

# Cann Hall Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Cross Country Success

This week, our cross-country team took part in a competition against ten other local primary schools at Birch Hall Adventures in Kirby. The children ran 1,500m in very muddy conditions! They performed incredibly well. The Y5 girls' team and the Y6 girls' team both came first. The Y5 boys team came second and the Y6 boys team came third. Congratulations also to our individual medallists, Holly, who came second and George, who came third. We are very proud of you all.



## Contacting the School Office



Thank you to those of you who have tried to avoid calling the school office, unless it has been an emergency, **between 12.30pm and 1.30pm**, each day. For non-urgent queries, you are very welcome to still email Mrs Klein and Mrs Connolly, between these times using the [chcontact@compassps.uk](mailto:chcontact@compassps.uk) and they will aim to respond after 1.30pm or you can contact your child's class teacher, using their school email address.

## Breakfast club



As we mentioned previously, 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. We offer a selection of cereals and bagels! If your child hasn't had an invite to breakfast club, but you are interested in finding out more about it, please



talk to their class teacher or contact Mr Smith or the school office.

## Support with Online Safety

This week we shared these three information posters, with you to hopefully help with conversations you might need to have with your child, regarding the use of Smartphones, Tiktok, and supporting Children's Mental Health. There are lots of further helpful guides for parents and carers to support your child with online safety, on our website:

<https://www.cannhall.compassps.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety+at+home&pid=23>



## Attendance Update

Our average attendance this week is once again **92.8%.**

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

Don't forget that if you want us to check whether your child might be entitled to pupil premium, we can help you do this 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 still 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

Remember that Beat the Street is back for Easter! Have you downloaded the Beat the Street app yet, so you are all ready to go? Everything you need to know can be found in the posters at the bottom of this letter.

## Active Essex

Active Essex are running the following sessions below, over the Easter Break. You can find out more information by emailing [www.activeessex.org](mailto:www.activeessex.org)





## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



Finally, following our parent consultations, a couple of weeks ago, we thought this would be a good time to get some feedback from you about how you think things are going at our school.

We think that we work hard to build and maintain positive relationships with our families but are always keen to improve these further. We are open to feedback because we want to ensure that our school is striving to be the very best it can be.

Please take the time to click on the link here to complete our parent questionnaire as fully as possible (if you have more than one child, you only need to complete one survey, unless you feel differently for different children).

Here is the link to the questionnaire: <https://forms.office.com/e/kZqznRbrcd>

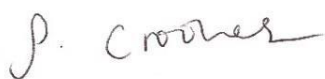
We really appreciate your time and thank you for your ongoing support and kindness.

**Upcoming dates for your diary:**

1.4.2023-16.4.2023: Easter Holidays  
16.5.2023: 11+ Registration opens  
17.4.2023: National Primary Offer Day  
30.6.2023: 11+ Registration closes  
1.5.2023: Bank holiday  
4.5.2023: Cann Hall small hall being used as a polling station - there will be changes to the use of gates.  
8.5.2023: Bank holiday for King's Coronation  
9.5.2023-12.5.2023: KS2 SATs Week (Year 6)  
18.5.2023: Census Day  
27.5.2023-4.6.2023: Half term  
5.7.2023: Open evening 3.30-5.30pm, then EYFS new parent meeting at 5pm  
6.7.2023: Year 6 transition CCHS & CCA  
10.7.2023-14.7.2023: Year 6 Residential to Mersea Outdoors  
18.7.2023, 16.30.18.30: Year 6 Party  
19.7.2023 @10.00: Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
20 & 21.7.2023: Non-Pupil Days

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Sarah Crookes

## 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.