



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter

Website: [www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk](http://www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk)

**19<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

#### Congratulations to:

Florence C - **Silver** Ruby C - **Bronze**

Jasmine B - **Topaz** George G - **Topaz** Harriet C - **Ruby**

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

### Weekly News

Welcome back to the Summer Term 2024. I hope that you all had an enjoyable and peaceful Easter break. Every term in school is busy but the summer seems to be even more so as we make the most of, hopefully, the better weather. We have warned the children, though, that the weather is unpredictable at the moment so they still need their coats as we go out to play even in drizzle and light rain!

We have lots of sporting fixtures set for the coming months, with league matches for both the girls' and boys' football teams, the High 5 Netball team, the Maldon Tag Rugby Tournament today, other inter school events including the Year 2 Mini-games and culminating in our own Sports Day in July. Yesterday the boys had their first football match against St Anne's and we won with an astounding 11-0. A good omen for the season we hope. Well done boys!



We start our series of assemblies with Class Eider on 3<sup>rd</sup> May with all the children sharing their learning with the rest of the school and their families. In July the Year 6 children will present their final assembly to families sharing their special experiences

A list of dates as well as the Year 6 SATs schedule is included at the bottom of this letter so that you can put them in your diaries and make arrangements. We do hope that you will be able to join us.

# HAPPY'S CIRCUS

Even the kids will love it!



**SATURDAY  
6TH JULY**

**DANBURY  
PARK  
COMMUNITY  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL  
CM3 4AB**

**ENQUIRIES**

**DPSA2020@YAHOO.COM**

**A fun packed comedy show for all the family  
supported by amazing International Circus Artists!**

**GATES OPEN AT 12:30PM  
SHOW 2-4PM  
ONLY £13 PP  
£48 FAMILY TICKET (4 PEOPLE)**

**Refreshments  
and snacks  
plus the  
Grand Raffle!**

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**If you have a local business and would  
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please get in touch!**

[www.pta-events.co.uk/dpsa/?event=event&eventId=77622](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/dpsa/?event=event&eventId=77622)

Please note: No parking is available on-site.

## Summer Term Clubs with Premier Education

### Monday after school Netball

3:25pm – 4:25pm

Year 3 – Year 6

£2.50 a session (due to school subsidising, without this it would be £5.50 per session)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/848141>

### Tuesday after school Netball

3:25pm – 4:25pm

Year 3 – Year 6

£2.50 a session (due to school subsidising, without this it would be £5.50 per session)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/848146>

### Tuesday after school Football

3:25pm – 4:25pm

Year 2 – Year 4

£2.50 a session (due to school subsidising, without this it would be £5.50 per session)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/848150>

### Wednesday after school Multi-Sports

3:25pm – 4:25pm

Reception – Year 3

£2.50 a session (due to school subsidising, without this it would be £5.50 per session)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/848154>

### Thursday before school Football

08:00am – 08:45am

Year 3 – Year 6

£2.50 a session (due to school subsidising, without this it would be £5.50 per session)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/848158>

### Thursday after school Multi-sports

3:25pm – 4:25pm

Reception – Year 3

£2.50 a session (due to school subsidising, without this it would be £5.50 per session)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/848162>

### Thursday after school Football

3:25pm – 4:25pm

Year 5 – Year 6

£2.50 a session (due to school subsidising, without this it would be £5.50 per session)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/848166>

**We look forward to seeing you soon!**

Kind regards,  
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## **Message from Wraparound Childcare Project Team, Early Years and Childcare, Education Operations, Essex County Council**

Dear Parents/ Carers

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your participation in the recent parent survey, regarding wraparound childcare available in your area. Your valuable insights are essential to our understanding of parents' requirements across the county, to enable us to plan where additional wraparound childcare places will be needed.

Essex County Council has a statutory duty under the Childcare Act 2006 to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that there is sufficient and accessible high-quality early years and childcare provision to meet local demand. This includes provision of childcare places for children aged between 0-5 years as well as wrap around provision for school aged children (5-11 or up to 19 with additional needs).

