



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

Congratulations to

James F – **Bronze** Avalon L- **Bronze** Emilia T- **Bronze**
Petr L- **Topaz** Mya-Rose - **Topaz** Tiegi S - **Topaz** Archie F - **Topaz** Lexie F - **Topaz**
Theo C-M - **Topaz** Leo P – **Topaz**
Marshall H – **Diamond** Frankie V - **Diamond** Jacob F- **Ruby** Philip F - **Ruby**

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

Weekly News

We start with some good news: Mrs Hill, Class Flamingo's job-share teacher, is pregnant with her second child. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Hill! We will start the recruitment process shortly to find a teacher to cover Mrs Hill's maternity leave and we will keep parents fully informed.

You may have noticed that the large black bin in which we collected crisp packets has disappeared. The community collection of these items has stopped as local supermarkets are now offering this facility.

We are really pleased that this year the school will be working with the MHST which is part of the NELFT NHS Foundation Trust. Aimee and Claire are our new Education Mental Health Practitioners and they will be in school every Friday to work with us to support pupils' mental wellbeing. This includes delivering assemblies, workshops and groups to the children, and one-to-one sessions with parents.

They will be joining us next Friday for a whole school assembly and then will be working with Mrs Evans, Mrs Parker and Class Cuckoo on a programme called *Brain Buddies*. This work will complement our PSHE curriculum. They look forward to meeting the teachers, children, and parents at Danbury Park School, and helping us to feel healthy and happy. We look forward to having them on board.



Danbury Art Exhibition

In the summer the children in Class Budgerigar participated in the Danbury Art Competition. The brief was to capture a flavour of the coronation celebrations. Mrs Murphy and Ms Middleton, Class B's teacher and LSA were very proud of the children's achievements.



The Gold award went to Zoe D and the Silver award went to Poppy H. Ms Middleton took some photos at the exhibition in the summer and has included a photo of the relaxed portrait of King Charles III by Zachary H, which she thinks the King himself would be pleased with.

Talented and Thoughtful Children

Florence had a very busy summer full of training and travelling to weekend camps in preparation for her first GB competition after being selected to compete for Kickboxing GB.

Florence travelled to Istanbul in Turkey where she represented her country in the weeklong European Championships at the end of August. Her family is so happy for her that all the hard work paid off and she achieved two golds and is now a double European Champion in Creative Forms and Creative Weapons. They could not be prouder of her achievement, commitment and attitude!



Over the summer Caleb received his result for his Grade 1 Piano exam, which he passed with Merit.

Well done Caleb!

Food in School

We would like to remind parents that we are a nut-free school. We have staff and children with potentially fatal allergies so the children must not bring in any food containing **NUTS**.

EYFS and KS1 children do not bring in any tuck for break times as they are provided with free fruit from the government. The children in KS2 may bring in a piece of fruit or vegetables from Mondays through to Thursday. On Fridays we invite the children to bring in a treat in the form of crackers or a cereal bar. However, we do not allow crisps or chocolate and sweets. We have the KS2 tuck shop that runs every day and sells a variety of fruit and vegetables.



2023 Harvest Collection

This harvest we are again pleased to be able to support local people by collecting tinned, dried food and provisions for the Chelmsford foodbank. The foodbank provides short term emergency food to people in crisis. Food is given as an intervention strategy which allows care professionals, such as Housing Support Officers, CAB advisers, Social Services, doctors etc, time to put longer term measures in place. Details of the special Harvest project is available at <https://youtu.be/45hET2z2S04>

At the foodbank centre people also have access to information about other services and support organisations. All food given out by the foodbank is donated by generous members of the public. Everyday people experience crisis in our community for a variety of reasons from redundancy to ill health to an unexpected bill on a low income. Some simply struggle to make ends meet.

Harvest Shopping List

Small jars coffee Tea bags—40 and 80s UHT fruit juice UHT milk Fruit squash Biscuit packets and crisps Savoury biscuits and cereal bars Jams, spreads and preserves Breakfast cereal	Rice—dry Instant mashed potato Cup soups Pasta sauce Tins of meat meals—eg chicken/ beef in sauce/ curry Tinned spaghetti Tinned fish Tinned potatoes Tinned tomatoes Pulses Tinned vegetables Tinned soup	Milk—non dairy Powdered custard Tinned fruit Sponge puddings Tinned custard Toilet rolls Washing up liquid Laundry pods/tabs (only) Male and female toiletries We have sufficient pasta and baked beans
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We want to help our local foodbank feed people in need. Please join with us by donating food so that those less fortunate don't go hungry.

N.B Please make sure all food is packaged, in date and undamaged. Thank you!

All donations of food can be brought into school between **Monday 25th Sept and Friday 6th October 2023**.

If you have a car and are able to volunteer to deliver the food to Chelmsford, please let the office know.

Thank you

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. The government is also asking parents to send their children into school with mild illnesses and we would, of course, contact you should their condition deteriorate.

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.

Before and After School Clubs

	Before School	After School
Monday		Premier Sports High 5 Netball – Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6
Tuesday		Premier Sports High 5 Netball – Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 Premier Sports Football – Yrs 2, 3 & 4
Wednesday		Premier Sports Multiskills – Yrs R, 1,2 & 3
Thursday	Premier Sports Girls Football – Yrs 4, 5 & 6	Premier Sports Boys' Football - Yr 5 & 6 Premier Sports Multiskills - Yrs R, 1,2 & 3
Friday		Tag Rugby – KS2

Secondary School Places for September 2024

The application period for Year 7 entry in September 2024 opens this week and parents of Year 6 children who live in Essex can apply for a secondary school place on the Essex Education Portal on their website. Parents have until **31st October** to submit an application.

