



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

5th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

Congratulations to:

Phoebe N - **Platinum** Florence C - **Gold**
Katie P - **Silver** Phoebe M - **Silver** Freya B - **Silver**
Jake W - **Bronze** Sophia W - **Bronze** Jenson H - **Diamond**
Jensen B - **Ruby** Hugo W - **Ruby** Scarlett L - **Emerald**

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

Weekly News

We can tell when the summer holidays are almost upon us as we welcome an annual visit from one of our local librarians. Today we were joined in assembly by Mrs Fleur Medcroft, who used to be one of our school learning support assistants. With the help of Miss Johnston, our Deputy Headteacher who leads on the teaching of English, including reading, across the whole school, Mrs Medcroft told us all about this year's summer reading challenge.

The theme of this year's challenge is **Marvellous Makers**. Essex Library Service and The Reading Agency are teaming up with *Create* for a very special 2024 challenge which will be a celebration of the creative arts. They aim to inspire children to express themselves in creative ways, tapping into a world of imagination and storytelling, and – of course – to read!

Children will join a group of wonderful characters, brought to life by the brilliant children's illustrator Natelle Quek, as they prepare for a big festival to show off the work they have created, inspired by their favourite reads. However, the day before the festival, some objects mysteriously go missing from their creative toolbox. The children of Essex will help the characters find these missing objects and save the festival!

The challenge runs from **Saturday 20 July to Saturday 7 September** in all Essex libraries and mobile libraries. There will also be a special early joiners' day on **Saturday 13 July**! Children are being asked to read 6 books, they will collect stickers for their folder for each book they read. After reading 6 books they earn their certificate and medal.

Children can read any library book of their choice; fiction, non-fiction, picture books, books they share with parents and carers, e-books or e-audio – they all count. The under fours are not forgotten with a special version of *Marvellous Makers* just for them.

The Summer Reading Challenge is delivered by libraries and produced by The Reading Agency. It is open to all children, free of charge. Full details can be found at:

[Marvellous Makers - The Summer Reading Challenge 2024](#) | [News](#) | [Essex Library Service](#)

Please encourage your child to join and keep reading over the summer holidays!

Talented and thoughtful Children



This week a group of Year 5 girls came to show me a book they have written for younger children and which has been professionally printed by Willow's uncle. The girls were inspired by their work in Book Fortnight when in class they wrote a story for a younger child. Their book has a cut-out dinosaur that can be moved from page to page and can jump into his bath, open a wardrobe and get into bed.

The girls told me that this is the first of a series of books they intend to write with the aim of producing copies that they can sell for charity.

Well done Ruby, Katie, Willow, Avie and Maria!



Oliver and Sophie both had their football presentation this week where they both received their medals.

Oliver received Manager's player of the year for becoming his teams full time goalkeeper.

Well done Oliver and Sophie!

Parking

Please remember that on Sports Day – Friday 12th July the Danbury Outdoors car park at the front of the school is closed to parents unless you have a Blue Badge. This is to allow school staff to be able to park as it is essential that they can all get into work on time and safely to support the children. Please do not try to use the Danbury Outdoors designated car park or park in the entrance road to the barrier or in the electricity sub-station. Please park with consideration for our neighbours and do not cause obstructions on the highway as this is dangerous for road users and pedestrians as well as inhibiting emergency vehicles. The safest way is to walk to school that day or park further away from school.

Last week the office staff took a phone call from a concerned neighbour who lives in Well Lane telling us that the parking is "atrocious" at pick up time. Parents and carers are now even parking on the zig zag lines! This causes an obstruction for pedestrians and other road users, which means crossing Well Lane is even more dangerous. Drivers cannot see when entering or exiting their drives and sometimes cars are parked obstructing the drives completely for up to half an hour. **This is an accident waiting to happen that we all need to avert!**

We would also remind parents that children should not ride their bikes through the car park. This is always heavily congested and is not a safe place for young cyclists.

Sports Day – Friday 12th July

This year Sports Day will take place on Friday 12th 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

Please note that all school meals should have been booked by Monday 1st July.

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.


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. Please encourage your child to spend just a little time each day as this really helps consolidate their Maths learning in class.

The class that made the most use of Mathletics last week was again: **Class Eider**

and the pupil was again: **George H** in Class Eider.

Well done and keep up the good work!



HAPPY'S CIRCUS
Even the kids will love it!

**SATURDAY
6TH JULY**

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and snacks
plus the
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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.



Special School Discount at Pirates Bay Crazy Golf, Maldon

Pirates Bay Crazy Golf at Maldon has asked us to remind families that you can get an online discount using the unique school code: danbury24

We know this is a popular venue during the school summer holidays.

Helping parents to understand the changes to fines for term time holidays

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued for unauthorised holidays recorded by schools **after 19th August 2024**.

Who may be fined?

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent from school.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving 3 separate fines.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.

For example: a 5 day holiday would meet the national threshold.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday the fine amount will be: £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be: £160 per parent (who allowed the holiday), per child, payable within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and local authorities will need to consider other available measures to address the absence concerns. This may mean that cases are presented before a Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.

Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

What to do

Advice on childhood illnesses



Go to school; if needed, get treatment as required



Some restrictions for school attendance



Don't go to school and see the GP

What it's called?	What it's like	Going to school	Getting treatment	More advice
Asthma flare up	Worsening of usual symptoms	➡	Follow your care plan	Stay off school if feeling too unwell
Chicken pox	Rash begins as small, red, flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters	➡	Pharmacy	Back to school five days after on-set of the rash, or when all lesions are crusted over
Common cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat	➡	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Conjunctivitis	Teary, red, itchy, painful eye(s)	➡	Pharmacy	Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading*
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache, body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat	➡	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene*
German measles/ Rubella	Fever, tiredness. Raised, red, rash that starts on the face and spreads downwards	●	GP	Back to school four days after the rash has started, if feeling well enough. Please let the school know, as pregnant members of staff may be affected.
Glandular fever	High temperature, swollen glands, sore throat; usually more painful than any before	➡	GP	*
Hand, foot & mouth disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth on tongue and gums (may appear on hands and feet)	➡	GP	Attend school while monitoring symptoms
Head lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)	➡	Pharmacy	
Impetigo	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness	●	GP	Back to school when lesions crust or 48 hours after start of antibiotics
Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, watery inflamed eyes, rash	●	GP	Back to school four days from on-set of rash, and if feeling well enough
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy, rash may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty	➡	Pharmacy	
Scabies	Itching rash, commonly between fingers, wrists, elbows, arm	➡	GP	Back to school after first treatment
Scarlet fever	Fever, unwell, red tongue, sandpaper rash	●	GP	Exclusion period during first 24 hours of antibiotics*
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister-type rash	➡	GP	Only stay off school if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Sickness bug/ diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea	➡	Pharmacy	Contact GP if symptoms persist after 48 hours
Threadworms	Intense itchiness around anus	➡	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Tonsillitis/ Strep throat	Intense sore throat for more than 1 day	➡	Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts more than 48 hours or cannot swallow. Only need to stay off school if feeling too unwell
Whooping cough	Violent coughing, with a 'whoop'	●	GP	Exclusion period during first five days of antibiotics
Covid				Visit www.nhs.uk for latest guidance

*Attend school while monitoring symptoms.

This information is a guide and has been checked by health professionals. If you are unsure about your child's wellbeing, we recommend you contact your pharmacy or GP to check.

Working in partnership with

Should my child go to school/nursery today?

Hertfordshire and West Essex Healthier Together for further information

<https://www.hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk/parentscarers>



Essex County Council

**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

Lunchtimes – Help Needed

You will have seen from previous newsletters that we have had vacancies for Midday Assistants since September. We have not been able to fill these posts and this is now sadly impacting on the areas of the school that the children can use at lunchtime. Now the weather is improving, they are keen to get onto the school field, play football and to use the Daily Mile track but when we are so short of Midday Assistants to supervise these areas, we have to limit the children to using the playground and the Daily Mile track only when we have enough adults.

The senior leadership team including myself have been carrying out lunchtime duties all year but other staff need their breaks as they are teaching in class and cannot take their lunchtimes flexibly.

If you can, or you know of anyone who might be able to support as a Midday Assistant, please ask them to contact the office for more details and an application form. We want the children to be able to fully utilize our lovely surroundings safely and enjoy lunchtimes with a variety of activities.

Thank you!

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@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Skips www.skipssafetynet.org

Developed in partnership with:

- Home Office
- Violence Reduction Unit
- Police and Crime Commissioner

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!

ACL COMMUNITY & FAMILY LEARNING

FREE Sessions & Courses @ ACL Witham & Maldon



Family First Aid

Wellbeing Art Workshops

What is Neurodiversity (ADHD & Autism)

Understanding Neurodiverse Children

Anxiety & Meltdowns

Sign up via the website/phone number below.
Having trouble finding the session/course you want information on?
Email us at acifamilylearning@essex.gov.uk & we can send you a direct link

'Family Learning' aclessex.com 0345 603 7635 **ACL** Essex County Council

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

Sun Hats – as the weather starts to improve, please provide your child with a sun hat to provide protection at break and lunchtimes from the sun. Please also apply a long lasting sun protection cream/lotion in the morning before school.

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.

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:

- **Y6 Leavers Parents' Survey (via Parentmail)**



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 8th July 2024

Week 3

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Homemade Tomato Pasta Bake or (V) Cheddar Whirl	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jam Tart with Custard Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Homemade Minced Bolognese or (V) Vegan Minced Bolognese	White /Wholegrain Pasta Carrots, Peas Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Tutti Fruity Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Local Butcher's Pork Sausage or (V) Vegan Sausage	Creamy Mash Potato Baked Beans Peas, Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Cheese and Tomato Pizza or (V) Vegetable Nuggets	Crispy Diced Potato Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Jelly and Fruit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Pre-booked Picnic Meals ONLY			

SCHOOL DINNERS COSTS FOR SUMMER TERM 2024

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

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

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 8th July 2024

Mon 8th

1.30 pm

New children and families to visit Class Jay; All children to meet their teachers for next year.

Tues 9th

2.45 pm

Class Jay Assembly

Weds 10th

Am

Year 6 Crucial Crew Event

Pm

Year 3 Swimming at Blackwater Leisure Centre 6/6

2.55pm

Let's Present

Thurs 11th

10.45am

Pupil end of year reports to out to parents and carers

2.45pm

Knife Crime Presentation to Year 6

7.00pm

Class Hummingbird's Assembly to families and rest of school

Full governing body meeting

Fri 12th

Eve

Sports Day, Picnic Lunch and Open Afternoon

Year 6 Leavers' Disco

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,
Headteacher

Dates for Summer Term 2024

Date	Time	Event
July		
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



Play in the Park

Join us for lots of
fun, games & activities

Dawson Memorial Fields, Danbury
10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Friday 2nd August
Extra - Inflatable Slide Castle
Combo (AM)

Monday 12th August
&
Thursday 22nd August

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