



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

30th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Ella R - Topaz Daniel E - Diamond Harriet T - Emerald

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

Weekly News

As you will know from the Parentmail earlier this week, there is further industrial action planned by members of the NEU on **Wednesday 5th July** and **Friday 7th July**. Staff do not have to inform school as to whether they will be participating in the action until the morning of the strike. However, in the past teachers have shared this information with parents earlier than this so that they can make plans.

Currently I do not know exactly which classes will be affected by the action but I hope to be able to give you a better picture early next week. Mrs Lees has asked me to let parents know that Class Eider will be open on Wednesday and swimming will take place as planned. Mrs Smith has taken the decision to move Class Hummingbird's assembly from Friday 7th to **Wednesday 12th July at 2.45pm**. I would advise parents to be prepared and to have contingency plans in place in case your child's class is closed.

This week we have received another badge to add to our collection, this time for our commitment to the Daily Mile. I think this shows our school's drive to be active so that we have a healthy body as well as a healthy mind.



Well done to the children who represented Danbury Park School at the recent Chelmsford School Sport Partnership District Athletic Competition:

Year 3 Sprint A Lorenzo R – 2nd
Year 4 Sprint A Sam S – 1st
Year 5 Sprint A Archie F – 3rd

Year 3 Sprint B Zoe S – 1st
Year 4 Sprint B Jenson H – 3rd
Year 5 Sprint B Charlie W – 2nd

It was a shame that the running events clashed with the Year 6 School Journey but this was unavoidable and we still took representatives from the other Key Stage 2 year groups.

Well done to those individuals who were placed in the top three and to the whole team.

Talented and Thoughtful Children



Ibraheem brought in his trophies to share with us. He has had a fantastic season playing for Billericay Town Colts FC under 9s. At the presentation evening last week, he was awarded with the most improved player and also won player of the year! Well done Ibraheem!

Darcie (class A) played at the Danbury tennis club summer championships on Sunday. She played in the U12 finals and won!

No easy task in the heat of last weekend.



On Saturday 24th June, Albert and Hugo of Class Jay attended a presentation at Baddow Spartak football club.

Both Albert and Hugo received a medal for being part of the Mini Kickers team at Baddow Spartak, turning up to football training every Saturday morning regardless of the weather and really improving all their football skills.

Well done Albert and Hugo.



A group of children from Year 1 performed in their first ever showcase at The Chelmsford Studio Theatre with their theatre group *Tomorrow's Talent* last weekend.

Willow, Ella, Ailesha, Sadie, Grace, Felicity, Florence and Niamh were all superstars and performed dances, songs and poetry as a group.



Class Goldfinch visit to Hedingham Castle

On Wednesday 21st June, Class Goldfinch visited Hedingham Castle. We were VERY excited to have our first trip out!

The warm sun shone brightly over Hedingham Castle. We were greeted by the steward and servant who told us where to put all of our belongings. Each class then completed a carousel of activities that were situated either inside the beautiful castle or in the castle grounds.

We learnt a traditional dance in a few minutes! We next went to visit the healer or herbalist in her apothecary tent. Here we learnt about the natural ingredients that were used in the past and what they were used to treat. Next, we visited Sam the archer. He demonstrated how to use a bow and arrow. He hit the target every time! After trying on a very heavy coat, a woollen hat and a helmet which the archers would have worn in battle we learnt about the skill of jousting. We were split into two teams, each had a lance, don't worry it was a child's one, and two children at a time raced to collect hoops and hit a wooden target before returning to the start line. Just before lunch we climbed a beautiful spiral staircase to visit the Grand Hall so we could learn about daily life in a castle. One of the fascinating facts we learnt was actually how deep the stone walls were.

After a lovely picnic lunch, we completed the last few activities, learning about the different roles in a castle and who was the most and least important before we climbed down a spiral staircase to learn about the weapons and armour. There was only one staircase in the castle! The chain mail they wore for protection was really heavy. Finally, we found out how they used to defend or attack a castle.

It was the best day ever!

