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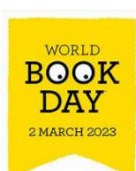
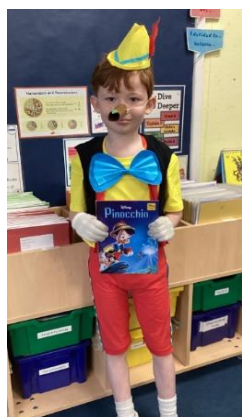
Wendy Byrne



Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day



Thank you to everyone, who took part in World Book Day this year. Both the children and adults looked fantastic in all their different costumes yesterday. Teachers from across the school read stories to different classes yesterday. The children took part in a live lesson and in the afternoon Key Stage One and Key Stage Two children partnered up to share their favourite books with each other.



Planting Trees for a Greener Future!

Cann Hall School Council we're invited to plant some fruit trees, this week, by our local Tending District ward councillor Gina Placey. With help from the team, the children dug holes and planted the trees on public land behind Reigate Avenue opposite the school.



Parent Consultation Evenings

Last reminder to make sure you have signed up for your child's parents' consultation meeting, for either **Wednesday 8th or Thursday 9th March**. If you haven't had a chance to sign up yet, as you have been unable to get into school, you can always contact class teachers directly, using their school email addresses.

Pupil Premium Eligibility Check

If you think your child might be entitled to pupil premium, we can help you by carrying out an eligibility check. All you need to do is bring your **name, date of birth and national insurance number** to the school office.

Pupil premium entitles pupils to free school meals, support with the purchase of school uniform, help towards the cost of school trips, access to breakfast club and lots more. It also helps us, as a school, to access additional specialist resources to support the children.

Why don't you pop into the school office, when you are free, and let us check for you?

Breakfast club

Breakfast club is up and running now. The children are loving their daily bagels and choice of cereal. If your child has been invited to join us at breakfast club but has not yet attended, please encourage them to come and give it a try. It is run every day, by Mrs McWilliams, from 8.15-8.30pm. If your child hasn't had an invite to breakfast club, but you are interested in finding out more about it, please contact Mr Smith.



School Age Team

In North-East Essex, if your child is between the age of 0-8 years they will be under the Health Visiting Service. From their 8th birthday onward, they will be under the School Age Team up until the age of 19 (or 25 for those with Special Educational Needs).

The School Age Team is made up of Specialist Community Public Health Nurses, School Nurses, and Healthy Family support Practitioners, who all specialise in the delivery of care to School Age children and young people.

They deliver health advice and support both within School, within the family home, our family hubs and delivery sites or other community settings.

The team can help with:

- Providing confidential drop-in sessions at every secondary school allowing young people to discuss any health or wellbeing concerns.
- Providing community drop-in sessions at family hubs and delivery sites.
- Providing support in key stages including school transition from primary to secondary, mid teen and year 11 help to ensure that young people are prepared for their next stage of life.
- Support with regard to common childhood issues (Bedwetting, diet, exercise, sleep and emotional wellbeing).
- Completing individual health needs assessments to identify any health and wellbeing needs, then putting support in place.
- Working alongside you to decide the best level of support.
- Working alongside other organisations when required to ensure the best possible outcome for you and your child.
- The school age team will accept self-referrals through school drop-in sessions, Parents, teachers, GP and other health care colleagues can refer through to the service by making contact- 0300 247 0015.

Wal- In Covid Vaccination Clinic

Information regarding Walk-In vaccination clinics, can be found at the bottom of this letter.

Mother's Day



With Mother's Day fast approaching, the PTA are organising a 'pop up' shop, that your child will have the opportunity to visit, if they wish, at specified times during the school day. A poster explaining more about this can be found at the end of this letter.

Comic Relief

Comic Relief is fast approaching, so we wanted to share our initial plans for the day. We would love the children to **come into school wearing something red** and there will be a special dinner menu offered on this day (more information will be shared with you in the coming weeks). All money raised will be donated equally between this charity and the school PTA.



Sci-Fest 2023



A reminder that Sci-Fest 2023 is on Saturday 18th March, 10am – 4pm at Colchester Royal Grammar School. Entry is free to what is billed as a 'busy and fun day celebrating all things science'. From meeting a T-Rex and tarantulas to making smoothies by pedal power and watching stars in a planetarium. There are lots of family-friendly activities for age 5+ years. The flyer and leaflet have been added again to the bottom of this letter of this letter, if you are interested in the event and would like some more information.

