closed for Staff Training
Tues 6th	
Weds 7th	Class and Team Photos
Pm	Year 3 Swimming Lessons 1/6
2.50pm	Let's Present
Thurs 8th	
12.30pm-2.45pm	Year 2 Mini games
7.00pm	Resources Committee Meeting
Fri 9th	
2.45pm	Class Cuckoo Assembly to parents and the rest of the school

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		
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
15 th	3.30pm	Boys' Football Match v St Annes' (home)
	3.30pm	High 5 Netball Match v St Anne's (away)
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
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