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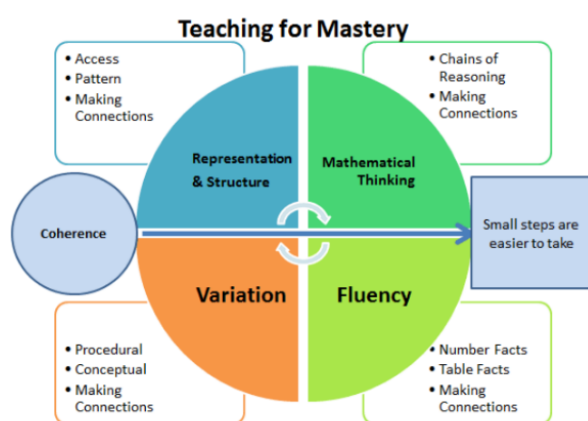
Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Consultation Evenings

It was lovely to see so many of you of you again, this week, for your children's parent consultation meeting. We hope you found these meetings helpful, and you had time to look at you children's work in their books and around the school, on our wonderful displays. I hope you are feeling rightly proud of everything your child is achieving at our school.

Maths Mastery



Mastering maths means the children acquire a deep, long-term, secure, and adaptable understanding of the subject. The phrase 'teaching for mastery' describes the elements of classroom practice we use to give pupils the best chances of mastering maths. Achieving mastery means acquiring a solid enough understanding of the maths being taught so the children are able to move on to more advanced material.

As you may know, at Cann Hall, we deliver our mathematics curriculum through the 'Mastery Approach' and we are currently in the 'embedding' year of this programme. Part of this programme means that the school has regular access to a designated mastery specialist. On Monday, she visited the school and carried out a learning walk in every year group and her feedback was extremely positive.

She said the mathematical language the children are using, across the school was 'phenomenal'. She was very impressed with how we use multiple representations (conceptual variation) to enable all children to access the mathematics being taught and develop their understanding. She was also really impressed with how we develop our maths working walls to support the children, with their learning. Another thing she was very impressed with, was how our teachers always encourage the children to prove how they know an answer is correct, as this really helps to deepen their understanding.

From her visit, she is now planning to bring teachers from other schools, who are also on this programme, to Cann Hall to observe how we apply the maths mastery approach here!

School Dinner Payments – Important Changes

We need to inform you that **dinner balances will now need to have a minimum of £2 credit** to cover the cost of your child's meal. Dinners will no longer be allowed to be paid retrospectively so please can ensure you are regularly checking and topping up your child's dinner credit on your 'My Child at School' app. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.



Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding and vegetables	Chicken with potatoes and vegetables	Beef with potatoes and vegetables	Chicken with potatoes and vegetables	Beef with potatoes and vegetables
Hot Option 2	Chicken with potatoes and vegetables	Beef with potatoes and vegetables	Chicken with potatoes and vegetables	Beef with potatoes and vegetables	Chicken with potatoes and vegetables
Side Dishes	Carrots, peas and sweetcorn	Carrots, peas and sweetcorn	Carrots, peas and sweetcorn	Carrots, peas and sweetcorn	Carrots, peas and sweetcorn
Cold Option 1	Chicken and sweetcorn	Beef with potatoes and vegetables	Chicken with potatoes and vegetables	Beef with potatoes and vegetables	Chicken with potatoes and vegetables
Cold Option 2	Chicken and sweetcorn	Beef with potatoes and vegetables	Chicken with potatoes and vegetables	Beef with potatoes and vegetables	Chicken with potatoes and vegetables

Little Jimmys Open Evening



Little Jimmys, the new nursery on the Cann Hall site, are holding an opening evening on **Monday 27th March from 5-7pm**. You and your children are invited to go and have a look around their wonderful nursery setting and enrol your child for the summer term, while there are still funded and non-funded places available. Full size poster can be found at the bottom of this letter.

Inconsiderate Parking - Polite Request



Unfortunately, we have received complaints this week from local residents, who have been unable to park on their own driveways. This is because parents/carers, are parking, without any consideration, across their drives, when dropping off and collecting their children from school.

When residents have approached the owners of these cars and asked them to move, we've been informed that the responses have left a lot to be desired!

According to the Highway Code, it's an offence to park across driveways, and it's illegal to park over dropped kerbs – even a little bit. When dropping off and collecting your children from school, please do not park across our neighbours' driveways, in the future, and also not on the zigzag lines outside the school.

Staff Car Park

We are once again having to share our concerns about the number of parents, carers and children (who are often unsupervised), walking through our staff car park.

