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Dear Parents and Carers,



Wow- What a year! I can't quite believe we've just said goodbye to another cohort of brilliant year 6s, and we're about to go on summer holidays again!

Thank you so much to all the children and parents for your generous cards, gifts, and messages. The staff are all feeling very loved and appreciated.

Whatever your plans are over the summer, I hope you get to enjoy time together with family and friends.



Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

What a fitting tribute to a truly wonderful group of children. This morning's assembly celebrated the end of a magnificent journey from reception through to Year 6 – there was laughter, singing and just a few tears!

We want to wish every single one of our lovely Year 6 children, every happiness and success for the future – they truly are a credit to you all!

PERFORMED BY THE STAFF
AT CANN HALL 2023

As has become a tradition here at Cann Hall, the staff have made a music video to celebrate this year's incredible children.

Please click here to view it:

<https://youtu.be/9tnGcou7mEY>

Year 6 Leavers' Party

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 6 fundraising projects over the last few weeks. With your help the children had an amazing party last night, with bouncy castles, a silent disco, photobooth and even a visit from lots of different reptiles – all topped off with a fish and chip supper and their very own ice cream van! Thank you to all the adults (parents, carers, and staff) who helped to put this evening together and who helped out last night!



Tendring One Hundred Prize Money



Our competition winner, Amber Woodward, has spent some time today spending the £150 prize money, she won for the school with her winning entry for this year's Tendring One Hundred Show's front cover competition.



She has ordered lots of play equipment for the children to use a break times, including skipping ropes and hula hoop sets.

Thank you, Amber! 😊

Fun Run Update

A quick update on the total raised for this event. Currently this sits at **£1,626.60**. Thank you again for all your sponsorship money and donations.



Would you like to join our team?

We are looking to employ a Learning Support Assistant (LSA) to work with individual children as a 1:1, alongside other key members of staff. Potential candidates must be proactive and enthusiastic about supporting our children with their learning and able to adapt their practice where needed.



If you are interested in applying for this position, more information can be found in the job advert, which will be uploaded on our school website, on the vacancies pages, over the summer [Cann Hall Primary School - Vacancies \(compassps.uk\)](http://Cann Hall Primary School - Vacancies (compassps.uk))

Attendance



Well done to all those children who achieved an overall attendance of 96% and above this year.

Thank you to those parents and carers, who have truly supported your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development, by ensuring that they have attended school regularly throughout the year.

As we look ahead to the next academic year, it will be incredibly important to ensure that we establish good patterns of attendance, as this will ultimately benefit your child now and in the future.

Our attendance ladder clearly shows what we expect in terms of good attendance at school, and our policy informs you further of what happens when attendance falls below certain levels. You can find a copy of our policy on the [website](#).



In summary, if your child's attendance falls below 90%, you will receive a letter to alert you of this and 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 also affects your child's attendance so 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.

Improving attendance is a top priority for our school and for the Government. The steps we take now will be critical to the start of the next academic year, and we want to ensure that as many children as possible are present from day one in September. Those first days back really matter. Evidence from a recent Children's Commissioner report showed that children who miss days 2, 3 and 4 of the new term for unauthorised reasons had a predicted overall absence of almost 45%, or 31 days across the term, compared to children who missed days near the end of term, with a predicted overall absence of 20-30%.

Attendance Matters



The more children attend school, the more likely it is that they will have good levels of attainment. Even small improvements to attainment at 11 years old can increase the amount a person earns before they are 33 years old – an increase of up to 25%.

- **Pupils with higher attainment** at KS2 and KS4 **had lower levels of absence** over the key stage compared to those with lower attainment.
- Generally, the **higher the percentage of sessions [lessons] missed** across the key stage at KS2 and KS4, **the lower the level of attainment** at the end of the key stage.

Essentially, The Department for Education information shows that **the more children attend school, the more they achieve and the better their chances are of earning well**. Our school and local information shows the same. In our schools, the single most common reason for children not learning as well as they could is because they are not in school as much as they should be.

Children may only be absent from school IF they are too ill to go to school or IF the headteacher has authorised an absence for exceptional reasons – and this has been applied for, by parents, before the absence.

The NHS advises that it is fine to send children to school with a minor cough or cold provided they don't have a temperature. The webpage 'Is my child too ill for school?' has guidance for parents on when children should or should not attend school. There is further Guidance for parents on how to seek support with attendance challenges.

Please be assured that we want to work with you to get the very best attendance for your child, because we want the best for them and their educational outcomes.

Thank you for your support with attendance.

School Uniform

For those of you who are ultra organised and already thinking about uniform for September. Here is a reminder of our approach to school uniform. Full information can be found on our website using this link [Cann Hall Primary School - Uniform \(compassps.uk\)](https://www.compassps.uk) Please note there are a few small changes, which have been highlighted.

