

# Cann Hall Primary School

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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all been so impressed with the way the children have settled straight back into their learning, after the summer holiday.

We have lots of great topics running across the school so make sure your child doesn't miss out on anything, by sending them into school every day. The EYFS topic is called 'All About Me'. The children will be celebrating how unique we all are and learning about our similarities and differences. Year One are learning about Changes in Living History, through a topic called 'Toys Through Time'. Year Two are learning all about the UK as Part of the European Continent, the World Continents and Oceans. Year Three are learning about the differences between urban and rural UK. Year Four are learning about Antarctica/Arctic and North Pole. Year Five's learning is focusing in on South America – the Physical Characteristics and overview of the human geography of this part of the world. Finally, Year Six learning will be focused on North America – which will incorporate an in-depth study of The Rockies – its human and physical characteristics.



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It has been especially lovely welcoming the new EYFS children into our school every day and seeing them gradually progress to staying for their first full day yesterday.



### **Wonderful News**

As you know, we love hearing about all the different hobbies, talents and achievements the children have outside of school. Today, we found out that Poppie, in Year 5, was selected to work, in a professional capacity for the first time over the summer holiday – showing off her acting in two adverts, working for ADDO Play.



[Out to Impress Diamond Sparkle Art - YouTube](#)  
[YouTube](#)

[Out to Impress Make Your Own Crystal Jewellery -](#)

We are so proud of you Poppie and hope this is the start of a glittering career.

### **Timings Reminder**

The teachers will release the children at 3.10pm, each day from now on. In the mornings, the school gates still open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am, at which point the teachers will take the morning registers.



## Attendance



Here's our first attendance update of the year and it's great news - this week's attendance is 96% which is **GOOD**. That's a fantastic start to the year - we are getting closer to the top of the ladder!



We will report our attendance figures, in our newsletter each week. If your child is new to the school, please make yourself familiar with our attendance ladder, shown here.

Ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is a parent/carer's legal responsibility (section 444 of the 1996 Education Act) and permitting absence from school that is not authorised by the school creates an offence in law.

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'.

### **Secondary School Applications (Y6 Pupils)**

The new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday, 12 September 2023, for parents and carers of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024.

**The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2023.**



Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) (99% of applications, last year were made online). The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2024-25 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Mrs Spall and Mrs Levy will be happy to try to help, if you have any questions.

### **Clacton Coastal Academy Open Evening (Y6 Pupils)**



If you have a child, who is currently in Year 6, you are invited to an open evening at Clacton Coastal Academy, where you will be able to find out what the school can offer your children in Year 7.

The open evening is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September between 5pm and 7.30pm. There are two separate time slots available for parents and carers to attend the headteacher's welcome talk at 5.15pm and 6.15pm. After the welcome talk, you will have the opportunity to walk around the Academy and meet various departments and members of staff. There will be science experiments, sporting and musical activities. You will also have the opportunity to taste the excellent food, prepared by the school's caterers.

For further information you can visit the CCA website or follow them on X (previously Twitter) on @HeadCCA

### **Pupil Premium Entitlement Reminder**

All Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, so for the first few years of their school life, school meals are free. As well as this, families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for additional funding called **Pupil Premium**, which is used to support the children in school academically, towards trips, school uniform and clubs.

Your child would be eligible for this funding, if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal credit with an annual income of no more than £7,400 (after tax and before benefits)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

If you think your child could be eligible for this additional funding, please do contact the school office and we will be very happy to help you with the application form.

### **School Dinner Payment**

If your child is in Years 3-6, you would like them to receive a school meal and they are not eligible to Pupil Premium, please ensure that there is sufficient credit in their dinner account, which is accessed through your **'My Child at School'** app. The cost of a school dinner is £2.30 per day. If you have any problems with accessing this app or payments, please pop into the office and we will be happy to help.



