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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,



A huge well done to our wonderful year 2 children this week, who have been working so hard on their KS1 SATs papers. We have been really impressed with how sensible the children have been, and how they have been applying all their learning to answer the questions. Thank you to all the staff members who have been helping them to do their best and thank you to parents and carers for supporting them too.

## **Happy 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday Baxter!**

Today, Baxter celebrated his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday at school.

A big thank you to everyone who gave him presents and cards, and came to wish him a happy birthday. He has had a brilliant time!

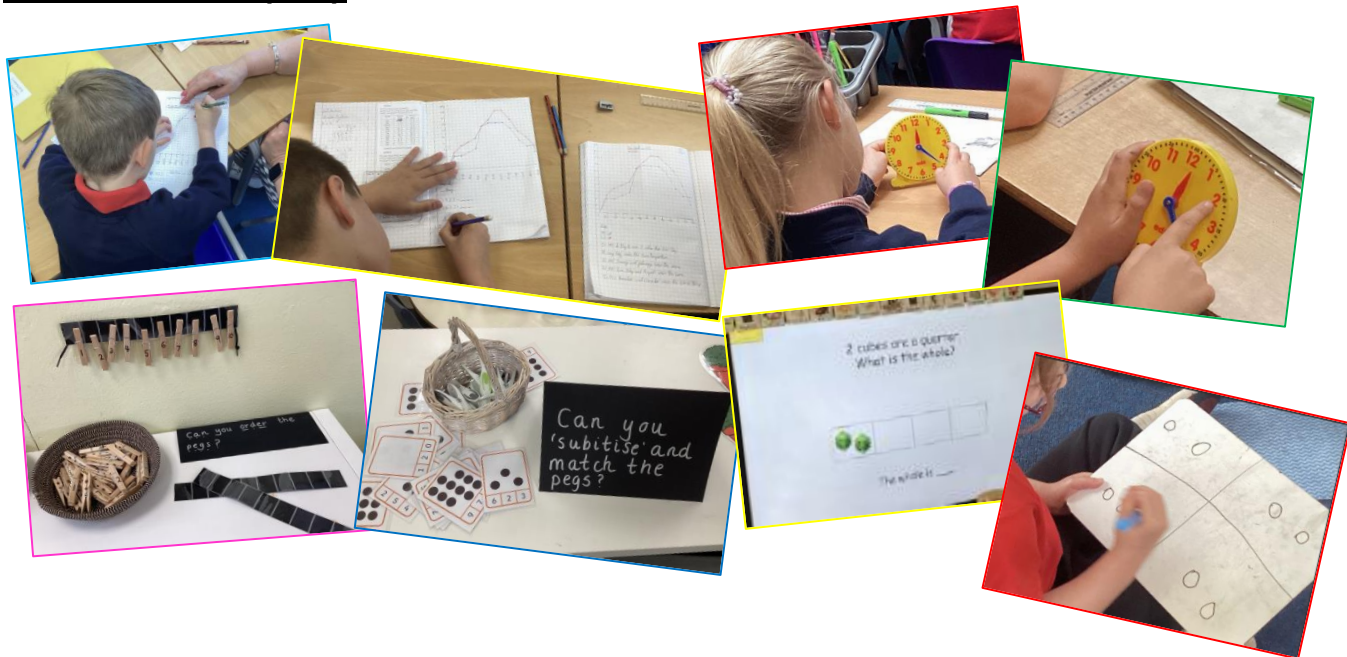


## **Fire Brigade Visit**

The children loved having a visit from our local fire brigade on Monday, morning. They learnt about all the different part of a fire engine and how the fire brigade keeps us safe.



## National Numeracy Day



It was **National Numeracy Day** on Wednesday. The children took part in a whole range of maths activities throughout the day.

## Times tables reminder

How are your children getting on with learning their times tables facts? Please speak to them about their focus times table, this half term and ask them how they are getting on with their weekly quizzes. If you have a child in Y2-Y6, don't forget to keep reminding them to log onto TT Rockstars, every day, so they can improve their retrieval speed and accuracy. This is especially important, if you have a child in Year 4, as they will all be completing their multiplication checks in the week commencing **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**.



