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Dear Parents and Carers,

Exciting Visitors



This week EYFS and KS1 were visited by **Essex Night Owls**, who brought in six different Barn and Eagle Owls for the children to see. During the display, they learnt lots about how the owls fly, what they eat and much more. The children thoroughly enjoyed this visit, and all had the chance to have their photograph taken with one of the Barn Owls. (Order forms for these photos will be given out next week).

On Friday, Year 1 were also visited by **Kimmy's Zoo**, to help them learn more about different types of animals, supporting their learning in science. Kimmy's brought in a chinchilla, a tenrec, green tree frogs, sugar gliders, a bearded dragon, leopard tortoise and even a royal python! All the children had the chance to interact with some of the animals - they were all very brave!



Daily Mile

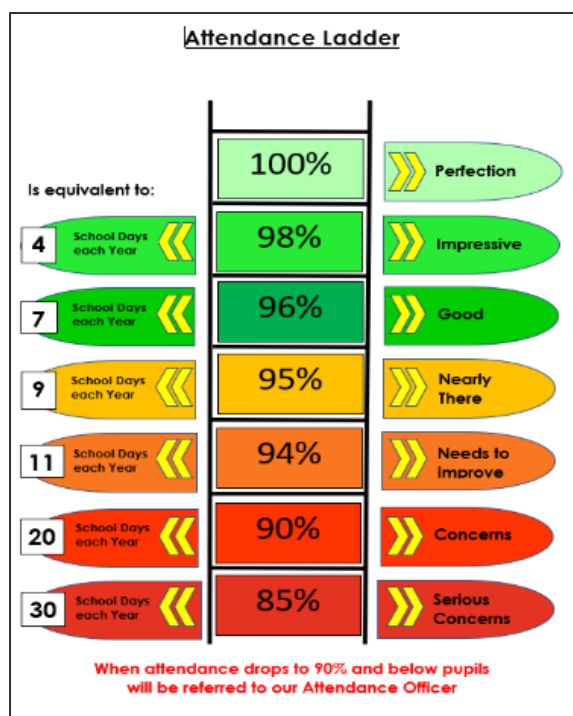


Thursday 27th April was World Daily Mile Day and so the children have been out running, either around the field or playground, this week, to take part in this.

NEU Strike Days for Teachers

There is another strike day planned for **Tuesday 2nd May**. You should have received a letter last week, informing you which classes will be closed but as a reminder the following classes will be closed on Tuesday 2nd May: **RSM, 2S, 4R, 5D and 5T**.

Attendance Update



Our average attendance this week was **92.8%** again!

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. As you can see on Twitter and through these newsletters, 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. Holidays will not be authorised.

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. The earlier you let us know, the better - thank you.

Polling Day

A reminder that on **Thursday 4th May**, our small hall is being used as a polling station. The school will still be open to pupils. We have worked closely with the council to fully risk assess the day, which includes having 6-foot cordons in place around the area and additional supervision. The side gate will be closed during school hours, with voters needing to press the buzzer for access, which will be managed by the team. If you wish to see a copy of the risk assessment, please contact the office who can arrange this for you.

As the gate by the small hall is being used for the polling station, please can you make sure you use a different gate on this day to drop off and pick up your children. A reminder also that Chestnut Grove (breakfast and afterschool club) will be closed on this day. If any parents are struggling with before or after school arrangements, please let the office know and we will do what we can to help.

Coronation Plans



Don't forget, that on **Friday 5th May**, we would love you to come and celebrate the King's Coronation with us all. We are having a celebratory afternoon tea, on the school field and are asking the children to come into school wearing something red, white and/or blue.

The school gates will be opened, after the children have finished their lunch break, at **1.50pm**, for you to collect your child from their classroom, with all their belongings. Teachers will have a register for you to sign the children out. ***For safeguarding reasons, please inform class teachers, in writing, beforehand, if you give permission for someone else to collect your child, on this day, otherwise teachers will not be able to release your child.***

Once you have collected your child, you can make your way to the school field and find a spot to lay out your picnic blanket and set up your afternoon tea. The PTA will be present and information regarding what's on offer can still be found at the bottom of this letter.

The children will all receive some special mementos to remember this historic event, which have been purchased with money kindly donated by Counsellor Placey.

During this event, the younger children will be wearing their newly made crowns and we will be singing some well-known patriotic songs, before finishing with the national anthem. At this point, you may then take your child home.

Please let your child's class teacher know, if you will be unable to join your child for this event, as we will then arrange for them to join in with this celebration, on the field, with their teachers.

As mentioned previously, these arrangements might be subject to change due to the unpredictability of the 'British Weather' so we will keep an eye on the forecast and keep you updated with our plans.

We are really looking forward to celebrating this historic event with you all.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

1.5.2023: Bank holiday

2.5.23 Planned Strike Day

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

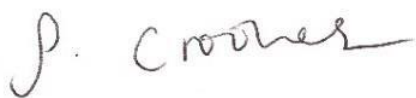
23.5.2023 PTA Discos (EYFS & KS1 3.15-4.15pm. Y3-4 4.30-5.30pm. Y5-6 5.45-6.45pm)

27.5.2023-4.6.2023: Half term

16.6.2023 PTA Fathers' Day Pop Up Shop
16.6.2023 Class Photographs
30.6.2023: 11+ Registration closes
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

I hope you all enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

Kindest regards,



Sarah Crookes



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