Class Goldfinch

The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and came back full of facts that they can now use in their learning. We received several compliments on the children's exemplary behaviour and their knowledge of castles, well done Class Goldfinch!

A big thank you to all of the adults that helped on this visit.

Miss Johnston



Year 5's Danbury Outdoors Trip

On the 27th of June [Tuesday] the year 5's went to Danbury Outdoors for the day. We took part in many activities such as archery, caving, low-ropes and the climbing wall. My favourite activity was caving- the only downside was that it smelled like sweat! The climbing wall was interesting and challenging; you had to rely on your friends, as they were gripping the rope that was holding you!

Everyone loved Danbury Outdoors and we can't wait to do it again

Oscar Neale

Class Budgerigar



The Year 5s were a credit to the school and it was great to see so many personal goals reached and for some, fears conquered. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities and it was particularly lovely to see so many children help their team-mates along the way. The day left us totally exhausted...and very hungry!

Thank you to all the children, staff and the Danbury Outdoors team for making this day one we will all remember fondly.

Mrs. Murphy

Mathletics Challenge

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

Dove and Eider who both amassed an average of 12.55 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:

Charlie H in Class Dove

Well done and keep up the good work!

Future Summer Events

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

A more detailed letter to follow.

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. A parentmail message has been sent out to all parents and a letter has been sent home with KS1 pupils with the order form. Hard copies of the picnic order form can be collected from the school office if required.

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.



The poster features the NHS logo at the top right and the Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System logo at the top left. The main title 'Find out what to do if your child is unwell' is in large green and black text. Below it, it says 'Download our free guide'. A QR code is shown with the text 'Scan me' below it. At the bottom left, it says 'CHILDREN'S HEALTH MATTERS'. On the right, there is a photo of a woman holding a baby. To the left of the photo, there are three circular icons: a green one with 'Treat at home?', an orange one with 'Call 111?', and a red one with '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.



**Essex Child and Family
Wellbeing Service**



Free School Uniform

Are you in need of school uniform for your 4-16 year old but struggling with the cost of living at present? Then why not come along to our event, where you can pick up some FREE pre-loved school uniform, provided by charity **Essex Free School Uniform**. Open to everybody- do not need to be in receipt of benefits.

Date: Thursday 10th August 2023 **Time:** 10.30am-12.30pm
Location: Youth Hall, Christ Church Chelmsford, New London Road, CM2 0AW (Free on-site parking)

Items available

Free pre-loved school uniform aged 4-16 years

- > Polo Shirts and Cotton Shirts
- > Jumpers, cardigans & blazers
- > Trousers, shorts and skirts
- > Pinafore Dress/ Summer Dress
- > Coats / hoodies
- > PE Kit- T Shirt, shorts, joggers
- > Shoes
- > Bags (book, PE, etc)

All items subject to availability.

What do I need to do?

You must **PRE-ORDER** any uniform needed via email by Sunday 30th July 2023:

uniform@dnanetworks.org

In your email, please include

- >Your name, number, postcode
- > Child's surname, age, sex
- > Name of child's school
- > Items needed and in what size/ colour

You must then attend the event to collect your order.



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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:

 KS1 –Sports Day – Picnic Order Details



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 3rd July 2023

Week 2

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Fillet of Fish or (V) Crispy Vegan Quorn Dippers	Creamy Mash Potato Sweetcorn Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Oat Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Homemade Pasta Bolognese or (V) Vegan Mince Bolognese	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

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 3rd July 2023

Mon 3rd

3.15pm

Girls' Football Final v St Pius (away)

Tues 4th

9.20am - 10.20 am

New entrants' induction session and all children meet their new teacher for next year

2.45pm

Class E Assembly

Weds 5th

12.45-3.15pm

Possible NEU Industrial Action

Year 3 Swimming Lessons 5/6

2.50pm

Let's Present

Thurs 6th

3.25pm

Year 6 Bake Sale in the playground

7.00pm

Full Governing Body Meeting

Fri 7th

Possible NEU Industrial Action

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
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
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
	2.45pm	Class H Assembly
		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