



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

9th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Florence L-L - Emerald

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

Weekly News

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. We hope that you all enjoyed a good half-term break.

We have started this half term with another sporting success. On Thursday all our Year 2 children attended the Year 2 Mini-Games organised by the Chelmsford School Sport Partnership competing against other local primary schools. The children earned points for themselves and the school. We achieved great success and came 3rd in our group with Ophelia being awarded a silver medal for her personal achievement. Overall, we came 6th out of the 44 schools participating. The Year 10 Sports Ambassadors from the local secondary schools, who helped organise the individual activities, commended our children on their listening skills and their polite, respectful behaviour, which was an added delight. A full report from Mrs McIntosh will follow, but well done to the children!

Sadly, at the end of this term Mrs Macey, our SENCO and Pastoral Lead, will be leaving Danbury Park School to take up a post nearer home. The recruitment process is already underway and we will keep you informed as soon as we have any news. In the meantime, however, please do not hesitate to contact her if you require any specialised advice or support.

Just before the half-term break the children in Class Budgerigar shared their learning in the first of our summer class and year group assemblies. They had obviously enjoyed their learning and they presented their work confidently and set the bar high for the rest of the school. Well done! We welcome families to our class assemblies but we do have to ask that a maximum of two representative from each family join us. This is because space is limited in the hall. We also ask that you do not bring food or drink into school. Thank you.

Essex County Council are running their popular SEND Roadshows again this term so if parents have any questions or want more information about support that is available, they can drop by. Details are available from:

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/send-local-offer-roadshows>

Talented and Thoughtful Children

Florence's family have shared with us that she passed her kickboxing grading at the weekend and is now a green belt.

Florence decided to take up another martial art once she reached her black belt in karate as she will need to wait two years before she can do her second dan.

Her family and we are very proud of her.



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

Sadly, a member of staff's car was damaged in the car park this week and the driver did not let us know. This is obviously very upsetting. If anyone has any information, we would ask them to let us know in the school office.

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.

Find out what to do if your child is unwell

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free guide



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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 sent out this week:



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 12th June 2023

Week 2

Fresh bread and milk available daily

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| 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 Bolognaise or (V) Vegan Mince Bolognaise | 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 |

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 12th June 2023

Year 1 Phonic Screening
Year 4 Multiplication Tests (contd)

Mon 12th

7.00pm

Governors' Personnel Committee Meeting (virtual)

Tues 13th

Weds 14th

Pm

Year 3 Swimming Lessons 2/6

2.50pm

Let's Present

7.00pm

Welcome Meeting for Families of September 23 New Entrants

Thurs 15th

3.30pm

Boys' Football Match v St Anne's (home)

3.30pm

High 5 Netball Match v St Anne's (away)

Fri 16th

1.45pm

Year 6 to Crucial Crew

2.45pm

Class Dove Assembly to parents and the rest of the school

3.30pm

Girls' Football Match v St Anne's (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 |
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| June | | |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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| | | 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 |