### **£10 Supermarket Voucher**

Enable East are running a free workshop to help parents and carers tackle the cost-of-living crisis. The session is on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 10am-2.30pm**, at Imperial House in Clacton. Every person attending will receive a £10 supermarket voucher. Please see the bottom of this letter, for more information.

### **Healthy Snacks Reminder**

You are very welcome to send your child into school each day with a 'healthy snack' for them to eat at break time and we encourage you to send them in everyday with a drink of water or sugar free squash (no glass bottles).



Please see below the acceptable healthy snacks which have been agreed on as a school:

- plain biscuits, for example, rich tea, digestives
- breadsticks
- fruit (fresh or dried)
- vegetable or salad sticks
- plain rice cakes
- plain crackers

Children in EYFS – Y2 receive a weekly delivery of fresh fruit or vegetables, which they are offered at snack time, each day.

### **How to keep up to date with news and events**

Here's another reminder for how to keep up with news and events happening here at Cann Hall.

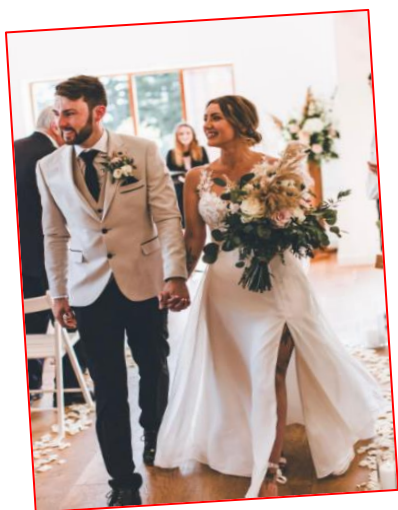
We email out this weekly newsletter to parents and carers every Friday and it can also be found on our website [Cann Hall Primary School - Home \(compassps.uk\)](https://www.compassps.uk). Our PTA also post lots of information on their Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofcannhallschoolPTA> . We will be moving to Instagram very soon but in the meantime, you can still follow us on X at <https://twitter.com/home>

### **Communication Plan**

The school's communication plan can be found at the bottom of this letter, for your information. It outlines which staff member would be your first point of contact, if you have a particular issue you would like to discuss. Also at the bottom of this letter is another reminder of our staff school email addresses.

### **Congratulations**



... and finally, huge congratulations to the new Mrs Jackson, who got married during the summer holiday. Please join us in wishing the newlyweds, many happy years together.  
What a beautiful couple!

### **PTA Annual General Meeting**

Attached to the bottom of this letter, is an invitation, from the Chair of Friends of Cann Hall, inviting you to their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Everyone is welcome but the PTA ask that you let them know in advance if you plan to attend, so please respond using the reply slip included in the letter. Thank you.

### **Upcoming dates for your diary**

23.10.2023 to 27.10.2023 – October Half Term  
30.10.23 - Non-Pupil Day  
31.10.23 - Closing date for secondary applications  
21.12.2023 to 3.1.2024 - Christmas Holidays

Kindest regards,

Sarah Crookes



## Free Course to Help Keep on Top of Your Finances

### Financial Wellbeing Session

Wednesday 27th September

10am - 2.30pm

Imperial House, Rosemary Road, Clacton, CO15 1NZ

Enable East are offering a free workshop to help you tackle the cost-of-living crisis. looking at budgeting, good financial practice and looking at your own wellbeing. We aim to help you build a positive relationship with money and give you skills to cope when it all gets a bit too much.

