



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

5th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Freddie G - Emerald

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

Weekly news

We start with some good news and congratulations to Mrs Stone, Class Jay's teacher (and her husband) on the birth of their baby boy yesterday evening! Mother and baby are doing well.

As the term is getting underway, we are starting to look at the events that we have planned and wanted to give parents and particularly those who are new to the school, information about how events work.

Statutory Government Tests

As explained a few weeks ago, we make these tests and tasks as pressure-free and as comfortable for the children as possible. In Year 6 we follow the set timetable but aim to get the tests started as soon as possible in the morning so that we finish by break time. The children are then given some free time to relax.

We start the Year 2 tests next week as well. These are more relaxed as we can fit them in around our working week and spread them over several weeks. We hope parents found the meeting with Miss Johnston and Mrs McIntosh on Wednesday useful.

In June the Year 1s will do their phonics screening and the children genuinely enjoy working one-to-one with their class teacher. The Year 4s will do their timed multiplication tests using our new i-pads and they have been practising in class, so it is nothing new. Parents will get results of the assessments in the end of year written reports.

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.

Safeguarding Mental Health and Well-being

In school we work closely with bccs, who provide us with expert counselling, support and training. The charity is also available to work with families outside school and parents can contact them directly:

Child and Family Counselling Services

Parents are now able to access direct support for their child by referring them into the safe hands of our Child and Family Counselling Services (CFCs). We have a team of highly experienced Counsellors, Specialist Child and Adolescent Counsellors and Play Therapists available within the counselling team who work in our specially adapted therapy rooms.



We offer support to children, young people and parents through talking, play and art therapy.

CFCs provides therapy to children, young people and families. We support many different issues such as:

- Self-harm
- Identity
- Anxiety
- Bullying
- Bereavement
- Parental separation and family issues or conflict.

The pathway is overseen by our Head of Child and Family Counselling Services, who is supported by a team that are both passionate about and dedicated to the wellbeing of children and young people. The team has achieved very positive and reparative outcomes for children and families.

What can you expect?

After an initial contact, we will arrange an assessment to explore the issues your child may be experiencing and will then identify which model best supports the difficulty your child may be facing.

Who do you contact?

If you are worried about your child and would like to talk to us further, please either email Catherine cmunns@bccs.org.uk or call on 07792 732206 and we will be pleased to help.

Take a moment to read about the experience a parent shared with us:

I had contacted a number of professional services to assist me in helping my daughter. At the suggestion of my daughter's school a referral was made to BCCS and it was then that I met one of their counsellors. After months of unanswered questions and "hitting brick walls" I finally had answers, structure and a profound understanding of how a small little girl's mind works.

For me, there has been nothing so worrying as watching your child struggle and the BCCS counsellor's help has enabled me to help her for which I will be forever grateful.



www.bccs.org.uk



headoffice@bccs.org.uk

BCCS, 133 High Street, Billericay, Essex, CM12 9AB
Brentwood Catholic Children's Society - Registered Charity Number: 1000661



There are also 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 and we feel that parents might also appreciate their knowledge and expertise:

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

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

REMINDER from the Parish Council

If your child would like to enter the Parish Council's Coronation competition by drawing a 'Portrait of the King' please ensure you take their portrait to Danbury Sports Centre between 10am-12noon on Sunday morning.

Thank you.

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

Class Eider who amassed a collective 8 hours 10 minutes!
and the pupil was:

Avy S in Class Avocet.

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



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 E – Trip to the Wilderness Foundation
- 📧 Year 2 – Active Lives Survey

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 9th May 2023

Week 1

Fresh bread and milk available daily

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	Oats 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 8th May 2023

Mon 8th **Bank Holiday**

Tues 9th **KS2 SATs**

Weds 10th
2.50pm **Let's Present**

Thurs 11th

Fri 12th
Am **EYFS Welly Walk**
3.30pm **Girls' Football Match v St Anne's School (home)**

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		
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	7.00pm	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.

Danbury Park Community Primary School
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