



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

3rd May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

Congratulations to:

Caleb H - Silver Freya A - Bronze Sophia W - Topaz
Georgia H - Ruby Emma N – Emerald Hugo F – Emerald Ophelia L - Emerald

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

Weekly News

Well done to the girls' football team who played against St Anne's last Friday. Amber stepped in as our goal keeper and after some fantastic saves, St Anne's nominated her as player of the match. We lost 2-3 but it was an excellent game and the girls played well together as a team. Thank you to everyone who stayed to watch the match and supported us and to Mr Barnard who refereed.



This week we welcome Mrs Apparicio to the school office team. We hope she will be very happy at Danbury Park School.

Many of the children this week have been talking to me at lunchtimes, very excitedly, about how they are going to get their ears pierced soon, so I thought it best to remind parents about the Essex County Council policy. Children are allowed to wear earrings to school but these should be small studs; hoops are not permitted as if caught accidentally could rip an earlobe and cause damage. Children are not allowed to wear earrings (or jewellery) during PE and sports activities. The children have to be able to remove their own earrings when getting ready for the lesson as staff are not allowed to do this. I appreciate that earrings cannot be removed from newly pierced ears but this would mean that your child would have to sit out of the lessons and therefore, miss a vital part of their education. Our PE lessons are good not just for our bodies but also our mental health! So, if you are considering having your child's ears pierced, please wait until the start of the summer holidays and make sure they are done early enough so that earrings can be removed in September.

At Danbury Park School we are proud of how every family upholds the uniform policy and that every child wears their uniform with pride. We are reminding all children (girls and boys alike) that long hair should be tied back as it is a distraction and can so easily get caught and that any adornments or hairbands should be unobtrusive and in school colours. Thank you for your support.

HAPPY'S CIRCUS

Even the kids will love it!



SATURDAY
6TH JULY

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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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TICKETS ONLINE



If you have a local business and would
like to advertise in our programme,
please get in touch!

www.pta-events.co.uk/dpsa/?event=event&eventId=77622

Please note: No parking is available on-site.

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

The Mathletics Challenge is underway and the children have been clocking up the minutes each week to earn a reward for the winning class over the term.

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

Class Eider

and the pupil was:

Averie H in Class Eider

Well done and keep up the good work!

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.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with



Skips 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.

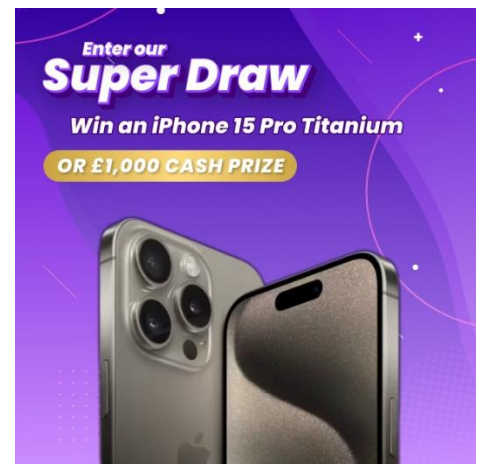
Over the past four years we have raised £4 000 which we have spent on special projects like the EYFS outdoor classroom and the KS2 garden, which we could not otherwise afford. Every little contribution helps!

Please visit the website and support us:

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

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

Letters sent out this week:

-  **Class Topic Letters, which are also available on the school website on the class pages.**



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 6th May 2024

Week 1

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Bank Holiday			
Tuesday	Pulled pork in a Bun or (V)Veggie Burger in a Bun	Couscous Homemade Coleslaw Peas	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Chocolate Muffin Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Mild Beef Chilli with Nacho's or (V) Vegan Mince Chilli with Nacho's	White/Wholegrain Rice Mixed Vegetables Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Peaches and Ice Cream Pot Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Chicken Nuggets or (V) Macaroni Cheese	Crispy Potato Wedges Sweetcorn Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Apple Crumble and Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Omega 3 Fish Fingers or (V) Omelette	Chips Baked Beans Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sponge Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

SCHOOL DINNERS COSTS FOR SUMMER TERM 2024

1st Half Term: 15th April – 24th May 2024 = 29 days at £2.70 = £78.30

2nd Half Term: 4th June – 23rd 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 6th May 2024

Mon 6th May

Bank Holiday

Tues 7th

12.45-2.45

CSSP Y4 Tennis Tournament (invited pupils)

Weds 8th

9.15am

EYFS Welly Walk

2.55pm

Let's Present

3.30pm

High 5 Netball match v OLI (away)

Thurs 9th

7.00pm

Full Governing Body meeting

Fri 10th

Am

Fire Service visiting Classes Jay and Hummingbird

2.45pm

Class Dove assembly

3.30pm

Girl's football match v St Pius (away)

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
May		
7 th	12.45 – 2.45pm	CSSP Year 4 Mini-Wimbledon Tournament
8 th	9.15am	EYFS Welly Walk
	3.30pm	High 5 Netball Match v OLI (away)
9 th	7.00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting at school
10 th	2.45pm	Class Dove Assembly
	3.30pm	Girls' Football Match v St Pius (away)
Week beg 13 th		KS2 SATS – see separate timetable
16 th		Summer Census
	7.00pm	Curriculum Committee meeting (virtual)
17 th	5.30 – 6.30	DPSA Disco – EYFS & KS1
	7.00 – 8.15pm	DPSA KS2 Disco
20 th	3.30pm	High 5 Netball Match v Gt Leighs (away)
22 nd		Police dogs and car to visit Classes J & H
24 th	2.45pm	Class Cuckoo Assembly
27 th – 31 st May		Half-term break
June		
3 rd		INSET – School closed for staff training
		Year 4 Multiplication Assessments (2 week window)
4 th	9.30am – 11.45am	Year 2 Mini-games
5 th	Am	Class and Team photos
	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 1/6
6 th	7.00pm	Governors' Resources meeting at school with site walk at 6.30pm
10 th		Year 1 Phonics Screening window opens (2 weeks)
	9.15 – 3.15pm	Classes J and H to visit Barleylands Farm
11 th	7.00pm	Meeting for parents of September entrants
12 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 2/6
13 th	7.00pm	Governors' Personnel Meeting (virtual)
14 th	2.45pm	Class B Assembly
	9.15am- 3.15pm	Classes G and F to visit Braintree Museum
Week beg 17 th		Year 6 School Journey to Stratford upon Avon
		Assessment Week for Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
17 th	All day	Year 5 to Danbury Outdoors
18 th	12.45pm	New entrants in for school lunch and to visit Classes J and H
19 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 3/6
21 st	2.45pm	Class G Assembly

24 th	9.15am	EYFS Welly Walk
		Year 5 Taster Day at Sandon School
26 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 4/6
		Year 6 Induction Day at Sandon
28 th	9.20am	New entrants to visit and class swap to meet the next teacher
	2.30pm	Year 2 Assembly to families
July		
3 rd	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 5/6
5 th	2.45pm	Class H Assembly
6 th		DPSA Circus Event on School Field
8 th	1.30pm	New entrants to visit and class swap to meet the next teacher
9 th	2.45pm	Class J Assembly
10 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 6/6
11 th		Pupil end of year reports to go out
	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
12 th		Sports Day Picnic Open afternoon
	Eve	DPSA Year 6 Leavers' Disco
19 th	PM	DPS Got Talent
23 rd	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 13th May 2024

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

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.