Every learner will receive a £10 supermarket voucher and certificate at the end of the day

Participants must be 19+, living in Tendring and not have a maths level 2 qualification (GCSE C) or above

To book please contact Richard Perkins

**[Richard.perkins@cvstendring.org.uk](mailto:Richard.perkins@cvstendring.org.uk)**

or call **01255 425692**



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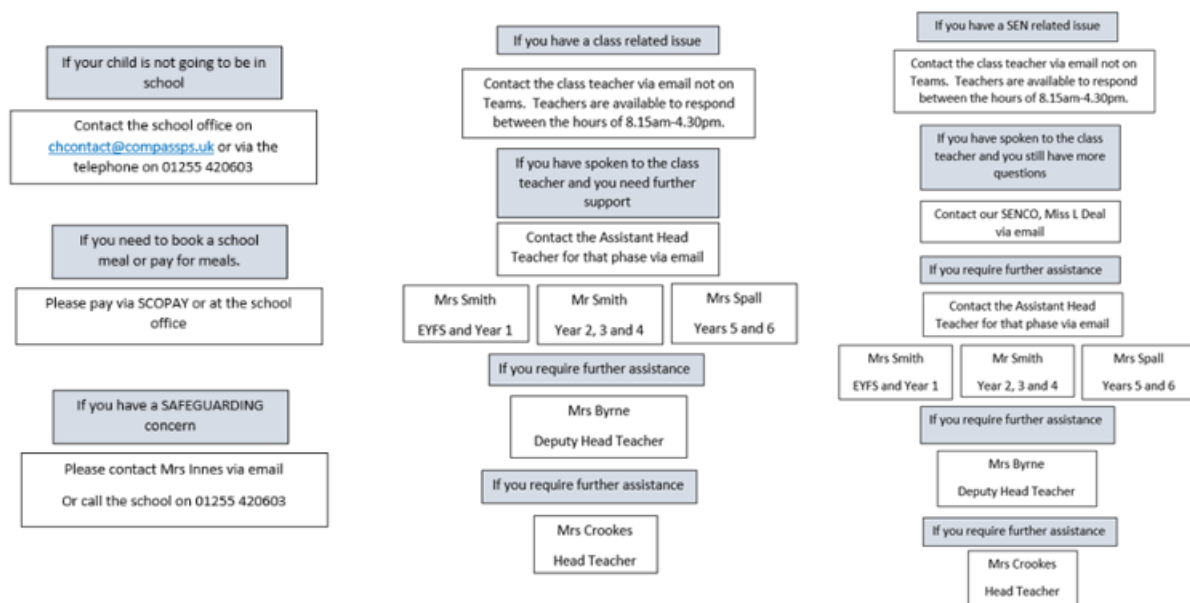
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## Communication Plan



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**The Friends Of Cann Hall School - PTA**

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends of Cann Hall (PTA) would like to invite you along to the following after-school meeting:

**PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 15:15**

As you know, The Friends of Cann Hall (PTA) organises a busy programme of exciting events throughout the year for the enjoyment of our children and to help raise money for the school. These events are an important part of school life and help to create a thriving school community. We hope to be able to continue to offer an exciting and successful range of activities for the next school year; however, to do this we need some help.

**Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The PTA is holding an Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 15:15**. Everyone is welcome but **we must know in advance if you are attending via the form below**.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTA Committee, who represent the association throughout the forthcoming year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member, for the first time. Existing committee members wishing to stand for re-election do not have to be nominated again but should inform the PTA of their intention to stay in their role.

We welcome any new members with open arms! At this meeting we will be electing a new Committee for 2023 to 2024, discussing events for next year and considering possible uses for the money we will raise. We are also taking nominations for the positions of

**Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer and General committee.**

We want to thank you for your continued support of the PTA and the events organized by us, we couldn't do it without you!

Please use the form below if you would like to stand.

Yours sincerely

Claire Ranson

Chair of Friends of Cann Hall (PTA)

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**The Friends Of Cann Hall School - PTA**

Please complete the section of the form that is relevant to you and return it to the school office  
by **Wednesday 11th October 2023.**

I am interested in becoming a member of the PTA Committee

Name:

Email address:

Mobile Number:

Relative to Child:

Class:

Please tick:

I would like to attend the AGM with no role ☐

or

I would like to be considered for the following role:

**Chair**

☐

**Vice**

☐

**Secretary**

☐

**Treasurer**

☐

**Committee Member**

☐