



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

23rd June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Finella K - **Silver** Daniel S - **Topaz** Jake W - **Ruby**
Oliver N - **Emerald** Reggie S - **Emerald**

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

Weekly News

We ended last week with another sporting success: The girls' football team won against St Anne's Prep School 3 -1! It was a great match with both teams playing well in the gloriously sunny conditions. We then started the week with even more good news: The girls' football team is in the Chelmsford School Sport Partnership finals and will play St Pius X Catholic Primary School, who came top of their group! The match will take place on Monday 3rd July at St Pius School.



We have been fortunate that Premier Sports who teach some of our PE lessons have been able to offer us some complimentary lunchtime activities on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These are for the junior children and are open to everyone. So far, the coaches have set up circuits and organised football games and they will also be leading cricket and rounders style games over the coming weeks. The activities have been a great success with the children.

Please remember that the black bin at the front of the school is for crisp packet recycling only. These bags cannot be recycled in the normal way and school offered to be a collection point for the village. The bin is emptied and the packets handled in a specialised way. Please do not put any other plastics in this bin. Thank you.

On Monday our Year 6 children are off on their week-long School Journey to Stratford upon Avon. They will be departing around 9.00am and this means that the carpark will be very busy. **For this reason, the car park will be closed to all except Year 6 families, staff and blue-badge holders.** We know the children and adults will have a super time and we look forward to hearing all their stories on their return.

Talented and Thoughtful Children

Darcie's mum let us know that both Darcie and Holly (class A) play for Baddow Spartak football club and at the weekend took part in a football tournament hosted by Broomfield.

They came top of their group and then went through to the finals and won!

Well done!



On Saturday 17th June, Sophia, Chemmy and Savannah competed in the Cheer City National Finals in Loughborough, this was a cheerleading and dance competition.

Chemmy's and Savannah's team received an 'Excellent' award in the Mini Cheer tournament.

Sophia's team came 5th place in the Modern Dance Contemporary Lyrical category.

Well done!

Mathletics Challenge

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

Eider who amassed an average of 15.37 mins per pupil.

As the Year 6 pupils have now all moved into Class Avocet, we are working out the winning class based on the average number of hours per pupil.

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

Isla W in Class Eider

Well done and keep up the good work!

Future Summer Events

Eddie the Penguin – Year 2

The Year 2 children are busy working on their annual musical production which this year is again *Eddie the Penguin*. We are inviting families of children in Year 2 to join us on Tuesday 27th June at 2.45pm for a special performance. The rest of the school will have the opportunity to see the play at a different time so that we do not have to restrict the number of family members attending.

Eddie the Penguin is a firm Year 2 favourite and the story fits so well with our work on *Our World, Our Future* and our Science Week.

We hope families will be able to join us. **Please remember not to bring any food or drink into school as we need to protect children and staff from contact with possible allergens.** Thank you.

Sports Day – Friday 14th July

This year Sports Day will take place on Friday 14th July. There is NO parent parking available unless you hold and can display a blue badge. We are following the same format as in previous years combining our Sports Day and Open Afternoon. To save busy parents having to take two days off work, we are combining the two events on the same day with the traditional picnic lunch in the middle. The timetable for the day is:

9.10am	Front gates will be opened to visitors
9.15am	KS2 opening ceremony on the playground Sporting events for Key Stage 2 (Classes E, D, C, B & A) NB EYFS and KS1 children stay in their classes
10.30am	KS1 and Early Years opening ceremony on the playground Sporting events for Key Stage 1 and Early Years (Classes J, H, G & F) NB KS2 children stay in their classes except Year 6 helpers
11.30am	Whole school come together for running events on the field
12.00pm	Awarding of cups and trophies followed by picnic lunch on the field
1.20pm	Children return to class to change out of PE kits and for registration
1.45pm	Open afternoon in classes with an opportunity to look at your child's work and then visit their new class for next year
3.25pm	End

If you would like to bring a picnic lunch to share with your child you are welcome. We are offering the opportunity to order a lunch from the school kitchen and a letter will be sent home shortly with details. Please note that you **must pre-book** your picnic lunch using the slip and that no other lunches will be provided by the school kitchen that day. Universal free school meals will be available in the form of the packed lunch for all the infant children and those junior children entitled to a free school meal, but you **must let us know that your child will require a lunch for that Friday in advance**. You must complete the slip, enclose any money and order a picnic lunch even if your child has school dinners every day. Replies must be received by **12 noon on Monday 3rd July** as late requests will not be possible. Please note that payments for adults must be cash only for this event and sent into the school office with the order form

In the event of bad weather, we will make a decision as early as possible on the day as to whether events can go ahead and let you know by Parentmail. Regardless, we will still hold the lunch for families and we will picnic in the school building if needs be.

Safeguarding and Personal Safety

As the weather starts to turn warmer, please remember that the children will be outside at break and lunchtimes so we would advise applying high factor sun protection in the morning before school. If children do bring in any creams to re-apply later in the day, they should be able to do this themselves and they must not share this with any other child.

We have shade under the trees and we do encourage the children when it is very warm to sit and rest out of the sun. It is helpful if the children have a cap or hat to wear but we ask that these are either the school uniform caps or non-offensive. Please note that the school uniform policy is for the children to wear shoes all year round as sandals and open toe footwear can be unsafe when they are running around.

The children are very good at bringing in water bottles each day and these are easily topped up with help from staff during the day whenever the children need more water.

Online Safety

Remember that there are so many resources on the 2 Johns' website to help parents with online safety:

<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.

Parking and Road Safety

Danbury Outdoors are now getting very busy and there will be more and more coaches arriving and departing at the beginning and end of the school days. Please make sure that you do not park along the road down from Well Lane or along the road from the Danbury Outdoors exit barrier. Having to locate the owners of cars, where they are causing obstructions, causes delays and some of the visiting schools and establishments have long journeys home ahead of them. Danbury Outdoors allows parents of the children at our school to use the carpark and we would not want them to restrict this.

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.

Please park with care and consideration for our neighbours.



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what to do if your
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**CHILDREN'S
HEALTH
MATTERS**

- Treat at home?
- Call 111?
- Visit A&E?

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>

Midday Assistant Vacancies

We are still urgently seeking 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.

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 NINTENDO SWITCH BUNDLE



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Please help give our fundraising a boost
- Win up to £25,000 every week
- Support our school, and win!

PLAY NOW



Supporter must be 18 years of age or older. See website for terms & conditions. Offer by 30th June 2023

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:





Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 26th June 2023

Week 1

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza or Homemade Cheese (V) and Tomato Pizza	White/Wholegrain Pasta Cucumber Sweetcorn	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
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

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.

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 26th June 2023

Year 6 School Journey

Mon 26th

1.00pm-3.30pm CSSP District Sports - Track Events

Tues 27th

All day Year 5 visit to Danbury Outdoors
2.45pm Year 2 to perform *Eddie the Penguin* to families

Weds 28th

12.45-2.15pm New entrants and parents to join school for lunch and afternoon activities
Pm Year 3 Swimming Lessons 4/6
2.50pm Let's Present

Thurs 29th

Fri 30th

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
June		
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