Remember too that White Rose's 1 Minute Maths App also now includes multiplication and division practice. Here's the link again, for you to download.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND MEAL PRICE INCREASE FROM SEPTEMBER 2023

Due to rising costs in all areas of catering, we will be increasing our school meal prices from £2.00 to keep in line with the other schools in the Trust to £2.30, from September 2023.

We have tried to keep the cost down for as long as possible and have succeeded in doing so for an additional six months, however, in order to sustain the excellent quality and quantity of the dinners available, this is a necessary measure.



If your child will soon be entering Year 3 (Key Stage 2), the Government funded Free School Meals for Key Stage 1 will come to an end, therefore you may wish to check your Free School Meal eligibility. Or if your circumstances have changed and your child is already in Key Stage 2 and you're in receipt of any of the following benefits. A letter with this and more information will have been sent out to you today if you have a child in Y2-Y6. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

### Coronation Congratulations



Congratulations to Jack and Harper, who were the winners of the PTA's guess the Coronation Teddy's name.

Introducing **Teddy** and **Ted**!



### Upcoming PTA Events

Another reminder that there are lots of PTA events coming up over the next few weeks.

We have a pop-up shop for Father's Day, the fun run (as mentioned above), and the Summer Fete after half term. For dates and times, please see the end of this letter.



Also, the following PTA Summer Discos are fast approaching, so this is a reminder that the **ticket sales will be closing at 5pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May.**

**Summer Disco**

The Friends of Cann Hall PTA  
Reception and Years 1 & 2

Tuesday 23rd May 3.15- 4.15

**£5**

Price includes entry, drink, snacks and punch balloon  
Please bring a change of clothes in a named bag for your child to change into after school  
Collection will be from your child's classroom at 4.15  
Please enter via the gate to the left of the main entrance  
Book your tickets now via  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/foch](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/foch)

Please make sure you book for the right year groups as there are 3 events set up

**Summer Disco**

The Friends of Cann Hall PTA  
Years 3 & 4

Tuesday 23rd May 4.30 - 5.30

**£5**

Price includes entry, drink, snacks and punch balloon  
**No phones bags or coats please**  
Book your tickets now via  
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**Summer Disco**

The Friends of Cann Hall PTA  
Years 5 & 6

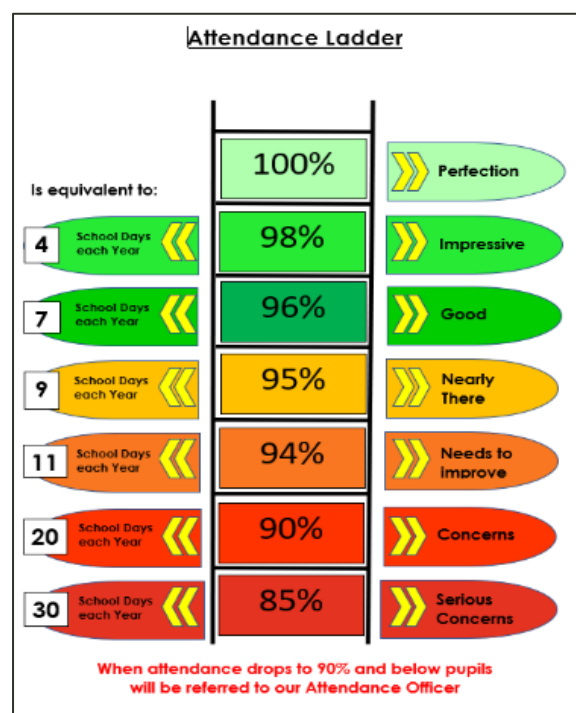
Tuesday 23rd May 5.45-6.45

**£5**

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## Attendance Update



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

Our attendance has stayed the same for the third week in a row. Please can you continue to 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. Thank you.

