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Dear Parents and Carers,

Comic Relief



Thank you to everyone, who supported the school and Comic Relief today, by wearing something red. In total, we managed to raise £274.86, which will be split equally between this charity and the school PTA.



Do we have a Christopher Wren, in the making?



A few weeks ago, Jack, inspired by the book *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, went home and created a woodland lodge, which was added to the Narnia display, in his classroom, as The Beaver's house.

Jack did such an amazing job that Miss Deal decided to challenge him to recreate Hampton Court Palace. This is because Year 5 are currently studying the life of Henry VIII. Jack enthusiastically took up the challenge and you can see here what an amazing job he did. This fantastic model is currently sitting proudly on their classroom display. We are all wowed by your architectural skills Jack and look forward to seeing lots more from you in the future.



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Girls' Football Success

Double congratulations to the girls' football team, who won their last match of the season, this week, which means they also win the league title, this year!



THIS GIRL CAN

The girls have completed their league fixtures for the season and for the first time, in many years, they have **WON** the league!

Games Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals Scored	Goals Conceded	Goal Difference	Points Total
7	6	1	0	36	5	+31	19

Well done to all the girls' who played in this season's matches and a thank you to Mr AB for giving up his own time, every week, to coach and finally thank you to all the parents for supporting our players in all weathers!

Important Changes to School Dinner Payments

Course	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Beefburgers with cheese and tomato sauce	Chicken Curry	Beef Bangers	Chicken & Potato Casserole	Beef & Potato Casserole
Hot Option 2	Chicken & Potato Casserole	Chicken Curry	Beef Bangers	Chicken & Potato Casserole	Beef & Potato Casserole
Side Dishes	Chips	Chips	Chips	Chips	Chips
Cold Option 1	Chicken & Potato Casserole	Chicken Curry	Beef Bangers	Chicken & Potato Casserole	Beef & Potato Casserole
Cold Option 2	Chicken & Potato Casserole	Chicken Curry	Beef Bangers	Chicken & Potato Casserole	Beef & Potato Casserole

Another reminder that 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.

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.

Attendance Update

Our average attendance this week is once again **92.9%**.

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**.

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.

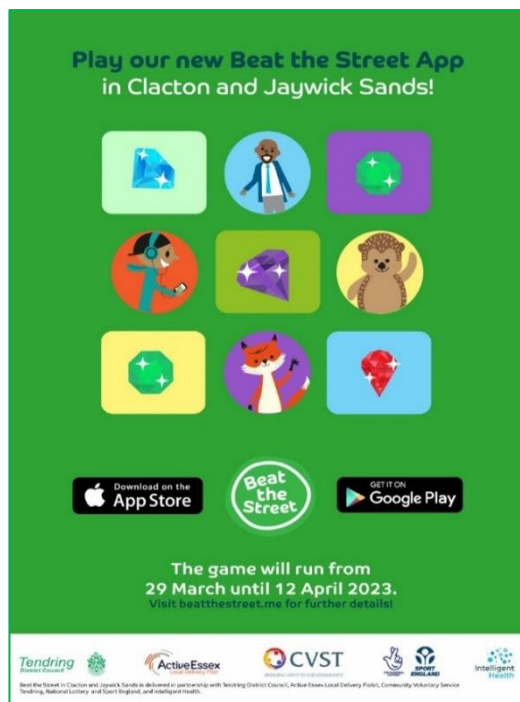
Do you have any pre-loved items of clothing?

We are desperate for girls' underwear (from age 4-5 years upwards), girls' skirts (size 4-5 years and 5-6 years) and girls and boys socks (from age 4-5 years upwards). If any of you are having a bit of a spring clean, over the Easter Break and want to make some space in your cupboards and drawers, we would be happy to take any of the above pre-loved items off your hands. Thank you.

Easter Beat the Street

Beat the Street is back for Easter! You all did so well with this last summer, that we received two lots of vouchers for the school. The only difference this time is that there are no physical boxes to tap instead you play via the Beat the Street App. Everything you need to know can be found in the posters below. Good luck everyone!





Visit new places, have fun and win prizes!

Beat the Street is a free, fun, walking, cycling and wheeling game which gets children, families and communities out and about in the local area, having fun together and keeping healthy.

By playing with the app you can get access to exclusive features. Collect Gems, choose an avatar to represent you and raise the competition with our team leaderboard!

Get active outdoors and see how far you can go! There are hundreds of pounds worth of vouchers up for grabs for the top teams and individuals.

How to play

1. Download our new Beat the Street App via App Store or Google Play.
2. Add family members and register a card to player profiles. Set up a team or join an existing one.
3. Use the app to find your local Beat Boxes and start collecting points! Tap the Beat Box icon on your phone and swipe to collect points!
4. Visit 2 Beat Boxes within an hour and collect 10 points for each Beat Box - this is 20 points for the journey.
5. Carry on your journey. Score 10 points for each extra Beat Box you visit.

Emergency Services Day



Remember that there will be an Emergency Services Day at Clacton Police Station on **Saturday 25 March from 11am to 2pm.**

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 still be found at the bottom of this letter.

Upcoming PTA Event

Easter paperchains are back!



On sale in classrooms
Monday 20th March - Thursday 30th
March 2023

The children can purchase paperchains in class.
Each paperchain costs 10p each.

The paperchains will be broken to reveal the winner on the last day of term.

The prizes are a chocolate gift for the winner(s).

Limited alternatives available for children with nut / milk allergy etc

All the money raised will go to the Friends of Cann Hall School PTA



HAPPY
EASTER



Thank You

Speaking of the PTA, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, who supports these events and the members of our wonderful PTA, who give up their free time to organise and run these events. They do really make a difference to our pupils – as an example, just this week PTA funds have enabled us to purchase thirty-two new Chrome Books. So once again a huge thank you to everyone!

Little Jimmys Open Evening



Don't forget that 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.

A plea from the school office



Our lovely Mrs Klein and Mrs Connolly are always happy to support you with your day-to-day queries, when you either come into or telephone the school office.

There are certain times of the day that they are both very busy, for example, first thing in the morning, as they have attendance and dinner deadlines to meet. Another busy time is lunch time, as this is when most medications need to be administered and they support the Midday Assistants with lunch time first aid.

To help them fulfil these responsibilities, at lunch time, please can we ask that unless your query is urgent, you **avoid telephoning the school between 12.30pm and 1.30pm**, each day. You are very welcome to still email non-urgent queries to them, between these times using the chcontact@compassps.uk or you can contact your child's class teacher, using their school email address.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

1.4.23 to 16.4.23	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



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Emergency Services Day

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



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