Attendance Update

Our average attendance this week is **93.1%** again this week, which means we still need to improve. Please try to ensure that your child attends school every day, so they can keep up with their learning, which will give them the best opportunity to do well in school and make progress.

If your child's attendance falls below 90% 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. Please try to ensure that your child arrives at school before the gates close, each morning at **8.40am**.



Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex (CSSE)

Another reminder that the CSSE **11+ examination** procedure for 2024 entry registration will be from 16th May to 30th June. Open days/evenings will be held during the June and July 2023. **If you have a child currently in Year 5** and you are interested in registering them for this examination and would like further information please use this link www.csse.org.uk. If you have any further questions please contact Mrs Spall, who may be able to help you.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

17.3.2023	Comic Relief & Mother's Day Pop Up Shop
8 & 9.3.2023	Learning Conferences
15 & 16.3.2023	Possible Strike Action (days 3 & 4)
1 to 16.4.2023	Easter Holidays
17.4.2023	National Primary Offer Day
16.5.2023	11+ Registration opens
30.6.2023	11+ Registration closes

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Sarah Crookes



Mother's Day pop up shop.

Dear Parents

The Friends of Cann Hall PTA are pleased to announce we will be running a Mother's Day pop up shop during school hours for the children to visit on Friday 17th March.

Your child will have the opportunity, if they wish, to visit our shop at allocated times throughout the school day and can choose a gift to take home for their Mum, Nan, Gran, Auntie or who ever they choose. The gift will be put into a gift bag and sent home ready to give to their chosen person on Mother's Day.

The gifts will be priced between £1 and £4. On the day, if your child wishes to make a purchase, we ask that they come in with no more than £5 in a small named envelope or coin bag.

**Kind regards
The Friends of Cann Hall PTA**





Suffolk and North East Essex

Walk-In COVID Vaccination Clinic

no bookings, just turn up

Please do not contact the centre

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



Walk-in Covid 19 Vaccination Clinics for Suffolk and North East Essex for the week beginning 6th March 2023

Please note: the Autumn Booster campaign came to an end on 12/02/2023. As per NHS guidance, we can only offer primary doses – first and second vaccinations.

Date	Location	Time	Available Vaccine
07/03/23	Jaywick Community Resource Centre, Brooklands Gardens, Clacton-On-Sea CO15 2JP	15:30 – 19:30	Ages 5+ for primary doses
08/03/23	C360 Hub, Long Wyre Street, Colchester	11:00 – 15:00	Ages 12+ for primary doses
09/03/23	Heath Court Hotel, Moulton Road, Newmarket, CB8 8DY	14:30 – 18:30	Ages 5+ for primary doses
10/03/23	Christopher Centre, 10 Gainsborough Street, Sudbury, CO10 2EU	14:00 – 18:00	Ages 5+ for primary doses

In addition to our walk-in clinics, we also have several bookable appointments available which will usually take place at a local Community Pharmacy. You can book an appointment by visiting www.sneevaccine.org.uk



Scan QR code or visit www.sneevaccine.org.uk for up to date
inform on all our walk-in clinics plus check your eligibility.







Meet the T-Rex



Smoothie Bikes



Wild Beasts VR



Colchester Royal Grammar School

Sci-Fest 2023

Saturday 18th March
10am-4pm
6 Lexden Road CO3 3ND
Free entry




Forensics



Mini Beasts



Planetarium



Families welcome, fun interactive activities
Premium activities will incur a small charge

Activities include






Colchester Zoo - Wildlife
Rangers & Forensics
Colchester Croquet Club
CRGSA Spring Raffle
Dissection Lab
Essex Birdwatching Society
Essex Golf & Country Club
Essex Wildlife Trust
Essex University - Baby Lab
& Maths Puzzles
Mario Kart Live
Meet the T-Rex
Mini-Monsters
Nerf target game
Planetarium
Puzzle room with prizes
Sci-High Forensics
Smoothie Bikes
Tech Hub
VR Space
VR Wild Animals
Wipeout






Lunch & refreshments
available to purchase
Ronnie's Kitchen
CRGSA

Limited parking available, entrance via Creffield Road
or St Mary's Public Car Park, CO3 3AA

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