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Dear Parents and Carers,

Y2 trip to Flatford Mill



The Year 2 children had a wonderful day at Flatford Mill on Monday. The trip helped them learn more about rivers and habitats. They also learnt about John Constable, and they even visited the mill, which he painted in one of his most famous paintings The Hay Wain.

We had a lovely email from one of our governors, who volunteered to help with this trip:

'Thank you for inviting me to join Year 2 on the trip to Flatford Mill today. I was so impressed with the children and how engaged and interested they were in all the information they were given throughout the day.'

The children were an absolute pleasure to be with and it was so nice to overhear comments from the public about how polite and well behaved they were. They were very mindful of how to stay safe throughout the day.'

Thank you to all the staff, PTA, governors and parents and carers, who helped to make this day such a success.

Year 5 Trip to St Osyth Priory



Year 5 really enjoyed their trip to St Osyth Priory yesterday. They took part in lots of different activities and investigations to help build their knowledge and understanding about the impact that Henry VIII had when he closed the monasteries. The children

even got to make their own Tudor coins and dress up as monks, to role play a day in the life of a monk. Thank you again to all the staff, the PTA and parents and carers who helped to make this visit possible.

Lukas fishing



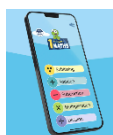
We always love hearing about what the children like to do in their spare time and this week, our head boy Lukas told us about the huge pike he caught, while fishing, last weekend.

Parking Complaints

Unfortunately, we have had further complaints from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking, particularly in and around Smythe Close. Once again, please can we ask that you do not park over driveways, when dropping off and collecting your children from school. Thank you.

Times tables reminder

Another reminder for you to check how are your children getting on with learning their times tables facts. Please do speak to them about their focus times table, next 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 12th 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.

[1-minute maths app | White Rose Maths](#)

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND MEAL PRICE INCREASE FROM SEPTEMBER 2023

Don't forget that 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.

Remember, 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.

Safeguarding

To safeguard all our children, if your child has a watch that has the capacity to take photographs and or videos, please ensure that they do not bring this into school. If you have children, in our older year groups, who make their own way to and from school and you want them to bring a mobile phone into school, for their personal safety and your peace of mind, please complete a 'permission to bring a mobile phone into school' form. Just pop into the office and we will be happy to help you with this.

Community Voluntary Services Tending

CVST are holding a family half term info and breakfast morning on Thursday 1st June, where they will be offering breakfast, information and organisations offering support, a uniform bank as well as activities for the children. All for free. See the poster at the bottom of this letter, if you are interested.

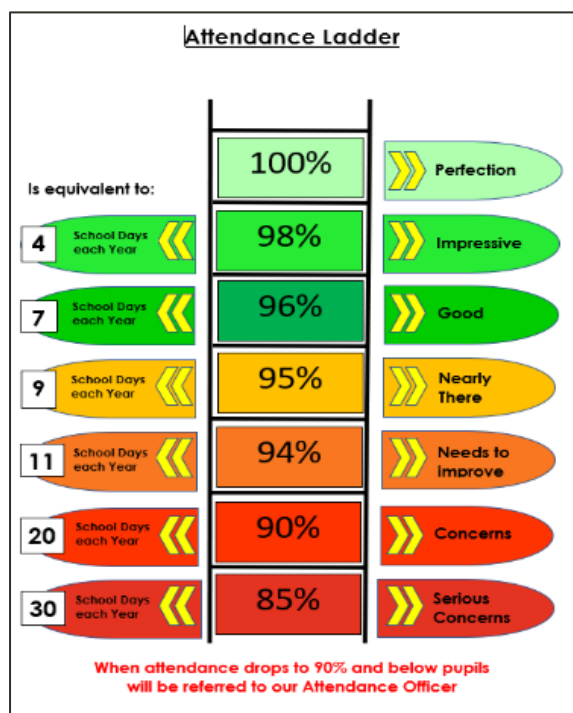
Upcoming PTA Events



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. You can also follow the PTA on Facebook ([Friends of Cann Hall PTA](#)).

Attendance Update



Our average attendance this week has increased to **92.9%**!

After half term, please can you continue to try 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 next 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.

Essex County Council Libraries



Here's another reminder that 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!



A charitable trust
company number: 10360957

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

CEO of The Compass Partnership: John Camp

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 poster has been left at the bottom of this letter, if you would like your child to take part and you want some more information or you could use this link:*

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/ready-steady-go-to-school-challenge>

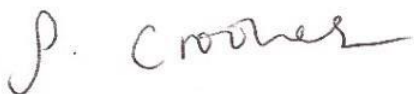
Essex Libraries are also running Big School Meet Ups in their libraries, which will bring together children and families who are starting at the same school for some fun activities including crafts, story times, and tips for starting school! You can find an event near you on their events page here: 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

Upcoming dates for your diary:

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

Wishing you all a lovely half-term break. We will look forward to seeing you all on our return to school on Monday 5th June.

Kindest regards,



Sarah Crookes

School Half-term Family Info & Breakfast Morning

You are invited
to join us for a free family breakfast morning
& to find out what help and support there is for you



- tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- cereal, toast and biscuits
- Board games & crafts
- School uniform bank



We will have organisations and services available that may be able to help you with; family finances, housing related issues, benefit checks, family support information as well as activities open to your family during term time.

Thursday 1st June
10am - 11.30am

@ Sams Hall, CVST Imperial House
20-22 Rosemary Road. Clacton

Please book your family place
call 01255 425692 option 3



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



Scan here
to find out
more!



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