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Dear Parents and Carers,



It has been lovely to welcome you all back for the summer term, although, I'm sure you will agree, that some of the weather conditions this week have felt a bit more like winter!

As temperatures start to improve, please remember to send your children into school, prepared for the warmer weather, with sun hats, sun cream and a bottle of water, which can be refilled throughout the day.

New Topics

The children have been excited to start their new topics this week.

EYFS's topic is all about growing. **Year One** are comparing Clacton and Harwich, in the topic of Changes in Living Memory. **Year Two** are learning about the importance of The River Thames and The Nile for London and Cairo. **Year Three** are thinking about what influence the River Colne had on the development of urban and rural areas. **Year Four** are thinking about Climate Change, and specifically how humans are affecting climate. **Year Five** are learning about the Human Geography of South America and **Year Six** are learning about the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

Some year groups have been busy publishing work, from last half term, to celebrate on their displays around the school too.



Y1 have written descriptions of Mr and Mrs Grindling, from the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch



Y4 have written stories linked to their text Anglo Saxon Boy

NEU Strike Days for Teachers

There are further strike days planned for **Thursday 27th April** and **Tuesday 2nd May**. As before we will inform you, nearer the time, the school's plan for these dates.

Attendance Update



Our average attendance this week was **92.8%**.

Our attendance is slowly improving so this term, please can you try to make even more of an effort to ensure that your child attends school every day. Doing this means they will have a better chance of being able to keep up with their learning, which will give them the best opportunity to do well in school and make progress. There are some great topics and activities planned, this term, so don't let your children miss out!

If your child's attendance falls below 90%, you will be sent a letter to alert you of this. When we feel it is necessary, home visits will also be arranged. If your child's attendance falls below **96%**, we will require evidence to authorise any further absence.

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**.

You can check your child's current attendance using the 'My Child at School App'. If your child is unable to attend school, please ensure you call or email the school on the morning of **every day** they are absent. Thank you.

Parent Questionnaire

There is still some time to complete our parent questionnaire. Here is the link, if you haven't already done so:

<https://forms.office.com/e/kZqznRbrcd>



Remember if you have more than one child, you only need to complete one survey, unless you feel differently for different children. Once again, we really appreciate your time and thank you for your ongoing support and kindness.

Coronation Garden Party/Afternoon Tea

Information regarding the PTA's planned activities for our Coronation celebrations, can be found at the bottom of this letter.

Test of new UK Emergency Alerts service and our School Lockdown

The [Government's Emergency Alerts system](#) is now live. It will contact people via their mobile phone when lives are in danger. Alerts are a loud, siren-like sound with a message. They are sent to compatible mobile phones within an area of risk. They don't track your location, need your phone number, or collect personal data. Only emergency services can send them, and you can opt out. On Sunday 23 April 2023 there will be [a national test](#) of this system.

Linked to this, we have been reviewing our own emergency planning procedures. This afternoon the children had a 'lockdown' practice. The teachers prepared the children in readiness for this so that they knew exactly what to do. The alarm sound is different from the fire alarm, and once it sounds the teachers make sure that the classroom is secure and then they settle the children safely and quietly, until a member of the leadership team lets them know that it is safe again. We were really impressed with how the children managed this – they were so sensible, which made us very proud of them.

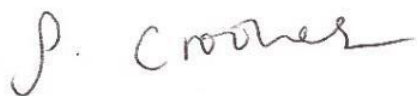
Polling Day – Chestnut Grove

On Thursday 4th May, our small hall is being used as a polling station, which means that Chestnut Grove (breakfast and afterschool club) will be closed on this day.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

26.4.2023 EYFS & KS1 Owl Visit
27.4.2023 Strike Day
28.4.2023 Year 1 Zoo Visit
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 and risk assessments in place.
5.5.2023 King Charles III Coronation Garden Party (from 2pm)
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
23.5.2023 PTA Discos (EYFS & KS1 3.15-4.15pm. Y3-4 4.30-5.30pm. Y5-6 5.45-6.45pm)
27.5.2023-4.6.2023: Half term
16.6.2023 PTA Fathers' Day Pop Up Shop
16.6.2023 Class Photographs
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

Kindest regards,





Join us for a garden party on the field.

Friday 5th May 2pm
to celebrate the Coronation of
King Charles III

Guess the name of
our coronation bear
50p a go

Tea/Coffee
Cold drinks
Scones
Cakes and sweets
will be on sale by

Friends of Cann Hall School

Pre loved uniform
will
also be on sale

Cash
only

