



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

7th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Luke P – Bronze

Charlie W – Topaz

Freya B - Topaz

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

Weekly News

This week the girls' football team took part in the finals against St Pius X Catholic Primary School. It was a very tough game and the girls played very well but sadly we lost 7-0. During the course of this year, I have witnessed the girls' develop their skills and I am very proud of how they have grown, working together as a team, creating opportunities and supporting each other.



Charlotte, Darcie, Evie, Frankie, Finella, Grace, Holly, Ophelia, Poppy E and Poppy H will receive their silver medals before the end of term and they have the honour of being the most successful Danbury Park Girls' Team in the twelve years that I have been headteacher. I would like to thank the parents for all their support and help this year.

I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Miller as our new SENCO and Pastoral Lead Teacher. Unfortunately, due to the financial pressure on our school budget, this post has had to be reduced to 3 days a week so Mrs Miller will be working Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from September. Sadly Mrs Macey, our current SENCO, is unwell and not in school. If families need any support with SEND matters, please contact the school office and a teacher will get back to you.

This week we were pleased to welcome back Mrs Eveleigh, Class Eider's job-share teacher, who has been on sabbatical. In September she will be working alongside Mrs Buer in Class Eider. The children had the opportunity to meet her on Tuesday when we swapped round the classes and she will be in school again next Wednesday.

Weekly Update (contd)

We are now gearing up for the last two weeks of the academic year and a letter will be coming out on Monday with more details about how Sports Day will be managed and run, so please look out for this. You will probably also have the children talking about Danbury Park's Got Talent. This traditional event will take place on the afternoon of 19th July. Each class will be holding auditions organised by the class teachers to select an act from their class to represent them at the competition. This can be singing, dancing, telling jokes, in fact any talent will be considered. There will be two winners: infants and juniors. Sadly, we do not have enough room in the hall to accommodate families as the whole school will be watching the event.

The governors are busy gathering the opinions of our Year 6 leavers and their families as we always do at the end of the year. We would also value all parents completing the Ofsted Parentview survey:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/11006/13>

This will only take a few minutes but does help capture parental views and indicate how we can improve our school.

Talented and Thoughtful Children



Oliver's family has let us know that he recently took part in a football tournament and that his team came 4th in their group.

Oliver made some amazing saves and his family are proud of him.

Mathletics Challenge

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

Eider who amassed an average of 11 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:

Oliver C in Class Cuckoo

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.

Please remember to bring your picnic lunch to share with your child on the day. Please note only lunches that have been pre ordered by the 3rd July deadline will be offered from the school kitchen.

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 Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System logo and the NHS logo at the top. The main title is 'Find out what to do if your child is unwell'. Below this, it says 'Download our free guide'. A QR code is shown with the text 'Scan me'. At the bottom, there is a photo of a woman holding a baby, with three circular icons overlaid: 'Treat at home?', 'Call 111?', and 'Visit A&E?'. The bottom left corner has the text '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>

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:

 Year 5 & 6 – Young Voices 2024 Concert



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 10th July 2023

Week 3

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Homemade Tomato Pasta Bake or (V) Cheddar Whirl	Homemade Bread Sweetcorn Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Minced Beef Wrap or (V) Vegan Mince Wrap	White/Wholegrain Rice Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Tutti Fruti Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy Or (V) Quorn Piece in Gravy	Roast Potatoes Carrots Green Beans	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	100% Organic Fruit Ice Lolly Fresh Fruit Fresh Yoghurt
Thursday	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or (V) Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	White/Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Omega 3 Fish Fingers or (V) Cheese and Tomato Quiche	Chips Baked Beans Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Finger Bun 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 be reminded to only pay for dinners up to the 21st July 2023.

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

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 10th July 2023

Mon 10th

11.00am
Pm

Mr Bird visiting Class B to talk about local history
Infant classes to participate in special musical workshops with Essex Music Services

Tues 11th

2.45pm

Class J Assembly

Weds 12th

9.20am
12.45-3.15pm
2.50pm

Pupil Reports to go out to parents
New entrant to visit and all children to visit their new classes for September
Year 3 Swimming Lessons 6/6
Let's Present

Thurs 13th

3.25pm

Year 5 Taster Day at Sandon

Fri 14th

Sports Day and Open Afternoon

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		
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
	Pm	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