The Department for Education (DFE) have released funding to Local Authorities to support the childcare expansion reforms. Some of this funding will be used to create new wraparound places in areas where there is currently insufficient provision. The places may be within schools, or alternatively provided by childcare providers or childminders. It is intended that these new places will be rolled out from September 2024 through to March 2026. Wraparound provision is a service that parents pay for and is not free of charge. The funding available from the government is to help support with the opening of provisions but not to subsidise the cost of the care, and provision is expected to be sustainable by March 2026.

Thank you once again for taking the time to complete the survey. If you missed the initial opportunity, the survey is still open (link below) and we welcome your continued feedback on the level of need in your area. Your input is essential in shaping the future of wraparound childcare services in our community.

Link to parents' survey- <https://forms.office.com/e/xHRVcgTE4J>

Kind regards

Nicole Conlon  
Caroline Brown  
Susie Threadgold

## **Mathletics Challenge**

During the Spring Term the Mathletics Challenge was hotly contested again by the children in Class Eider and Class Dove.

At the final count the children in Class Eider beat Class Dove!

This means that again they get to choose a special reward for their collective hard work and commitment. A little time spent each day by every child soon adds up and this extra practice really does help the children consolidate their learning in class. We are grateful that the DPSA continue to fund this resource as so many children benefit.

**Well done and keep up the good work!**  
**Let's see who will win the Summer Challenge.**

## Safeguarding

**Skips Safety Net** Keeping children safe online

### A Parent's Guide to Safety and Privacy Settings



**When you give a child access to the Internet, you give them access to the adult world.**

The Internet treats everyone as adults and there are many things, they are not yet ready to know, which is why it is vital that some form of safety settings are in place. Doing something is better than doing nothing.

**What happens online has an effect to what happens offline and what happens offline has an effect to what happens online.**



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Developed in partnership with



**Skips** [www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)

SKIPS Educational works in partnerships with multi-agency safeguarding partners and supporting organisations across the UK in a collective effort to keep children safe online. The organisation has provided schools with some useful information for parents including the poster opposite.

By actively engaging parents and carers in discussions about cyberbullying, it crucially reinforces positive behaviours both in and out of school amongst children and helps prevent them being dragged into situation either intentionally or inadvertently.

There is also lots of information on the 2 Johns' website:

<https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/>

**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. 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.

**In the Autumn Term we received answerphone messages and e-mails informing us that children are ill. A pattern is emerging and this often seems to happen on the day(s) before an unauthorised holiday. If we have reason to suspect that you have taken your child(ren) out of school on a holiday or excursion, the absence will be unauthorised and we will write to you. If you can prove that you travelled on the days in your original application for leave of absence or explain why school could not contact you on your home phone line or why we got the international dialing tone, then we will reconsider the classification of the absence. Please be advised that this may still lead to a fixed penalty notice or prosecution as explained above.**

## Danbury Park School Vacancies

### Get Active Co-ordinator

We are looking for an enthusiastic and caring person to join our friendly, supportive midday team working 12.00pm to 1.30pm term-time only as soon as possible. We have an all-weather track around our field and the older children enjoy the challenge of trying to walk a mile every day.

We are looking for the right person to help organise the Daily Mile and encourage the children to take part. This involves being creative and setting inter-class competitions as well as adding extra challenges. We can be flexible as to days. For more information, please contact the school office.

### Midday Assistant

We are looking for a midday assistant to join our team working at lunchtimes on Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays. For more information, please contact the school office.