## Armed Forces Week

A local armed forces veteran reservist and NHS Health Care Professional has contacted us, this week, asking if the children would do him the honour of helping to celebrate Armed Forces Week, which starts on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

He has supplied the school with a selection of images, which can be found at the bottom of this letter, if the children want to support this event. The pictures should be printed off, coloured and then handed into the office by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, ready for collection. The children's coloured templates will then be displayed throughout the trust sites, Colchester and Local Community hospitals.

## Essex County Council Libraries



Essex Library Service have a brand new challenge for pre-schoolers running this summer and they are hoping to get as many children involved as possible!

The challenge is called Ready... Steady... Go To School!, and it's aimed at helping children to practice skills they'll need to help them feel confident when they start school in September.

The challenge will run from May to July and will include a range of fun activities for children to complete with their parents and carers, covering various developmental topics. Children



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Alderwood - Deansfield - Halstow - Horn Park  
South Rise - Willow Dene - Wingfield

CEO of The Compass Partnership: John Camp

will earn stamps in their special booklet as they go along, and receive a certificate once they've finished all 7 sections. You can find out more information about the challenge on their website here: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/ready-steady-go-to-school-challenge>

There is a poster with information about the challenge at the bottom of this letter.

Essex Libraries are also running Big School Meet Ups in their libraries, which will bring together children and families who are starting at the same school for some fun activities including crafts, story times, and tips for starting school! You can find an event near you on their events page here: <https://library-events.essex.gov.uk/search?q=big+school>

**Upcoming dates for your diary:**

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

3.7.2023: Green Day (Everyone to wear green)

5.7.2023: Open evening 3.30-5.30pm, then EYFS new parent meeting at 5pm

6.7.2023: Year 6 transition CCHS & CCA

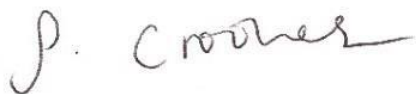
10.7.2023-14.7.2023: Year 6 Residential to Mersea Outdoors

18.7.2023, 16.00 to 18.00: Year 6 Party

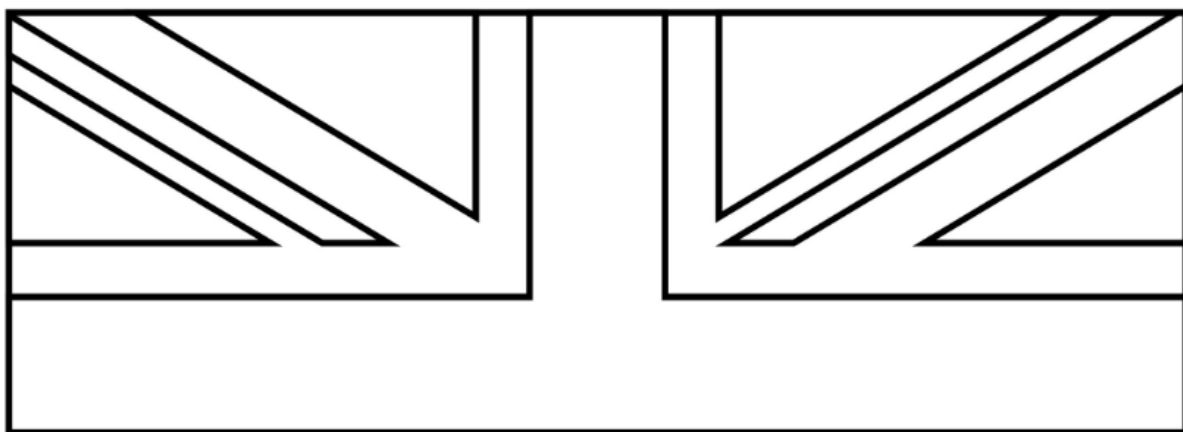
19.7.2023 @10.00: Year 6 Leavers Assembly