Uniform Requirements:

- Red gingham dresses
- School grey skirts/trousers/pinafore dresses of appropriate length, no leggings
- Red polo shirt
- Navy sweatshirts/cardigans (no hoodies)
- White socks/grey tights
- School grey or black trousers (short or long)
- Red polo shirts
- Navy sweat shirts
- Black/grey socks
- No 'skins' to be worn underneath school uniform



FOOTWEAR:

We ask that all children wear sensible black shoes, **boots or black trainers**. Any other trainers, baseball boots and light-weight canvas shoes of any colour are unacceptable, along with sandals. Wellington Boots may be worn in wet weather, but please ensure that your child has another pair of shoes to change into on arrival at school.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORTS:

To be worn to school on PE days with a school jumper or cardigan.

1. Plimsolls, (preferably with elastic fronts rather than laces for infant children)
2. Plain red T-shirt, logo T-shirts available at the office
3. Black shorts- no leggings
4. Black plimsolls (indoor); lightweight trainers (optional for outdoors in wet weather)
5. Grey/black 'fleece' tracksuit for colder weather

Children are not permitted (in line with Health & Safety guidelines) to wear earrings for PE and these must be removed by the child.

Changes to the School Day from September 2023

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, you may remember that the government brought in a directive for primary schools to be open 32.5 hours a week, as part of the White Paper last year. With changes within the government, the hope was that this may be withdrawn. However, it has now been confirmed that we will need to put this into place. For more information on this, please click this [link](#).



We have thought carefully about how to best manage this and have decided upon the following:

- **Keep the morning register time at 8.40am, with the gates opening from 8.30am.**
- **Extend breaktime for children by 5 minutes to 20 minutes each day.**
- **Extend lunchtime to 50-minutes each day.**
- **Finish the day at 3.10pm. (We will open the gates at 3.05 to give parents time to get around to the classrooms, with the gates still closing at 3.15pm).**

Hopefully these new arrangements will work for everyone, but if there are any concerns, please speak with one of us and we can see what we can do to help. We will review how this is working over September, and if we think anything needs changing at that point, then we will let you know. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Schools in Mind (Anna Freud)

Schools in Mind are holding three free webinars over the summer holidays to support young people with the milestones and transitions that happen at this time of year.

Two of the webinars will be for parents and carers, sharing tips and advice to help them support their children with important milestones. The first webinar will be for parents/carers with children waiting for their exam results, and the second will be for those with children about to start Year 7. The third webinar will be for young people themselves, helping them look after their own wellbeing as they start at university.



Each webinar will be run by Anna Freud education and mental health experts, sharing practical tips and advice for supporting wellbeing and dealing with potentially stressful situations.

If you are interested, here are the links for you to book your place:

- [Supporting young people with anxiety before results day](#) - 8th August, 2pm
- [Transition to secondary school: supporting your Year 7 child](#) - 9th August, 2pm
- [Managing your wellbeing when transitioning to university](#) - 22nd August, 2pm

Here is another link to [My self-care plan: primary \(annafreud.org\)](https://annafreud.org) which have been developed to help children look after their mental health and wellbeing over the summer.

Wyvernwood Discount Voucher



Remember to use code **CANNHALL** to receive a 15% discount at Wyvernwood, if you are thinking of planning a visit over the summer holidays.

Holiday Bikeability programmes

Essex County Council are offering a selection of Bikeability Courses (Level 1, 2 & 3 and Learn to Ride courses) over the summer holidays.

Here is all the contact information, if you are interested in booking your child onto one of these courses.



St John's Church Holiday Club

Don't forget St John's Church is running a holiday club '**Beside the Sea**' from Monday 24th to Friday 28th July, for Primary School age children.

Little Jimmy's

Also remember that Little Jimmy's, Cann Hall site, are running a summer holiday club for three weeks, during the summer holiday, on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for nursery aged children. To find out more, please contact info@littlejimmys.co.uk or call 01255 318247 as limited places are available.

Goodbyes



As the year comes to an end, we have three goodbyes to announce.

Mrs Grant, who has worked as a HLTA, covering classes across the school, is leaving us today to work for the NHS.

Miss Oakes, who is a long-standing member of our EYFS team, is leaving to gain more teaching experience, in another school.

Mrs Sacre has been working as a tutor with us in years 2 and 3, and has made such a difference to their learning.

We thank them all for everything they have done for the children they have supported and our school, and wish them the best of luck in their new ventures.

Wishing you all a lovely summer. We look forward to welcoming the children back for the first day of the Autumn term on **Wednesday 6th September 2023**.

Kindest regards,

J. Crooner