***The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects the staff to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check, medical clearance and satisfactory references.***

## 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.

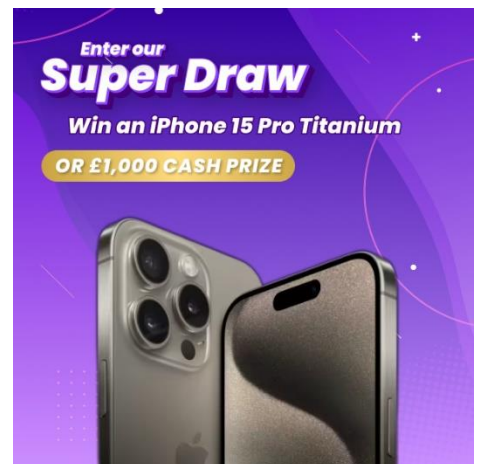
Over the past four years we have raised £4 000 which we have spent on special projects like the EYFS outdoor classroom and the KS2 garden, which we could not otherwise afford. Every little contribution helps!

**Please visit the website and support us:**

**[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://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.



## Notification and Reminders

**New Phone System** – the new VOIP phones are now up and running using our number of 01245 224994 but please listen carefully to the options for reporting an absence or wanting to speak with the office. Please be aware that when we dial out, this may come up as a different number but will start 01245 981xxx.

**PE** – We still hold outdoor PE lessons even in the winter months and when it is colder. Our school uniform does specify that the children need a track suit and that this should be navy blue. It does not have to have the school logo so parents can obtain affordable versions from the local supermarkets. The DPSA also have their pre-loved option. We have noticed many children wearing their school maroon sweatshirts for PE and this is not good when the children start to build up a sweat or get damp in light drizzle and then their clothes smell. It would also be useful if children had a pair of socks for PE in their bags. We are aware that many children have coughs at the moment but we would still encourage them to participate in PE lessons and we will keep a careful watch over them. We all need to be as active as possible to stay fit and healthy!

**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.

**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

### **ParentMail Letters sent out this week:**

-  Y5-Y6 - Permission to walk to school
-  Class E - Visit to London Zoo
-  Year 3 - Swimming at Blackwater
-  Y4,5 and 6 - Chess Club
-  Year 5 – Activity Day





## Owl's Barn School Meals

### Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

**Week 2**

**Fresh bread and milk available daily**

<b>Monday</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza or (V)Vegetable Nuggets	Diced Potatoes  Cucumber  Sweetcorn	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard  Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	Minced Beef Burrito or (V)Vegan Minced Burrito	Baby Corn on the Cob Homemade Summer Slaw Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Ice Cream Roll Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken With Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy or (V) Quorn Piece in Gravy	Roast Potatoes Carrots Cabbage	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	100% Fruit Ice Lolly Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or (V) Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	White/Wholegrain  Vegetable Medley  Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Chocolate Crispy Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Friday</b>	Local Butchers Pork Sausage or (V) Vegan Sausage	Chips  Baked Beans  Peas	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Lumpy Bumpy Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

### SCHOOL DINNERS COSTS FOR SUMMER TERM 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Half Term: **15<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024** = 29 days at £2.70 = £78.30

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: **4<sup>th</sup> June – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024** = 36 days at £2.70 = £97.20

