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Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see all of the wonderful new displays going up around the school this week, celebrating the whole range of learning that took place last half term. Here are a few examples, but if you follow our Twitter account [@cannhallprimary](https://twitter.com/cannhallprimary) you will find lots more!



Our new topics for this half term are as follows:

Traditional Tales (EYFS) Climate across the Seven Continents (Year 1) Clacton in the Past (Y2)
Rural and Urban UK (Y3) Climate and Time Zones (Y4) Physical Features of South America (Y5)
Human Features of North America (Y6)

NSPCC



We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **Friday 3rd February 2023**.

Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents about tomorrow

The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern. On average, a child contacts Childline every 25 seconds.

Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.

We are going to be having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in **Dress up for Digits Day**, where the children come to school wearing an item of clothing with a number on it, e.g. a football shirt, cap, netball shirt. Or they can get even more creative and design their own unique numbers themed outfit. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of 50p to take part.



We're really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day and hope that everyone takes part in this special event. All the money we raise on the day, will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC be there for children tomorrow.

You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at nspcc.org.uk

To find out more about keeping children safe online, visit nspcc.org.uk/online-safety

NSPCC Rocks Tournament (via TT Rockstars)



To support the NSPCC Number day on **3rd February** and as part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, the children in Year 2 – Year 6 will also be taking part in a friendly, 1-day tournament **NSPCC ROCKS** involving schools across the UK. The tournament will start at 7.30am end at 17.30pm and it's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

Your child's class teacher will explain everything to the children about how to take part in this tournament, but it is basically almost identical to the **'ENGLAND ROCKS'** tournament, we took part in last term. As the children can take part at home, we thought it would be a good idea to give you a reminder of the rules:

The children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class, who play during the competition hours, subject to a 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition will be the those with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 07:30 GMT and 19:30 GMT on Friday 3rd February. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on your child's behalf but by all means, encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high-stress levels or impact on family plans.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone, who took part in our Christmas Jumper Day, last term. All your donations were very much appreciated and in total we raised £171.20.



Attached Posters - Free Training for Parents and our Census Day Menu

Please see the posters below as a reminder of our special census day menu, which is coming up on the 19.1.23.

As a general request, please could you make sure that you double-check with your child, on the day before, that they like what's on the menu. This is because, just today, we have had to call at least 10 parents to ask them to bring in a packed lunch for their child because when teachers have taken the dinner register, the children have not wanted anything on the menu. We have the Spring term menus in paper format just outside the office, if you are unable to get on to the website.

if you are interested in the free training 'Developing Resilience & Wellbeing' workshops, in Jaywick on **22nd February and the 1st, 8th & 15th March 2023.**

Covid Walk-In Vaccination Centres

Information regarding local walk-in vaccination clinics can be found at the bottom of this letter.

Attendance Update

Our averaged attendance this week was **93.4%**, which means we need to improve.

If your child's attendance falls below 90% you should expect to receive a letter to alert you of this, and when we feel it is necessary home visits will be arranged. If your child's attendance falls below **96%**, we require evidence to authorise any further absence. You can check your child's current attendance using the My Child at School App.

Lateness does also affect your child's attendance. Our school gates open at **8.30am** and close at **8.40am**, in the morning.

Here is the link to a government blog that give advice for how to manage winter illnesses.

[Back to school - 5 things to do to help manage winter illness - UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2022/12/01/back-to-school-5-things-to-do-to-help-manage-winter-illness-uk-health-security-agency/)

Exciting Job Opportunity

We have been made aware of an exciting job opportunity with Essex County Council, as a Music Service District Support Assistant. Here's the link if you would like to found out more <https://www.workingforessex.com/apply/music-service-district-support-assistant-10372>

Deadline – Final Reminder

If you have a child, who will be due to start Primary School, in September, the deadline for Primary School applications is Sunday 15th January.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

15.1.2023: Primary School Applications Closing Date

19.1.2023: Census Day

3.2.2023: NSPCC Number Day and Dress Up for Digits, and TT Rockstars Tournament

11.2.2023-20.2.2023: Half Term

20.2.2023: Non-Pupil Day

1.3.2023: Secondary School Offer Day

2.3.2023: World Book Day

17.3.2023: Comic Relief



1.3.2023: Secondary school offer day
8.3.2023 & 9.3.2023: Learning Conferences
1.4.2023-16.4.2023: Easter Holidays
17.4.2023: National Primary Offer Day

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Sarah Crookes



 **Families
InFocus Essex**

North Essex Family Activity Club

**for families living in North Essex with
neurodivergent children and young people**

<p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lego Table Tennis Board games Arts & Crafts Soft Play Badminton 	<p>When</p> <p>Sundays 1.30pm - 3.30pm</p> <p>Cost</p> <p>Sessions are free for North Essex families. A small fee is applied for families living outside this area.</p>	<p>Where</p> <p>Leisure World Highwoods The Gilbert School, Brinkley Lane, Highwoods, Colchester CO4 9PU</p>
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BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

For further information and to book your place
email: Alex@fifessex.org.uk

Understanding special needs ★

Census day lunch



Menu

There will be a choice of pizzas available, pepperoni, cheese and tomato, ham and pineapple.

There will be a full loaded salad bar, with coleslaw, garlic bread, pasta, tortilla chips and dips

Cold options will be either a cheese or ham sandwich

Dessert will be white chocolate chip cookie, yoghurts and fresh fruit



There will be fresh water, milk and milkshake to drink



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CEO of The Compass Partnership: John Camp

Walk-In COVID Vaccination Clinic

no bookings, just turn up

If you have queries please go to www.sneevaccine.org.uk
or call the NHS patient helpline 0344 257 3961
Alternatively the vaccinator will be happy to answer your questions on the day

G. M. Graham Pharmacies
Connaught Avenue Pharmacy
98 Connaught Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea
Essex, CO13 3PT
Saturday 14th January
9.00am - 13.00
Family Vaccinating Clinic
COVID - 5+ years, 1st, 2nd & booster
Flu - 2+ years for those eligible*
(*limited stock available, injection only)
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Weeley Village Hall
Old Clacton Road
Weeley, CO16 9LW
Tuesday 17th January
14.00 - 18.00
Family vaccination clinic
COVID 1st, 2nd & booster doses available
Flu for 18+ years over for those eligible*
(*limited stock available, injection only)
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