To keep everyone safe, the front car park gates will be closed at the beginning and end of the school day. **Only parents and carers, who have a pre-arranged agreement, are permitted to open, and drive through these gates.**

We do have an entrance gate at the back of the car park. To safely access this there is a pathway, which runs from the main front gate, past the office and kitchen, which then takes you through a cordoned off section of the car park. If this situation does not improve then we will be forced to stop using these gates as one of our entrances.

Emergency Services Day



An Emergency Services Day at Clacton Police Station is being held on **Saturday 25 March from 11am to 2pm.**

Join the District Commander, Chief Inspector Ella Latham, and her team at their Police station on Beatrice Road and meet the people who work to keep our community safe.

There'll be lots of police-themed activities for the younger members of the community to get involved in as well as demonstrations from some of their specialist policing teams. They'll be giving an insight into their work and the type of equipment they use to protect people in Essex and catch criminals. And of course, they will have different Essex Police vehicles on hand for people to get a closer look at plus some police uniform to try on too.

They will also be joined by their emergency colleagues including Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, HM Coastguard, RSPCA and Safer Essex Roads Partnership as well as several charitable organisations that they regularly work with such as Next Chapter, CVST, NHW and United in Kind.

No booking needed. Refreshments will be available to purchase on the day, with all profits going to support local charities. Parking isn't available at the police station or on Beatrice Road, but there are several public car parks just a short walk from the station.

A full-size poster can be found at the bottom of this letter.

Pupil Premium Eligibility Check

Another reminder that 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. Just pop into the school office, when you are free, and let us check for you.

Mother's Day

A reminder that with Mother's Day fast approaching, the PTA are organising a 'pop up' shop, that your child will have the opportunity to visit, on Friday 17th March, if they wish, at specified times during the school day. The poster explaining more can again be found at the end of this letter.



Breakfast club

As we mentioned last week, 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 or the school office.



School Age Team

A reminder that 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.



FRIDAY 17 MARCH

Comic Relief

On Red Nose Day, this year, we would love the children to **come into school wearing something red**. All money raised will be donated equally between this charity and the school PTA.

The school lunch that day will also be following a red theme!

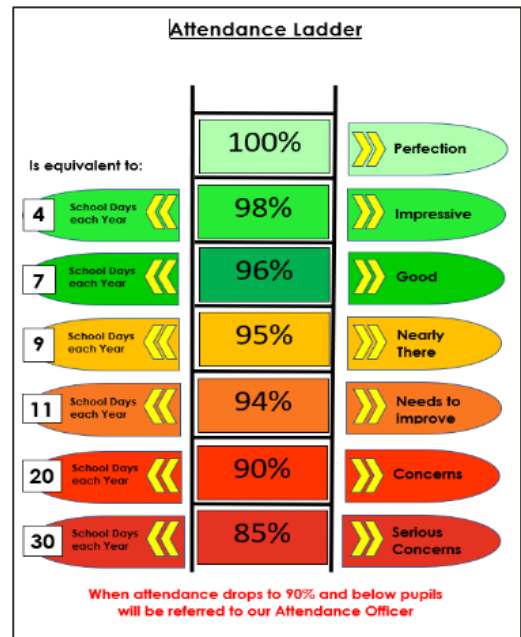
Attendance Update

Our average attendance this week is **92.9%** this week, which has gone down from last week.

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**.



Upcoming Strike Days

The next planned strike days are on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. As for previous strike days, we will confirm our plans with you on Monday.



We are really happy to be welcoming Mrs Argent-Hudson back from her maternity leave, on Monday.

She has been coming into school over the last ten weeks to get to know the children, in the classes she will be teaching. On Monday and Tuesday, she will be teaching 4W and on Friday she will be teaching RB.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

15 & 16.3.2023	Teacher Strike Action (days 3 & 4)
17.3.2023	Comic Relief & Mother's Day Pop Up Shop
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



LITTLE JIMMYS CANN HALL SITE

Open Evening

ENROLL YOUR CHILD FOR SUMMER TERM

FUNDED & NON FUNDED PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE

**COME AND VIEW OUR BEAUTIFUL SETTING AND
BRING YOUR CHILD TOO!**

MONDAY 27TH MARCH 2023 5-7PM





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NHS
East of England
Ambulance Service
NHS Trust

Emergency Services Day

Clacton Police Station
Beatrice Road, Clacton on Sea
Saturday 25 March - 11am till 2pm



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Connecting
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with kindness



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BRINGING UNITY TO OUR COMMUNITY

THE
COMPASS
PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS

A charitable trust
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Alderwood - Deansfield - Halstow - Horn Park
South Rise - Willow Dene - Wingfield

CEO of The Compass Partnership: John Camp



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**