**Total for Summer Term = £175.50**

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

**Dates for the Diary**  
**Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**9.15am**

**Earth Day**

**EYFS Welly Walk**

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Weds 24<sup>th</sup>**

**2.55pm**

**Let's Present**

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Am**

**NHS Dental Survey Team in school**

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup>**

**3.30pm**

**Girls' Football Match v St Anne's (home)**

**8.00pm**

**DPSA Quiz Night**

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

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,  
Headteacher

## Dates for Summer Term 2024

Date	Time	Event
<b>April</b>		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Am 9.15am	Earth Day EYFS Welly Walk
25 <sup>th</sup>	Am	NHS Dental Service Visit
26 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Girls' Football Match v St Annes' (home)
	8.00pm	DPSA Quiz Night
<b>May</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.30pm	High 5 Netball Match v St Anne's (away)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00pm	Boys' Football League Tournament at Boreham Primary School
	2.45pm	Class Eider Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup>	12.45 – 2.45pm	CSSP Year 3&4 Mini-Wimbledon Tournament
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	EYFS Welly Walk
	3.30pm	High 5 Netball Match v OLI (away)
9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting at school
10 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Class Dove Assembly
	3.30pm	Girls' Football Match v St Pius (away)
Week beg 13 <sup>th</sup>		KS2 SATS – see separate timetable
16 <sup>th</sup>		Summer Census
	7.00pm	Curriculum Committee meeting (virtual)
17 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 – 6.30 7.00 – 8.15pm	DPSA Disco – EYFS & KS1  DPSA KS2 Disco
20 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	High 5 Netball Match v Gt Leighs (away)
22 <sup>nd</sup>		Police dogs and car to visit Classes J & H
24 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Class Cuckoo Assembly
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May		Half-term break
<b>June</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		INSET – School closed for staff training
		Year 4 Multiplication Assessments (2 week window)
4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am – 11.45am	Year 2 Mini-games
5 <sup>th</sup>	Am	Class and Team photos
	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 1/6
6 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Governors' Resources meeting at school with site walk at 6.30am
10 <sup>th</sup>		Year 1 Phonics Screening window opens (2 weeks)
	9.15 – 3.15pm	Classes J and H to visit Barleylands Farm
11 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Meeting for parents of September entrants
12 <sup>th</sup>	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 2/6
13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Governors' Personnel Meeting (virtual)
14 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Class B Assembly

Week beg 17 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 School Journey to Stratford upon Avon
		Assessment Week for Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
17 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Year 5 to Danbury Outdoors
18 <sup>th</sup>	12.45pm	New entrants in for school lunch and to visit Classes J and H
19 <sup>th</sup>	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 3/6
21 <sup>st</sup>	2.45pm	Class G Assembly
24 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	EYFS Welly Walk
		Year 5 Taster Day at Sandon School
26 <sup>th</sup>	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 4/6
		Year 6 Induction Day at Sandon
28 <sup>th</sup>	9.20am	New entrants to visit and class swap to meet the next teacher
	2.30pm	Year 2 Assembly to families
<b>July</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 5/6
5 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Class H Assembly
6 <sup>th</sup>		DPSA Circus Event on School Field
8 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	New entrants to visit and class swap to meet the next teacher
9 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Class J Assembly
10 <sup>th</sup>	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 6/6
11 <sup>th</sup>		Pupil end of year reports to go out
	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
12 <sup>th</sup>		Sports Day Picnic Open afternoon
	Eve	DPSA Year 6 Leavers' Disco
19 <sup>th</sup>	PM	DPS Got Talent
23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.10am 10.00am	Year 6 Leavers' Presentation of gifts in front of families and whole school Year 6 Leavers' Final Assembly to families
		Break up for the Summer Holiday

# KS2 SATS

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Date & Time	Test	Location
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>		
9.15 – 10.00am	<b>English grammar, punctuation and spelling</b> Paper 1 – short answer (45 minutes)	Hall and Class A
10.05 – 10.25am	<b>Paper 2</b> – spelling (approx. 15 minutes)	Hall and Class A
<b>10.30 – 10.45am BREAK</b>		
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>		
9.15 – 10.15am	<b>English Reading</b> (1 hour)	Hall and Class A
<b>10.25 – 10.40am BREAK</b>		
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>		
9.15– 9.45am	<b>Maths</b> Paper 1 - Arithmetic (30 minutes)	Hall and Class A
9.55 – 10.35am	<b>Maths</b> Paper 2 – Reasoning (40 minutes)	Hall and Class A
<b>10.40 – 11.00am BREAK</b>		
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>		
9.15 – 9.55am	<b>Maths</b> Paper 3 - Reasoning (40 minutes)	Hall and Class A
<b>10.25 – 10.40am BREAK</b>		

**N.B. Start and finish times are subject to change.**

**When tests are finished, runners will be sent to classes to confirm that playtime can commence.**