Parents who live in other Local Authority areas such as Southend or Thurrock must apply to their own Local Authority, but they can name Essex schools on the application.

Parents of children with an EHCP should not apply (except for grammar schools); their transfers will be arranged by the SEND Ops Team.

For parents who cannot apply online or who prefer to apply on paper, ECC have a paper application form that can be printed from the ECC website: [Admissions booklets, policies and forms: Application forms | Essex County Council](#) or they can request from ECC that one to be posted to them.

Full information about applying is on the ECC website: [Secondary school places | Essex County Council](#)

Notification and Reminders

School Gateway – Thank you to all the parents who have now joined the new online payment system. Please ensure that you download the app as per the letter sent out at the end of last term. Payments for school dinners and trips need to be made via this app. Please note that we are now well on our way to being a cashless school as part of *Our World, Our Future* project. By having the online system, staff need to make fewer journeys by car to the bank, thus reducing emissions and we are using less paper.

Measles – The Primary Health Care Trust has asked us to remind parents about the measles vaccine, which is available through GP surgeries. They are anxious to vaccinate all children to prevent an outbreak of a potentially dangerous disease.

Ink Pens – We have now moved away from using fountain pens in the classroom and will going forward encourage the children to use Berol Writing Pens. These will be provided by the school.

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>

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

Please apply on the link above

Letters sent out this week:

-  Year 5 – Road safety walk
-  Class B – Trip to Audley End
-  Class D – Trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
-  Class H & J – Exotic Explorers
-  Topic Letters



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 18th September 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 Fruiti 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 Iced 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 Fishfingers 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 AUTUMN TERM 2023

1st Half Term: 6th September – 23rd October 2023 = 32 days at £2.70 = £86.40

2nd Half Term: 30th October – 20th December 2023 = 38 days at £2.70 = £102.60

Total for Autumn Term = £189.00

Please note that all school meals should be paid for in advance via School Gateway.

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 18th September 2023

Mon 18th

Tues 19th

Weds 20th

2.55pm

Let's Present in classes

3.45pm

Year 6 School Journey Meeting

Thurs 21st

7.00pm

Full Governing Body Meeting

Fri 22nd

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MHST Assembly and work with Class Cuckoo

Full term dates for the academic years
2023-24 and 2024-25 are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,
Headteacher

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Autumn Term 2023

Date	Time	Event
September		
20 th	3.45pm	Year 6 School Journey Meeting for parents and pupils
21 st	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
25 th	All day	Year 6 to visit the Imperial War Museum, London
	Am	Year 5 road safety and pedestrian training
26 th	All day	Class Cuckoo to visit Colchester Castle
	7.00pm	Governors' Curriculum and Pupil Related Committee meeting
27 th	9.15am	Welcome to Year 2 meeting for parents
	2.45pm	EYFS Reading meeting for parents
29 th	9.15am	Welcome to Year 1 meeting for parents
October		
2 nd	All day	Class Dove to visit West Stowe
		Year 6 Bikeability
3 rd		Year 6 Bikeability
4 th		Individual School Photos
5 th	All day	Class B to Audley End
		Year 6 Bikeability
	6.30pm 7.00pm	Governors' Pay Committee meeting Governors' Personnel Committee meeting
6 th		Year 6 Bikeability
	9.00am	Deadline for bringing in Harvest donations
	5.30pm 7.15pm	DPSA School Disco KS1 DPSA School Disco KS2
9 th		Year 6 Bikeability
10 th		Year 6 Bikeability
11 th	2.45pm	Harvest Assembly to parents of children in J & H (watched by classes A & B)
12 th	2.45pm	Harvest Assembly to parents of children in G & F (watched by classes E, D & C)
	Tbc	DPSA AGM
	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
18 th	Am	Exotic Pets visitors - Classes J and H
19 th	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
20 th		School closed for staff training
23rd – 27th		Half-term break
November		
2 nd	7.00pm	Governors' Resources Committee meeting with site walk at 6.30pm
3 rd		Flu Immunisation
	2.45pm	Class Budgerigar Assembly
8 th	9.30 & 10.30am	Prospective parent tours
10 th	2.45pm	Year 6 Remembrance Assembly to parents and school
14 th	1.45pm	Tour for prospective parents
17 th		Children in Need
	2.45pm	Class Cuckoo Assembly

21 st	2.45pm	Class Eider Assembly
22 nd	9.30am	Tour for prospective parents
24 th	2.45pm	Class Dove Assembly
Week beg 27 th Nov		Whole School Assessment Week
December		
3 rd	12.00 – 2.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre -tbc
12 th	9.30am & 2.15pm tbc	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Play
13 th	9.30am & 1.45pm tbc	KS2 Christmas Play
14 th	12.00pm	Christmas Dinner
20 th	Pm	Christmas Parties
		End of Term

To be arranged/confirmed

- Welcome to Year 3 meeting for parents
- EYFS Stay and Play
- Pre-School Liaison Activity morning