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Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Lots to celebrate!



Hadleigh and Chester, in Year 3, received this amazing trophy for 'Player of the Match' this week, when playing football for Tendring Borough FC against Stanway Villa FC.

We were also so impressed to hear all about the multiple rosettes, that Rachael, in Year 3, and her dog Luna have won.

Luna is a 4 year old

German Shepherd x Spaniel and together she and Rachael won:

1st in Best Crossbreed

2nd in best in show

3rd in best Junior handler. *(Rachel's mum said she was very brave doing this one on her own).*



Last but not least, Amelia received a special 'musical' Blue Peter badge, after writing into the show to tell them all about the school's performance in last year's Tendring Vocal Concert.

What a wonderful bunch of talented children we have! Please keep sending in your updates – we always look forward to hearing about what the children get up to in the spare time.

Year One Art



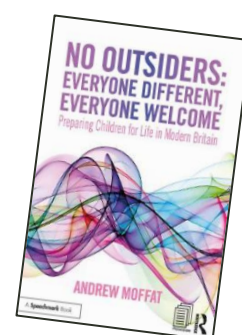
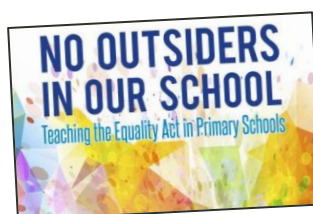
Year One are loving their learning in Art. They have been monoprinting, using Picasso's line drawings for inspiration.

What's being covered in PSHE at Cann Hall this Half Term?

In PSHE this half term Year One to Year Three are learning about **Relationships**. Year One are learning about people who care for us; groups we belong to and families. Year Two are learning about Friendships; feeling lonely and how to manage arguments. Year Three are also learning about Friendships, building on from their learning in Year Two, thinking about positive friendships, managing loneliness and dealing with arguments.

Year Four to Year Six are learning about **Health and Wellbeing**. Year Four are learning about feelings and emotions; expression of feelings and behaviour. Year Five are learning about identity; personal attributes and qualities; similarities and differences; individuality and stereotypes. Finally, Year Six are learning how to look after themselves; growing up; becoming independent and taking more responsibility.

PSHE lessons across the school are also supplemented with high quality texts and assemblies from the No Outsiders Programme.



Attendance



Our attendance has dipped quite a bit this week to 94.9%. We know there has been a bit of a stomach bug going around this week so we are hoping that this rises back up to good levels next week, as children return to school recovered.

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](#).

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)

A reminder that 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 (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)



Here's another reminder that 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 28th 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
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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.

Active Essex – Free Half Term Holiday Clubs



You can find the full version of this poster at the end of this letter, with more information about free half term clubs, being run across Essex, and how to book a place, if your child is illegible.

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 27th 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.

Speeding - Please Help

We have been contacted this week by our Ward Councillor to say that she has been inundated with complaints about reports of speeding along Constable Avenue. Please help to keep our community safe by reporting any incidents you do see to the police.

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 18th 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.

A quick reminder

Finally I wanted to remind you that I am going to be reducing my days from October, with my usual working pattern becoming Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Mrs Byrne, our Deputy Headteacher, will be stepping up on Mondays and Tuesdays overseeing the running of the school, along with our brilliant leadership team.

Upcoming dates for your diary

Here are all the key dates for this term:

28.9.2023: Flu Vaccinations

8.10.2023: School Census Day

16.10.2023: PTA Spooky Discos- Rec, Y1 & 2 15.10-16.10; Y3 & 4 16.20-17.20; Y5 & 6 17.30-18.30

19.10.2023: Harvest Festival Assembly at School

21.10.2023 to 29.10.2023: Half Term

30.10.2023: Non-Pupil Day

31.10.2023: Children Return to School

31.10.2023: Secondary School Application Deadline

3.11.2023: Individual School Photos

11.11.2023: Remembrance Day

13.11.2023- 17.11.2023: Anti-Bullying Week

15.11.2023: Learning Conferences 3.30-6.00pm

16.11.2023: Learning Conferences 4.00-7.00pm

17.11.2023: Children in Need- children can wear something spotty to raise money (split with the PTA)

13.12.2023: EYFS & KS1 Christmas Lunches

14.12.2023: KS2 Christmas Lunches

15.12.2023: PTA Christmas Market from 2pm

17.12.2023: KS2 Christmas Service at St. John's Church leaving school @ 9.15am- spaces for up to 100 parents

18.12.2023: EYFS Christmas Songs and Hot Chocolate afternoon. Arrival from 2.20pm to start at 2.30pm.

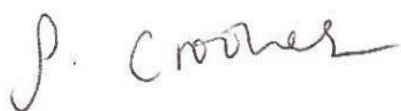
19.12.2023: KS1 Christmas Nativity Concert- Year 1 parents @9.30am and Year 2 parents @11.00am

20.12.2023: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas parties- raising money for Save the Children and the PTA

20.12.2023: Whole School Christmas Songs to the Parents on the Playground @2pm (then early finish)

21.12.2023 to 3.1.2024: Christmas Holidays

Kindest regards,



Sarah Crookes



BOOK ONTO A FREE HALF TERM CLUB WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!



Eligible children and young people are invited to book onto **FREE**, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations across Essex, brought to you by Active Essex on behalf of Essex County Council!

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Essex ActivAte offer club spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years), who are eligible for benefit based free school meals, or from 'low-income' working families, as well as children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation.

WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will run in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring and Uttlesford! Due to half term programmes being solely funded by Essex County Council, unfortunately there will not be any clubs running in Thurrock.

WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs provide a range of different physical, enrichment and food activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious, nutritious meal!

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

To book your child/ren onto one of our half term clubs, you will not receive a Holiday Activities voucher from your school, and you will need to book on through the Essex ActivAte website. Simply select your area, find what clubs are available and book your child on through the link provided. Depending on the club, you may need to book through our website, or contact them directly.

[Find out more about October half term clubs and book on here.](#)





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

or call **01255 425692**



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The Friends Of Cann Hall School - PTA

15th 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 18th 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 18th 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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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

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Vice

☐

Secretary

☐

Treasurer

☐

Committee Member

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