20 & 21.7.2023: Non-Pupil Days

Kindest regards,



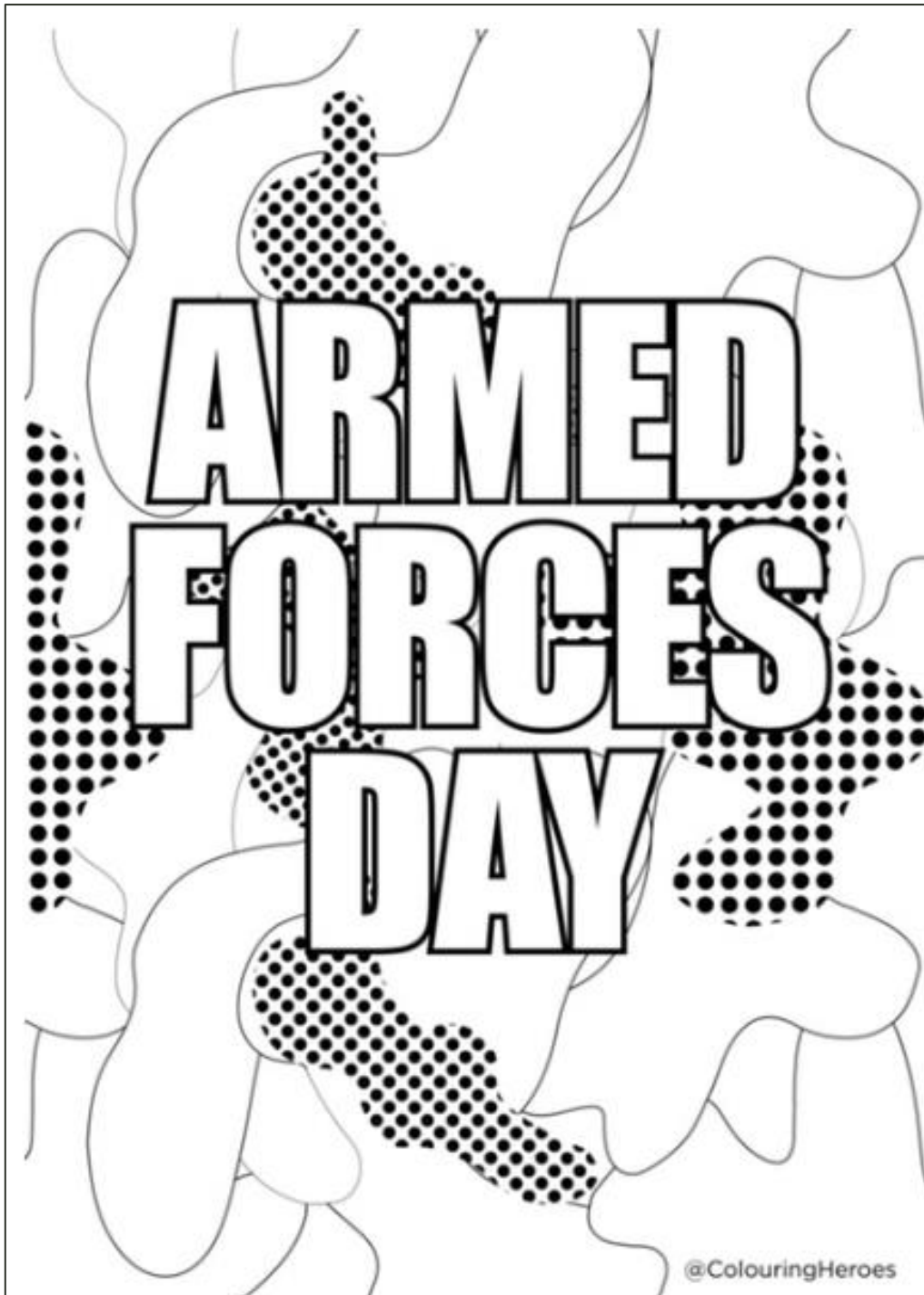
Sarah Crookes



# RESERVES DAY

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## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT











# Ready... Steady... Go To School Challenge

**A fun challenge to help your child get ready to start school! With games and activities to do together.**

**Sign up at any Essex library!**



Essex Year of  
**Reading**



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to find out  
more!



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